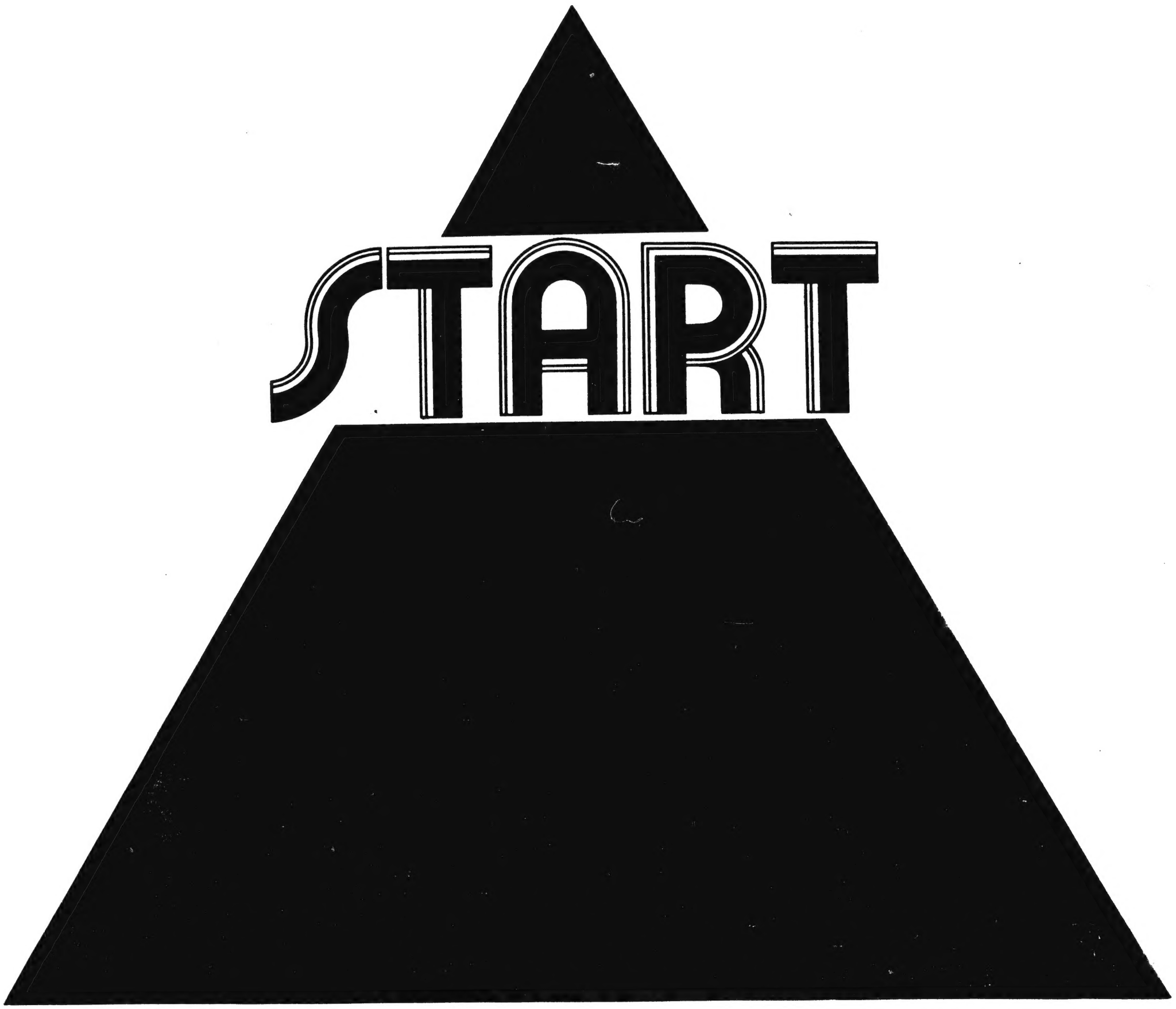
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YASSER'S NEW DIGS?

This three-storey mansion in Jericho, complete with outdoor swimming pool and other luxuries rare in Israel, has been earmarked for PLO leader Yasser Arafat, if and when he arrives in the West Bank town that is supposed to come under Palestinian self-rule. [IPPA photo]

Rae favors free trade with Israel

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Ontario Premier Bob Rae has called on the federal government to sign a free trade agreement with Israel in 1994 and change its policy limiting military deals with the Jewish state.

Rae, who was leading an Ontario economic delegation on a trip to the Middle East, told the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce that he would do everything in his power to push through a free trade agreement with Israel this year.

"Although the Ontario government has not been a great friend of the cause of free trade between Canada and the United States, the case of free trade with Israel is very compelling," he said. "Canadian businesses are now at a significant disadvantage in trading with Israel because we are still paying tariffs and duties on our products, whereas American and European companies are not. We must have a trade agreement with Israel that is comparable to what Europe and the United States have. Otherwise, Canadian companies will continue competing with one hand tied behind their back," said the premier.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Rae noted that Canadian companies involved in construction trade with Israel must use American lumber since Canadian materials are subject to prohibitively high tariffs.

He said the situation would become even more difficult by Jan. 1, 1995, when further tariff reductions on American and European products become effective.

"We must push through a trade deal in 1994. We simply can't afford to delay it any longer," he said, adding that the desirability of a free trade agreement with Israel was one of the rare issues that has the support of both Ontario's NDP government and the province's Chamber of Commerce.

Until recently, the issue has not been high on Canada's priorities, since annual exports to Israel amount to less than $120 million annually. Rae maintains that the potential for bilateral trade is much greater.

Moreover, he said he believes that Israel could serve as a stepping stone for launching Canadian products and technologies throughout the Middle East.

"We are not talking only about selling Canadian products in Israel," he said. "We are looking at strategic partnerships between Canadian and Israeli companies that will enable them to market jointly-developed technologies anywhere in the world."

He cited as an example a recently-signed agreement between the Ontario-based Newbridge Networks Corporation and Tadiran of Israel.

Rae also told *The CJN* that it was time for the federal government to rethink its restrictive policy regarding military trade with Israel.

"Israel ought to be included in the list of countries that compete for contracts to supply defence equipment to Canadian peace-keeping forces."

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Syria re-opens doors for country's Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Syria appears to be opening the door again to the departure of the country's remaining 1,200 Jews, but it is unclear how many have been granted exit permits in recent weeks.

Reports on the number of travel documents that have been issued vary: U.S. congressional sources indicated that between 100 to 200 travel permits were issued in one week in late December, while news reports in Israel said up to 850 Syrian Jews were expected to get the precious travel permits in a one-week period.

Other reports, quoting an anonymous Jewish merchant in Damascus, put the number at 300 to 400 exit visas granted in a 10-day span.

Judy Feld Carr, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force on Syrian Jewry, said she has received information that in some cases, children in one family were denied the travel documents while other members of the same family were granted them.

When a family brings the matter to the attention of government officials, they are told to come back in two weeks to discuss it, Feld Carr told *The CJN*.

Feld Carr, who has been an advocate for Syrian Jewry for 23 years, said, "I am really praying that they are all going to come out," but that Syrian officials seem to be creating "problems" for some Jewish families before they are allowed to leave.

She said it was too early to speculate as to the number of Jews who have been allowed to leave.

A true figure will only become available when Western countries issue entry visas to Syrian Jews who hold the exit permits.

Syria's on-again, off-again travel policy has been linked to President Hafez Assad's bid to improve relations with the United States. The most recent developments come in the wake of assurances given by Assad to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in early December that Syria would grant exit visas to all remaining Jews by the end of 1993.

Assad is expected to meet with President Bill Clinton in Geneva later this month and Assad's move is seen as a goodwill gesture in advance of the summit.

Syria relaxed travel restrictions on the country's Jews last April, but after October, few exit permits were issued.

In that seven-month span, about 3,300 Jews left the country, most settling in Brooklyn where there is a 35,000-strong Syrian-Jewish emigre community.

Jewish groups in Canada and the United States have continued to lobby for full emigration for Syrian Jews. Feld Carr said the Canadian government has been at the forefront of efforts to push the Syrians to free the country's Jews.

Pointing to a letter she received from Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet, Feld Carr said Canada's supportive policy appears to be continuing with the new Liberal government.

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Rabin stands firm on peace concessions

JERUSALEM [Israpet] — Israel announced last Sunday night that it would not attend the next round of talks on the IDF pullout from Jericho and Gaza, due to begin Monday in the Egyptian Red Sea resort town of Taba.

At the weekly cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke in uncompromising terms when he said Israel would not move "one iota" from the agreement reached in Cairo late last month with the Palestinian delegation.

Rabin said that as far as he was concerned, the "PLO could sweat."

Israel was "in no hurry" and could wait indefinitely to reach an agreement with the PLO.

Rabin told cabinet that in future, all understandings with the PLO will be 'in writing.'

The latest delay began after the government received two faxes from PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Tunis.

According to the Israeli leadership, the communications made completely new demands on Israel, and had nothing to do with the draft agreement reached a week earlier in Cairo.

Government ministers from across the political spectrum endorsed Rabin's tough stand.

Israel's position was even supported by Jordan, which told Arafat that this was his last chance to conclude an agreement with Israel.

King Hussein has made it clear that if the Palestinians cannot agree, there is a real possibility of Jordan concluding a separate accord with Israel.

The current situation underlines the fragmentation of the PLO leadership and the disaffection of PLO officials with Arafat's leadership. Many moderate Palestinians see Arafat's lack of positive leadership helping the radical elements, such as Hamas, to consolidate their power base in the territories.

For many observers, the impasse also points to an almost certain power struggle in the PLO leadership when the Gaza/Jericho First agreement is implemented.

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Baycrest project brings artist back to his roots

TORONTO — For Toronto muralist Ian Leventhal, it was a project that brought him full circle.

Last year, the Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care asked him to create nine panels to enclose their popular exhibit, A Walk Through the Neighborhood: Scenes from Kensington and the Downtown Jewish Community.

The show, which runs until April 1994, highlights the neighborhood between 1920 and 1950, and celebrates the founding of the Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home, Baycrest's forerunner which was located in the area.

For Leventhal, there was also some personal history. "Working on this exhibit brought my childhood memories back to life," he says. "I didn't live in the area, but my family would drive there to visit my grandfather at his business, the Quality Restaurant. It was like entering another world. In designing these panels I had the freedom to re-create that world through the eyes of a child."

"The results are spectacular," says Pat Dickinson, coordinator of the Kanner Heritage Museum. "The panels form a streetscape which takes people back to the 'old neighborhood,' when most of the Jewish community in Toronto was located in or near Kensington. They add a special vibrancy and have definitely played a part in attracting a record number of visitors.

"Our exhibit is also fortunate to include works by other Toronto artists inspired by Kensington — Aba Bayefsky, Bernice Starkman, Alsa Skuy, Martin Mendelow and Shirley Kofman, to name a few."

Leventhal's work is well-known in Toronto. Now 42, he studied at the Ontario College of Art, the Sara Lawrence College in LaCoste, France, and is an honor graduate of the Fine Arts Program at York University. His interest in murals began shortly after he left school.

"I was hired to do a mural for the Pickle Barrel Restaurant," he remembers. "It was my first opportunity to design a large-scale piece and I enjoyed it very much. The need for bold sweeping strokes and large color blocking of areas suited my style very well."

Although murals are Leventhal's forte, his artistic pursuits have always been multifaceted. In 1980, he became the first Canadian commissioned to design Tiffany's store windows in New York.

"I was persistent," he recalls. "Although Gene Moore, the display director, liked my work it took three visits before he would agree to commission me to decorate five of their store windows, but then he pretty much let me do what I wanted. I pursued work in the United States at that time, because there seemed to be more freedom and appreciation for my light-hearted approach and use of bright colors."

Fortunately, Toronto lightened up, and Leventhal was caught up in a revival of interest in the artistic decoration of buildings.

"The acceptance of murals zoomed in the mid-80s," he explains, "partly because Torontonians had become more sophisticated and appreciated the kind of decorative wall art which was popular in classical Greek or Egyptian culture, but also because they just wanted more beauty in their environment."

Since then Leventhal has completed works for the head office of CITY-TV; a mural and sculpture installation for the City of North York; and wall paintings for various restaurants in Toronto. In addition to his work at Baycrest, he has donated his time and talents to many projects, including a mural for the Play and Learn Centre located in the Forest Hill Public Library; a painting commemorating Jewish musical history at the Leah Posluns Theatre; and, currently, a three-part mural for the religious school at Holy Blossom Temple.

Future projects beckon. This summer, Leventhal visited the old section of Tel Aviv which dates back to the early 20th century. The stucco buildings seem ideal backdrops for murals celebrating the diverse cultures which comprise modern day Israel, and he is actively seeking support for such a project.

"Decorating the buildings on this theme would attract visitors and revitalize the area," he says. "We tend to think of Jerusalem as the historical city, but Tel Aviv also has history worth preserving."

Ian Leventhal with mural of life in Kensington Market.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATED

The construction and development division of State of Israel Bonds held a black tie dinner at the home of Varda and Barry Feiner. The dinner, attended by 100 people, was in celebration of the division's successful 1993 campaign which contributed over $6 million in State of Israel promissory notes to the overall Bonds campaign. Seen here (from left) are Barry Feiner, division chair; George Grossman, Israel's ambassador to the UN; Gad Ya'acobi; Barry Zagdanski and Israel's consul general to Toronto, Dror Zeigerman. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

Ottawa restaurateur comes to aid of Innu community

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — For some people, the sorrows of the world seem too overwhelming to tackle. But not for Dave Smith. Where this Jewish Ottawa restaurateur sees trouble, he strides in to help.

Smith recently returned from a trip to the Innu community of Davis Inlet on the Labrador coast, where he promised to build a $2 million all-season portable recreation centre in 1994.

The desolate community received international attention last February when six youngsters, intoxicated with gasoline fumes, became suicidal. Smith knew as soon as he read about the incident that he had to do something for the Davis Inlet children.

"When you start to lose kids, five, six, seven years old, sniffing gasoline, plus what else they can get their hands on, it's not fair," said Smith at the kickoff to a campaign to raise funds for the centre. "It's not fair that we just walk away and close our eyes to the problem."

About 65 per cent of the Davis Inlet population of 500 is under age 21, said Smith. They live in extreme poverty in crowded homes without running water and there is nothing for them to do. Smith sees the recreation centre, which will include a skating rink and a substance abuse treatment centre, as a place for them to meet, play sports and get drug counselling and follow-up.

If the Innu gave him the green light, Smith told them, he would raise the money. Bearing trays of smoked meat sandwiches and pickles, Smith and his associate, Jay Acton, showed 50 Innu the plans for the building.

The Innu were skeptical at first.

"They wondered where I was coming from," Smith said in Ottawa a few days later. "They looked into it and they believe me."

On Dec. 13, Smith officially launched the Save Our Native Grandchildren (SONG) campaign in Ottawa to raise money for the recreation centre. Smith plans to take his campaign to Toronto, Montreal and St. John's in February, and to the western provinces in the spring.

Smith is involved with more than 20 charities in Ottawa, including raising money for soup kitchens and hospitals. He supports local and national Jewish charities and institutions, but he is especially moved by those causes that transcend religion, particularly when children are involved.

When he learned a few years ago that Ottawa teenagers who had substance abuse problems had to go to the United States for treatment because there was no local facility, he saw that they got one. He raised $1.3 million to purchase and renovate a three-storey building. The David Smith Youth Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre opened in June. Smith is also active in programs for young offenders and in Operation Go Home, a program that encourages runaways to return to their families.

"Where there's kids and where there's problems I try to reach out. I think it's very important," Smith said in an interview.

The building Smith wants to put up is completely collapsible and portable so the Innu can take it with them when they relocate in the next few years, as they have been promised they will.

"It's someplace you might not see," Smith told the audience at the kickoff. "It's thousands of miles from here. But just think what we're going to do for the kids. . . . Let's give them a reason to get up in the morning."

Smith owns two Ottawa institutions, Nate's Deli and The Place Next Door. The youngest of 13 children born to Jewish Russian immigrants, Smith says he learned early the value of sharing and charity. He recalls many nights when his parents made room for needy strangers in their apartment over the family shoe repair shop.

"We grew up on St. Patrick St. [in the centre of Ottawa]. We knew what it was to grow up in the ghetto, but we knew if we shared we would survive.

"When I was leaving home, my parents put their arms around me and my father said to me. 'If you have two slices of bread, share one, son. You will survive on the one slice.' And I've always carried that with me," said Smith.

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Canadian Jews, Arabs look to Mideast for business

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canadian Jews and Arabs have launched an unprecedented dialogue on doing business in the Middle East, particularly Gaza and the West Bank.

About 30 Jewish and Arab community representatives, businessmen and academics participated in a recent closed-door roundtable discussion on Canadian business in "a new Middle East." The discussion was chaired by Marc Perron, assistant deputy minister of the Africa and Middle East division of foreign affairs.

A summary of the proceedings was made public.

"I think it was extremely worthwhile for us to sit down and explore opportunities for economic development," said Rob Ritter, executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee. "It was recognized that Canadian investment can make an important contribution to the stability of the region."

He described the mood as "surprising and refreshing" in its friendliness and serious examination of business needs.

David Goldstein, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, said it was significant the Canadian government took this initiative, which he called a "very positive" start to future contact.

He feels it is now up to business people of both communities and their counterparts in Israel and the Arab nations to "beat the drums of opportunity."

"Government tends to get in the way of doing business. I think Jews and Arabs, who share the entrepreneurial spirit, can do deals faster on their own."

Arab (mostly of Palestinian origin) businessmen greatly outnumbered Jewish businessmen at the meeting, but both Goldstein and Ritter said this should not be interpreted as a lack of interest or rejection by the latter.

Izadore Musallam, producer of Solid Entertainment Inc. of Willowdale, Ont., was one of the few Jewish businessmen. Tom Axworthy, executive director of the CRB Foundation, headed by Charles Bronfman, made a presentation on the foundation's Economies of Peace Program.

This was described by Perron as a research project, created and financed by the CRB, that takes a "pro-active, collaborative approach to peace."

Among other Jewish participants were Richard Soberman, chair of the University of Toronto's civil engineering department; and Avraham Diskin, a visiting Israeli professor at Carleton University.

Arab community officials included Farid Ayad, president of the Canadian-Arab Federation; John Schioler, director-general of the Canada-Arab Business Council; Rashed Saleh of Palestine House; and Ian Watson, executive director of the National Council of Canada-Arab Relations.

In his opening remarks, Perron said, "The dramatic changes in the Middle East as a result of the (Sept. 13) peace accord now allow us to discuss business in the region from a very new perspective."

The objective of the meeting was to bring government and the private sector together to exchange views on trade development and investment priorities in Gaza and the West Bank, he said. The department is seeking help in identifying "immediate tangible opportunities for Canadians" that are compatible with the longer-term goal of rebuilding Gaza and the West Bank, and a comprehensive Middle East peace.

Israel, the West Bank and surrounding countries have 27 million people, he noted. "The ideal market is not there yet, but it is coming. My duty is to inform you of that prospect and invite you to prepare for that eventuality," he told the participants.

The Sept. 13 agreement — now stalled — calls for co-operation and joint activity in trade, industry, communications and banking, among other areas of economic development.

Canada is one of seven countries outside the region that sits on the committee charged with channelling $2 billion in international assistance to the Palestinians over the next five years. Canada has pledged $55 million.

"Canada must ensure that any project it undertakes at this time must have tangible and visible effects," Perron said, in order that the Palestinians see peace as beneficial.

His department invited Arab and Jewish Canadians to dialogue, he said, because it believes the most productive ideas will come from the private sector and particularly from the two communities "with roots in the Middle East."

The CRB Foundation's Axworthy observed that bureaucratic rules and complex commercial law in the Middle East have made it difficult to attract global investment capital to Gaza and the West Bank. The CRB Foundation has studied investment potential in the Middle East.

Among the recommendations published after the meeting was the establishment of smaller committees on a sectoral or regional basis to continue the dialogue.

The participants also want Canada to have an office in the region to provide information on market conditions and accessing international aid.

Silverstone elected Network chair

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The new executive of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada was installed on Dec. 25, at the National Convention dinner held at Toronto's Sheraton Centre.

Adam Block of Halifax, and Tamara Kronis and Andrea Silverstone, both of Toronto, ran a close race for the position of national chair, with Silverstone, a York University student, being elected late that night.

The three candidates for national chair had very different ideas of how the organization should evolve in the coming year. Block, who is returning to his studies at Dalhousie University, emphasized the fact that his living outside Toronto would be a plus for Network. Like many students in both the Western region and the Atlantic region, he felt that Network needs to be decentralized. Kronis indicated she hoped to have Network return to its roots of activism. Silverstone ran on a platform which focused on education, resources, and communication.

There was an unusually high national representation at this year's convention, with students from Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Windsor, St. Catharines, Guelph, Waterloo, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

During the Western region caucus meeting, Brandon Geithner, a student at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, was elected chair of the Western region. Geithner hopes to gain more authority for the different regions of Network and to decentralize the organization.

Simon Rucker, a student at the University of Toronto, won a close race in the elections for chair of the Central region. Rucker says he wants to push for greater communication within his region, and cited specific examples of campuses he plans to visit in the upcoming semester.

In the Atlantic region, Joshua Ross took office as Atlantic region chair of Network. Ross is also the co-president of APJSF (Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation), which co-ordinates programs and communication for Jewish students across the Maritimes.

In her final speech to convention participants, Talia Klein, outgoing chair of Network, thanked her team and executive. She gave special thanks to Howard Katz, Network's national director, for his hard work and commitment, and to Ruth Milman, the convention co-ordinator, for ensuring that things ran smoothly during the five-day event.

Andrea Silverstone

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"It's a very long process to bring someone back to Judaism once they've left," said Rabbi Michael Skobac of Jews for Judaism, in a workshop he led at the National Convention of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada. This is why preventive education is so important.

Jews for Judaism was formed 10 years ago to combat Christian missionaries that target Jews, said Rabbi Skobac.

At the University of Toronto, where he works at the Jewish Student Union, the rabbi said the results of a test he gave led him to feel that Jewish students know more about Christianity than about their own religion.

"We're very much caught off guard when it comes to spirituality. We've very much stripped Judaism of its spirituality," he said. This makes Jews particularly vulnerable to Christian missionaries.

Rabbi Skobac's workshop focused on a specific group of Christians who believe in the Bible literally, go to Church regularly, and focus on heaven and hell. He explained that Born Again Christians believe that they will go to heaven and that everyone else will go to hell.

"We're dealing with a segment of the Christian world that is committed to saving the rest of the world from going to hell," said Rabbi Skobac.

He stated that of the approximately 250 million people living in North America, about 75 million are Born Again Christians, obsessed with converting Jews.

Mazon Canada allocates $4,000 to aid Sarajevo Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada has allocated $4,000 for food to aid the tiny Jewish community remaining in Sarajevo.

The grant, Mazon's largest ever single allocation, will be sent to the Jewish community in Split, Croatia, where it will be used to obtain food that will be shipped to Sarajevo. Trucks emblazoned with "La Benovalencija," the Jewish community's humanitarian organization, have on many occasions received the permission of all sides to pass through military lines, said Berto Levi, a native of Sarajevo who now lives in Toronto.

Approximately 450 Jews remain in the Bosnian capital, he said. Most either could not or did not wish to leave their homes.

Levi, who arrived in Canada about a year ago, said the Jewish community remaining in Sarajevo is located in the older, central section of the city which is subjected to frequent bombardments.

La Benovalencija runs a public kitchen in the Jewish community centre, for the city's remaining Jewish population and for others in need. There is no telephone link to the Jews remaining in Sarajevo, but the Jewish communities in Belgrade, Split and Zagreb maintain radio contact with their compatriots, he said.

'All of us are very worried'

Levi, whose grandmother and mother-in-law remain in the Bosnian capital, said he has had no contact with either for about three or four months.

"All of us are very worried because we can't see the end of this war," Levi said. "The old part of the city is destroyed."

Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, executive-director of Mazon, said the idea to assist the Jews of Sarajevo came after she heard Levi speak on the Balkan war to the congregation at Temple Emanu-El. She spoke to Levi afterwards and he later filed an application to Mazon for a grant.

Mazon Canada is a non-profit organization that raises and allocates funds to grassroots organizations like food banks and soup kitchens that feed the needy.

The organization distributed $69,000 in its fall round of allocations, Aarons-Guttman said. Despite the recession, Mazon's total 1993 allocation is the highest in the organization's seven-year history, reaching $123,500, up from $103,500 in 1992.

So far, in its seven years of operations, Mazon Canada has allocated a cumulative total of $472,650.

Before the Sarajevo grant, the largest single sum distributed by Mazon was $3,500, sent to B'nai Brith Women of Vancouver in the fall 1993 allocation. Forty-six organizations received Mazon grants in the most recent round of allocations, including the Albert County Action Committee of Riverview, NB, the Fort McMurray Food Bank Association, in Fort McMurray, Alta. and Tomchai Shabbos in Toronto.

Aarons-Guttman attributed Mazon's recent success in raising funds to a number of factors. Small donations are up, she said, and "people are responding because they understand what hunger is." She said another factor is that "the raising of funds is so deeply entrenched in our community, it feels right" to donate money.

Summer seminar set

MONTREAL — A summer seminar on brain imaging is being hosted by the Adams Super-Center for Brain Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Centre director Dr. David Horn said nine speakers have been confirmed for the June 5 to 10 seminar.

The centre, which co-ordinates neuroscientific research, was funded by Annie and Marcel Adams of Montreal.

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

PAGHIS

I am indebted to Sarah Faerman, a member of the Jewish Genealogical Association of Toronto, for her suggestion on the origin of the surname Paghis.

She ventures the opinion that the name may be matronymic in origin, that is, derived from the feminine given name Fayge, itself a derivation of Fagel or Vogel (bird).

The name may have been Pfages, where the letters 'p' and 'f' combine to make the sound 'f' as in Pfeffer or Pfeiffer.

By the way, Faerman derives from the German word for fire and denotes an ardent or enthusiastic person.

CHAPCHIK

In 1827, the Russian government issued a decree for compulsory military service in the Russian army. The Kahal, the Jewish communal organization, was charged with implementing the decree. It established a special service of men to hunt and recruit draft dodgers. They were called 'chaper' or 'chapchik' from the Yiddish word chappen (to catch).

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Appeal in Ross case urged

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The New Brunswick Court of Appeal has overturned a ruling by a provincial human rights inquiry that had forced the removal of teacher Malcolm Ross from a Moncton-area school. The ruling opens the door for Ross' possible reinstatement as a teacher.

Jewish organizations, including Canadian Jewish Congress, which participated in the case as an intervener, called on the province to appeal the 2-1 decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In a letter to New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna, Congress president Irving Abella wrote that "at a time when we are struggling to come to grips with those hatemongers who would sow the seeds of divisiveness within our society, we are deeply disappointed that a judicial decision could be rendered that in effect gives permission for our school boards to employ bigots and racists."

The decision, if unchallenged, could have "potentially negative impact on human rights legislation," Abella added.

Cheryl Reid, superintendent of schools for District 2 in Moncton, said the board's lawyers are currently examining the court ruling. Ross' future with the board and his possible reinstatement as a teacher may be discussed at a meeting of the board of trustees later this month, she said.

The Ross case has been a cause celebre in Moncton for years. The former Moncton teacher is author of several books and letters that allege Jews are conspiring to undermine Christianity.

After fruitless attempts by a number of people to convince the provincial attorney general to charge him with promoting hatred, Moncton parent David Attis, who is also a national officer of Congress, laid a complaint with the Human Rights Commission alleging that by employing Ross, the school district was failing to provide a service free of discrimination.

Law professor Brian Bruce, who headed the inquiry into the Ross case, upheld the complaint and ordered Ross removed from the classroom. He was given other duties.

A judicial review upheld the order, but Ross took his case to the Court of Appeal.

Writing for the majority of the court, New Brunswick Chief Justice Willam Hoyt said the order that removed Ross from the classroom violated his constitutional rights to freedom of speech. That order, he continued, was not saved by Section 1 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which permits violations of fundamental rights if they can be justified in a free and democratic society.

"We must determine if the silencing of Ross' anti-Semitic views is such an important public objective that his constitutional rights to freedom of expression and speech can be overridden," Hoyt wrote. The purpose of Ross' removal from the class is not sufficiently "pressing and substantial before the constitutional guarantees. . . can be overridden," the court ruled.

Evidence at the human rights hearing did not show Ross attempted to further his views in the classroom, the judgment continued. "It must be remembered that it was Ross' activities outside the school that attracted Attis' complaint. The evidence does not disclose that Ross ever used or contended that he was free to use his teaching postion to further his religious views."

Judge Patrick Ryan, writing the minority opinion, suggested that the Human Rights Commission described the issue correctly: "The rights and freedoms specifically guaranteed by the Charter, including those of speech and religion, may be measured against the underlying values and principles of a free and democratic society which are their very genesis, and limited where to do so furthers those values and principles.

Commitment to social justice

"Included in these are the inherent dignity of the human being, commitment to social justice and equality and respect for cultural and group identity. To give free reign to the asserted freedom of speech and religion of Ross would be to trample upon these underlying values and principles, themselves having the status of entrenched rights under the Charter and in international law."

Turning to Ross' activities, Ryan stated "the wrong is in the continued discrimination publicly promoted by Ross, a public servant, as a role model to children. He is known as an elementary school teacher whether in the classroom or outside of it where he is promoting discrimination and prejudice. . . To draw the line at the classroom door is an unrealistic barrier in this burgeoning age of information and communication."

Attis said "I am very disappointed with the decision. It's now up to the HRC [Human Rights Commission] to appeal."

In urging that an appeal be launched, Abella said "any parent from a minority group with a child in the [Moncton] school system could not help but feel that their child's right to fair and equal treatment, free from racial and religious discrimination, has been jeopardized with Ross in the classroom."

"We are shocked and dismayed," said Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. "There is something deeply wrong when a man with openly racist and bigoted views is allowed to teach in the classroom. It makes a sham of the school board's and society's policies of teaching tolerance, promoting human rights and fighting racism."

The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association said it was "deeply troubled" by the court decision. "Canadians have a right not to be discriminated against and the various government agencies and the judiciary must see to it that they are not discriminated against," said vice-chair Sabina Citron.

The court's decision also prompted several editorials and opinion pieces in various newspapers in Canada. The *Globe and Mail*, in an editorial headed "To tolerate is not to condone," applauded the ruling. It called the decision a "small but significant victory" for free expression.

The court upheld the principle that "to tolerate is not to condone; that what a person may believe or say in private life is neither to his favor nor his detriment in finding employment, but simply irrelevant," said the editorial.

The Montreal *Gazette*, however, took issue with the court ruling. In an editorial headed, "Giving a licence to hatred," it wrote that "in its efforts to be tolerant, the court in effect is giving carte blanche to people with intolerant views to hold public positions of influence among young people. No one entrusted with teaching children should have the right to undermine, even indirectly, the sense of humanity that is essential for a just, compassionate society.

"Ross stands for contempt unto others."

An editorial page column in the *Halifax Chronicle Herald* also took issue with the ruling, saying the court had "taken a strange view of religious freedom and standards for teachers."

The majority decision "tips the scales away from teacher responsibility in favor of the bigot's freedom of 'religion' and expression," the editorial stated.

"Bogus scholarship alone is reason enough to oust Ross from the classroom. A teacher can't credibly claim to be a professional in the classroom in one discipline while publishing gross falsehoods in another in his spare time. Standards demonstrated by an educator in any published work reflect on that person's professional integrity and credibility.

"Parents and children have a right to judge teachers on high standards," the *Chronicle Herald* editorial continues. "Teachers can't be role models in everything. But society expects them to be reasonable models of tolerance and of scholarship in whatever they do. Checking bigotry and bad scholarship at the school house door isn't good enough. Which is why New Brunswick should appeal this decision to the Supreme Court where, hopefully, common sense will prevail."

Pollard's sister asks for support

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Recent editorials opposing clemency for Jonathan Pollard in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times* are actually increasing support for him, his sister Carol told the 16th annual national convention of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada.

Carol Pollard is the executive director of Citizens for Justice, an organization founded five years ago to assist her brother, and which now helps others seeking justice through the legal system.

Outlining the events that led to Jonathan Pollard's conviction for treason in 1985, Pollard offered her interpretation of her brother's actions at the time.

She said that when he was working for the Department of Naval Intelligence as a civilian analyst, he had access to information regarding Syrian and Iraqi production of poison gas, as well as nuclear and biological weapons.

When the United States did not pass on this information to Israel in accordance with a U.S.-Israeli exchange of information treaty, her brother felt that an all-out war was probable because Israel did not know of the build-up of military armaments along its borders.

Therefore, she said, he relayed this information to Israel because he felt that "Israel was fulfilling its end of the bargain; Jonathan's superiors were selectively withholding information from Israel."

Subsequently, he freely admitted his actions and explained the reasons for them.

Believing that his crime was "passing classified information to an ally," he "entered a plea bargain at the request of our [U.S.] government," after being told that a request would be made for a sentence of two to four years, usual in such cases.

Carol Pollard

However, she said, although most people receive the sentence agreed upon in plea bargaining, in this case, "One hour before the sentencing hearing which was held in secret, Caspar Weinberger [then Secretary of Defence] delivered a memorandum to the judge asking for the stiffest possible sentence commensurate with Jonathan's treasonous behavior; [although] he was never accused of treason by the U.S. government."

Over the next ten and a half months, his sister said, Jonathan was in a ward for the criminally insane, but with no need for treatment clearly indicated on his official papers. Eventually he was moved to a penitentiary in Marion, Illinois, where he spent 23 hours a day in solitary confinement. Six months ago he was moved to a correctional institution in North Carolina.

Although both she and her brother admit that he clearly broke the law, Pollard said she and others feel that her brother was the victim of political vengeance. "And political vengeance should not stand for a legal system in a democratic society."

Pollard said that some positive activities on her brother's behalf have occurred recently. For example, Hollywood actor Jon Voigt called a press conference with a group of fellow actors at the Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles to ask President Clinton to give Jonathan Pollard a reprieve.

She urged her audience to call the White House comments line and ask President Clinton to commute Jonathan's sentence.

Robert Bourassa signs autographs for youngsters following an address at Congregation Beth Ora in his home riding of St. Laurent, shortly after the 1985 election. [CJN file photo]

Bourassa's departure elicits mixed feelings

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish Quebecers have mixed feelings about Robert Bourassa, who steps down as premier Jan. 11. The memories of some are dominated by the French-only sign law Bill 178 — now defunct — and Bill 22, which in 1974 established French as Quebec's dominant language.

But those who know the man credit him with a sensitivity to the community's concerns and a personal warmth belied by his public image.

Bourassa had little direct contact with the Jewish community during his four terms of office, except for receiving its official representatives when they came calling.

But Victor Goldbloom, now federal Commissioner of Official Languages, says it should be remembered that Bourassa was the first Quebec premier to name a Jew to cabinet. In his first year in office in 1970, Bourassa appointed Goldbloom, then MNA for D'Arcy McGee, to the new post of environment minister.

"This broke a longstanding tradition of not appointing a member of the Jewish community to the cabinet no matter how competent they may be," Goldbloom said.

"In matters of that kind, Mr. Bourassa was entirely fair-minded. He appreciated the contribution a person could make regardless of origin."

Indeed, Goldbloom was entrusted with several high-profile tasks, including promotion of the James Bay hydroelectric power project and responsibility for the Olympic Installations Board, as well as double duty as municipal affairs minister.

Goldbloom said Bourassa also supported him in his efforts to get funding to Jewish day schools. The previous Union Nationale government had provided a year's worth of funds in 1969. The Bourassa government made it ongoing.

"Some senior education departments officials were against it, and I had to go to bat for continued funding at least three or four times, with the support of Mr. Bourassa, who personally favored it."

Goldbloom said Bourassa was behind the 1972 legislation that gave Jews the right to vote and stand for office in public school board elections.

Goldbloom thinks Bourassa's image of governing according to public opinion and being emotionally cold are unjust.

"If he appeared indecisive, you have to consider the difficult situations he had to deal with because of Quebec nationalism...but when in the crunch he came down clearly on the side of Canadian unity."

As a man, Bourassa is "much more human" than the public perceives, he said.

"While I think Bill 178 was an error...it would be unfair if that was the only thing Mr. Bourassa was remembered for."

Herbert Marx, who was justice minister under Bourassa from 1985 until he resigned at the end of 1988 to protest Bill 178, described Bourassa as a brilliant and empathetic man, who was never vindictive.

Marx, now a justice of Quebec Superior Court, said he could not comment on politics, but said he and at least six other ministers were appointed despite having not supported Bourassa in his second leadership bid.

Bourassa was a "progressive," when it came to social policy, said Marx, quickly making resources available for battered women.

"I would agree with what Eric Kierans once said: 'Bourassa will be remembered as Canada's best politician'...You can fault how he did it, but Bourassa's main goal was the welfare of Quebec."

Marx played a key role in convincing Bourassa to accept an honorary degree from Tel Aviv University in 1987, the first such honor he accepted.

"He said to me, 'you take the degree and I'll make the speech.' "

Bourassa came to Shaar Hashomayim synagogue for the conferral. At his request, the event received little publicity.

The citation praised him for being "dedicated to democracy and devoted to the harmonious co-existence of the many cultures and faith communities" of Quebec, as well as a friend to the State of Israel.

The previous year, 1986, Bourassa was guest speaker at a dinner in honor of grocery store founder Sam Steinberg's family, a benefit for Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

During the same term, he spoke at a breakfast at Beth Ora synagogue in St. Laurent, his own riding and home to a significant Jewish population.

"He was always very cooperative...I would certainly consider him a friend of the community," said Beth Ora past president Manuel Dalfen.

Although he could not recall Bourassa making a personal statement after Beth Ora was daubed with Nazi-style graffiti a year ago, minister Monique Gagnon-Tremblay addressed a rally at the synagogue to denounce the wave of attacks. Bourassa did issue a statement when the Jewish cemetery in Ste. Foy was vandalized a couple of years before.

But after the 1989 election, Bourassa had no public contact with the Jewish community. Many felt that outcry against Bill 178 and support for the Equality Party had left him wary of the community.

Russell Copeman, Bourassa's Jewish constituency aide, insists his boss "felt no sense of betrayal.

"Robert Bourassa doesn't have a vindicative bone in his body. He may have been disappointed by the reaction, but he held no grudge."

Copeman knows Bourassa to be a "very warm, generous man. It's amazing the difference in his public and private images."

Conrad Shatner, who was briefly president of the Equality D'Arcy McGee riding association, said he met with Bourassa in 1985 when Shatner was a vice-president of B'nai Brith. He said he came away feeling Bourassa was, above all, a pragmatist.

"I think he had a strong feeling for the community's concerns, but he was the consummate politician. He had lost one election (1976) over language, and he wasn't going to lose another one that way."

Shatner believes Bourassa is a fundamentally federalist and would have modified the language laws earlier, if the climate in the province had allowed.

Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten said Bourassa's meeting with representatives of Jewish organizations visiting the National Assembly at the end of November is evidence of his genuine respect and affection for the community, despite some "vehement disagreements" over the years.

Crelinsten said there can be no doubt of the seriousness with which Bourassa viewed the issue of anti-Semitism and racism. "He was very, very supportive of our community."

He is grateful the Bourassa government maintained a high level of financial support for the Jewish day schools, despite criticism of "ethnic" schools by those favoring the integrationist approach.

Bourassa and his government, Crelinsten thinks, paid heed to the Jewish community's reaction to various issues because it saw the community as "a benchmark in how to deal with minorities."

Although Bourassa's political fortunes did not rest with Jewish voters, Crelinsten feels the community's input was "not irrelevant in his policy formulations."

Congress has welcomed Bill 86, the new language law that replaces Bill 178.

With this major modification, Crelinsten sees the Jewish community now returning to the Liberals, a party it has had a "natural affinity" with since Confederation.

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Pollard's rabbi refutes accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jonathan Pollard's rabbi challenged the government last week to prove accusations that Pollard has been a conduit for classified information passed from prison.

Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, in a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton, sought to rebut the contention of former Defence Secretary Les Aspin that Pollard had tried to slip classified information into 14 letters subsequently monitored by prison authorities.

Pollard is the former Navy analyst serving a life term after being convicted in 1987 of passing classified information to Israel. Clinton is considering a plea for commutation of his sentence to time already served.

Aspin, whose term as defence secretary ended with the new year and who opposes clemency, told the White House that Pollard had put classified information he remembered into his letters. Aspin did not say to whom the letters were addressed.

Weiss said that after he visited Pollard in August 1988 at a federal penitentiary in Marion, Ill., he was accused by the associate warden of being a conduit for Pollard's disclosure of classified information.

He said the prison official, C.W. Scott, told him the prison had monitored Pollard's conversation with Weiss.

After he protested, the rabbi said, he won an apology from Scott's superiors and was told the charge was "a ploy to extract information from me."

"What occurred to me personally has allowed me to better understand how certain quarters of government will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to ensure Jonathan Pollard's continued incarceration," Weiss wrote Clinton.

"If Secretary Aspin truly possesses evidence that Pollard has breached security constraints in his correspondence from prison (which Pollard has always known is subject to the most intense scrutiny and censorship), let him disclose it so that the allegations can be met."

According to *The New York Times*, Aspin's written recommendation to Clinton charged Pollard "has included classified information in 14 of his letters, most recently in 1992, including information classified at the Top Secret Codeword level.

"He clearly remembers classified information which he still has the ability to compromise."

Top Secret Codeword refers to information from such sources as satellites and electronic eavesdropping devices.

Aspin said there were "ample indications" that Pollard might immigrate to Israel if released. "Especially, if he leaves the country, Pollard would continue to present a risk of further damage to the nation," the letter said, according to The Times.

Clinton has made no decision in the Pollard affair as of last Monday, said White House spokesman Jeff Eller.

Pollard's lawyer, Theodore B. Olson, told the Times that neither Olson nor Pollard had ever been told that Pollard's prison letters violated national security.

Improved relations with Israel seen good for both economies

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — The improvement in relations between Canada and Israel is likely to yield wide-ranging economic benefits for both countries in the near future, according to Canada's ambassdor to Israel Norman Spector.

In an address to the Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive meeting in Tel Aviv, Spector noted that in the last couple of years, the Canada-Israel relationship has changed from a "rocky one" to a much-improved association that may soon produce economic gains for both sides.

Among the promising developments cited by Spector were progress towards the signing of a free trade agreement between Canada and Israel; the establishment of a fund to finance joint Canadian-Israel scientific research; an increase in trade missions; and a review of Canada's defence procurement policy, which has until now prohibited military sales to Israel.

"Three years ago, you couldn't get anyone in Ottawa to even consider the idea of a free trade agreement with Israel," said Spector. "But now, this has changed. It was Prime Minister [Jean] Chretien who raised the issue with Prime Minsiter [Yitzhak] Rabin during his recent visit to Canada." (see box)

A Canadian economic delegation to be led by Canadian external affairs minister Andre Ouellet will probably visit Israel in May.

Spector also revealed that the two countries are on the verge of establishing a new research and development fund that would support joint projects in science and technology. According to the program — which is modelled on the successful U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation — each country will allocate $2 million a year for three years.

Canada's defence procurement policy — a traditional sore point for Israeli governments — is also under review. Under current policy, Canada does not sell defence supplies, including many types of telecommunications equipment, to Israel since it is considered to be part of a region in imminent danger of hostility. However, progress in the Middle East peace talks has prompted a review of that policy.

Spector said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the state of Canadian-Israeli relations, adding that the challenges today are economic rather than the political ones of the past.

In explaining the reasons for the previously "rocky relationship" between the two countries, Spector blamed both sides for "needless irritants."

He cited the controversial speech delivered by then external affairs minister Joe Clark to the Canada-Israel Committee in 1988 as one such "needless irritant." Clark had called the current Israeli government's handling of the intifada "unacceptable...illegal...shocking."

The ambassador said lobbying by the Canadian Jewish community had not helped improve Canadian-Israeli relations, calling it "ineffective." He said during his term in the Prime Minister's Office, where he was chief of staff until his January 1992 appointment as Israeli ambassador, he saw no evidence of sustained lobbying by the Jewish community.

"Fortunately, there has been a significant improvement in this over the last couple of years," he said, but added: "I'd be surprised if anyone in Ottawa were to call the Canadian Jewish community the best or most powerful lobby in Canada."

The ambassador attributed the improvement in Canadian-Israeli relations to two main factors: the election of an Israeli government whose policies are more congruent with those of the Canadian government; and the fact that the Canadian public has digested the initial shock of the intifada.

Spector's own contribution to improved relations was pointed out and praised by CJC national executive chair Charles Zaionz.

Canada eyeing free trade with Israel, says Spector

TEL AVIV — The Canadian government is seriously considering signing a free trade agreement with Israel, reversing its longtime reluctance to enter into such an accord, says Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector.

While Israel has been lobbying for a free trade agreement with Canada for a number of years, Canada has until recently been cool to the idea because the two countries do so little trade, explained Spector. "Israel is perhaps our 43rd largest trading partner," he said. "And Canada is not at the top of Israel's hit parade either."

The change in attitude has come as a result of what Spector termed "Israel's clever trade policy." By signing free trade agreements with the United States, the European Community and most recently the European Free Trade Agreement countries, Israel has left Canada out in the cold. Some 85 percent of all imports to Israel are now covered under various free trade agreements. Canadian imports to Israel are among the remaining 15 percent suject to high tariffs.

"This means that Canadian exporters may face tariffs of 20 per cent or more, whereas our competitors from the United States, Europe and Scandinavia pay no tariffs," said Spector.

"We have to decide whether we're going to be a part of the group that benefits from free trade with Israel, or whether we'll continue being one of the countries that is increasingly shut out of the Israeli market."

Spector said Israel already enjoys virtually tariff-free trade with Ottawa because most of its exports are covered by the General Preferential Tariff for developing countries.

"The benefits of a free trade agreement clearly lie on the Canadian side," said Spector. "I think everyone has now been convinced of this."

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Rae seeks increased Israel trade

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Canada's current defence procurement policy prohibits Ottawa from conducting any military trade with Israel since it is considered to be a region of conflict. The policy is now under review.

"The clear signs of progress in Israel's talks with the Palestinians make it entirely appropriate that this policy be reviewed," Rae said.

He noted that the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia all purchase military equipment from Israel. "We have to look at what our neighbors are doing. We have peacekeeping forces around the world who need up-to-date equipment. It's only reasonable that we should be able to purchase the best technology for our forces."

He also pointed out that one of the ironies in the present policy is that Canada supplies light armored vehicles to Saudi Arabia, through a contract with the United States.

Rae said a change in policy would also enable Canadian companies to sell defence supplies to Israel and would open the way to partnerships between Canadian and Israeli companies in military industries.

Addressing the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, which met in Israel last week, Rae said he would raise the issue of the Arab boycott with Jordanian and Palestinian leaders during his Mideast visit.

"I think we should be trying to get the elimination of the boycott as an essential, accompanying feature to progress in the peace talks."

While in Israel, Rae also held talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and President Ezer Weizman.

"No one can come away from a discussion with Prime Minister Rabin or any other Israeli leader without sensing that every step that is taken is based on the fundamental premise that the security interests of Israel must be protected and must be respected by all those who are interested in making peace with Israel," he said. "As a Canadian and as the premier of Ontario, I think it is important to express my appreciation of the primacy of that issue.

Rae added he agreed with Peres' view that there is no alternative to the current peace process.

"I think this is what we must say to the obstructionists on the Palestinian and Arab side. Their way is a dead-end street. There is no alternative to the present course. It is the only thing that makes economic sense — and perhaps this is what will win over the Palestinian community in the end. There is only so much nationalistic rhetoric that you can get away with. People can't eat flags."

After meeting with Israeli and Palestinian business leaders, Rae continued on to Jordan, where he was scheduled to meet with King Hussein and address the Jordanian Businessmen's Association.

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World

Israel, Vatican establish diplomatic ties

NEW YORK (JTA) — The signing of an accord between Israel and the Vatican opens a new chapter in the nearly 2,000-year-old history of Jewish-Catholic ties, a relationship that has often been characterized by mistrust and hostility.

The agreement, which for the first time establishes formal diplomatic relations between the two governments, cites the "unique nature of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, and of the historic process of reconciliation and growth in mutual understanding and friendship between Catholics and Jews."

The agreement includes a mutual commitment to combat anti-Semitism, racism and religious intolerance, as well as a pledge by the State of Israel to continue to respect and protect Catholic sacred places.

One of the document's 15 points expands on the Vatican's position on anti-Semitism.

"The Holy See takes this occasion to reiterate its condemnation of hatred, persecution and all other manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against the Jewish people and individual Jews anywhere, anytime and by anyone," the document states.

"In particular, the Holy See deplores attacks on Jews and desecration of Jewish synagogues and cemeteries, acts which offend the memory of the victims of the Holocaust," it says.

At the signing ceremony in Jerusalem on Dec. 30, Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin said, "Behind the agreement there are thousands of years of history full of hatred, of fear and ignorance, with a few islands of understanding, of cooperation and of dialogue." Beilin signed the agreement with Monsignor Claudio Celli, the Vatican's undersecretary of state for foreign affairs.

Jewish and Catholic leaders said the accord will have a profound impact on every aspect of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, from political to interreligious.

Daniel Pekarsky, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, welcomed the historic agreement, saying that it is an important step towards the solidification of Israel's standing in the international community.

"The CIC looks forward to the day when Pope John Paul II visits Israel," Pekarsky said.

B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs said that the deal augured well for Catholic-Jewish relations.

Rabbi Martin Penn, a B'nai Brith Canada board member, expressed hope that the accord "will increase mutual understanding and friendship.

"The landmark agreement will give impetus to international Catholic/Jewish educational efforts to eradicate prejudice and anti-Semitism, and will hopefully enhance the relationship between Canadian Jews and Catholics," Rabbi Penn said.

Canadian Jewish Congress also lauded the agreement.

"We trust that the Vatican will join the efforts of the Jewish community in its continuing struggle against those who wish to rewrite history by denying the Holocaust," CJC national Israel affairs committee chair Moshe Ronen stated while attending Congress national executive meetings in Tel Aviv.

"The climate has changed dramatically already" as a result of the accord, said Cardinal John O'Connor, archbishop of New York and a leading behind-the-scenes voice who for years lobbied within the church for the Vatican to establish formal diplomatic ties with Israel.

"Israel is a kind of concrete embodiment of the great spirit of Judaism and is the representation of Jews throughout the world, a people that has been persecuted and dispersed, sometimes by Catholics," O'Connor said during a news conference at his residence.

The Vatican now expects to play a more prominent role in the effort to create peace between the Jewish state and the Palestinians and on negotiations over the future of Jerusalem.

In the accord, the Holy See reserves to speak out as "a moral voice," but agrees to remain "a stranger to all merely temporal conflicts," specifically those related to "disputed territories and unsettled borders."

In Jerusalem, Beilin said the Vatican had expressed interest in taking part in the five multilateral working groups of the Middle East peace process that are dealing with such regional issues as water resources, refugees, arms control, the environment and economic cooperation.

According to Celli, the Vatican's undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, not yet resolved is the status of Jerusalem.

We need "an international warranty in order to protect, to save, to recognize (the uniqueness) of the city for the three monotheistic religions," he said.

Also remaining unresolved is the location of the Vatican's embassy in Israel.

The Vatican expects to establish it in Tel Aviv, possibly in Jaffa, a municipality just north of Tel Aviv that is home to a large Palestinian population.

The accord was signed in Jerusalem with little fanfare, and the simple ceremony in Israel's capital concluded with the lifting of glasses of champagne.

A toast to Israel and the Vatican was also offered in New York by O'Connor at a small reception attended by representatives of Jewish and Catholic groups that had long been working with him on the issue.

Ceremonies involving Israeli officials and local Jewish and Catholic leaders also took place in Washington and a handful of other cities around the United States.

The Synagogue Council of America, an umbrella group representing the three largest denominations of Judaism, issued a joint statement hailing the agreement with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Australia ends prosecutions of Nazi war criminals

SYDNEY (JTA) — Australia's prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in that country — watched closely by Canada's own war crimes unit — has effectively come to an end.

Late last month, Michael Rozones, the director of public prosecutions, withdrew charges against accused Nazi war criminal Heinrich Wagner on grounds of poor health.

Wagner, accused of murdering more than 100 Jews in Ukraine, suffered a heart attack late last month and doctors have advised that a continuation of the case against him could result in his death.

A leading Jewish cardiologist, Dr. Leon Zimmet of Adelaide, was one of three doctors whose evidence led to the dropping of charges. All three agreed Wagner was unfit to stand trial.

The decision to terminate the case against Wagner, who had pleaded not guilty, comes seven years after an Australian government investigation determined that it was "more likely than not" that a significant number of Nazi murderers entered Australia at the end of World War II.

None of the four men who have been accused of or stood trial for war crimes here have been convicted. All are residents of the South Australia city of Adelaide.

A representative of the Public Prosecutor's Office told the Australian media that further legal proceedings under the Australian War Crimes legislation, passed in 1988, are not expected.

Government fails to get convictions

The decision to drop the charges against Wagner came as the prosecution investigating team was in Germany collecting evidence against him.

Wagner was on trial for the 1942 murders of 104 Jews and 19 specially targeted children of Jewish fathers in the Ukrainian village of Izrailovka.

The Jewish community here has accepted the course of events, noting that due legal process was followed.

Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, said that "Australia behaved as well as any country could have been expected to behave under the circumstances.

"Investigations were conducted and prosecutions were initiated, despite the time which had elapsed and the complex legal nature of trials arising from the War Crimes Laws."

He said such trials "would have been unnecessary if Australia had appropriate immigration procedures in place in the 1940s and 1950s."

"The tragedy is compounded by the fact trials did not take place decades ago," Leibler said.

Australian Attorney General Michael Lavarch defended the government for having passed legislation to prosecute accused Nazi war criminals, despite the government's failure to secure convictions.

He said the evidence that had been uncovered in a 1986 review of the entry of suspected Nazi war criminals into Australia had given the government little alternative other than prosecuting accused Nazis.

Funding cut off for special unit

Last year, charges against Mikolay Berezowsky were dismissed by an Adelaide magistrate. In June, a 12-person jury found charges against Ivan Polyukhovich unproven after the judge advised the jury that it was nearly impossible to prove charges so many years after the crimes had been committed.

All three had been accused of murder in Nazi-occupied Ukraine.

Funding for the Special Investigations Unit of the federal police ceased last year and is unlikely to be renewed to allow completion of the small number of outstanding cases.

Technically, the Australian Federal Police can investigate allegations under the War Crimes Act, but local observers believe there is virtually no chance that will happen.

Australia's war crimes effort began seven years ago after the Australian Broadcasting Corporation ran a series of radio reports called "Nazis in Australia."

In December, 1986, a former deputy head of the Attorney-General's department, Andrew Menzies, tabled a landmark report stating there was enough evidence of suspected Nazi war criminals living in Australia and recommending that a special investigations unit be set up.

Four months later, the government established the Special Investigations Unit, which followed up on about 800 allegations.

Two years later, the unit announced it did not expect more than 12 cases to warrant prosecution.

— With files from Vic Alhadeff in Sydney.

Syrian Jewry on Canada's agenda

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In the letter, Ouellet referred to the October drop-off of exit permits and he states that "our ambassador in Damascus repeatedly expresses his concern about these renewed restrictions to the Syrian authorities, including several ministers."

Feld Carr suggested that "for everything done in Syria, there is a price, and not just a financial price. So we have to sit back and watch what [Assad] will ask for."

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Shabbat Zachor, the annual Shabbat of Remembrance for the Jewish community of Syria, will be held this year on Feb. 19. It commemorates the yahrzeit of six young Damascus Jews who were killed while trying to escape from Syria in 1974.

On Shabbat Zachor, congregations in synagogues across Canada and in other Jewish communities say prayers for the freedom of the Jews of Syria. The tradition originated in 1975 at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, and has since spread around the world.

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The News in Brief

WZO Streamlines Agency

JERUSALEM — The World Zionist Organization is to fire some 20 of its 190 employees in an attempt to make the body more efficient, Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda recently announced.

He was speaking following a stormy session of the Zionist executive which conditionally approved the 1994 budget for the organization. The budget will be brought up for reappraisal at the end of June, the WZO spokesman said.

The formula for the budget, amounting to $29 million, was approved by both Labor and the Likud before the meeting.

The executive will reconvene on or before July 1, 1994 to re-examine the budget in the light of the committee's recommendations, the spokesman said. It will then decide on the operational lines of the budget for the next half year.

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Poor Areas Receive Funding

JERUSALEM — The government and the Jewish Agency will launch a three-year, NIS 760.3 million program early next year to drastically improve the standard of living in 14 localities, Prime Minister's Office director-general Shimon Sheves recently announced.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has approved the plan for projects in the 14 communities and areas.

Funds for the project will come from the development budget of all government ministries. Sheves said the NIS 250 million needed for the program next year has already been included in the 1994 budget, which the Knesset was scheduled to approve.

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Zhirinovsky Host May Be Prosecuted

VIENNA — Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's recent high-profile visit here has ricocheted in the face of the right-wing Austrian businessman who hosted it.

Edwin Neuwirth, the 69-year-old bankrupt timber dealer who hosted Zhirinovsky at an Alpine resort, now faces a judicial investigation for publicly expressing doubt that gas chambers existed in the Nazi concentration camps.

Neuwirth, who told reporters he "does not know of any gas chambers in German concentration camps," set in motion an investigation by Austria's chief prosecutor.

If Neuwirth denied the existence of gas chambers, a punishable offense here, "he could be charged with renewed activity in the national socialistic sense," Chief Prosecutor Dietmar Pacheiner said in Klagenfurt, a city in the Carinithian region of Austria.

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New Tel Aviv Mayor Gives Up Knesset Seat

JERUSALEM — Ronni Milo, the recently elected mayor of Tel Aviv, has resigned his Knesset seat following strong public criticism of his announced intention to hold on to his position in the legislature.

In a letter to Knesset Speaker Shevach Weiss, Milo confirmed that he had wanted to keep his seat, at least for a few months, in order to fight from within the Knesset for his city's needs.

His intention had contradicted a promise he made to voters during his campaign that, if he won, he would quit the House and devote himself completely to Tel Aviv's affairs.

Milo's change of heart had provoked an outcry in the media.

Following this, he wrote his letter to the Knesset speaker, saying that "as an elected representative, I bow to the wishes of the majority of the public in my town."

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Yeshiva Student Wins Big Lottery Prize

JERUSALEM — A 26-year-old yeshiva student from Jerusalem who spent NIS 12 on a recent Lotto drawing won the NIS 8.9 million prize worth $3 million.

"I believe in the power of prayer, and when the almighty opens his heart and I pray with faith and true devotion, then my prayers are heard," said the man, who presented his winning ticket at the Payis lottery office in Tel Aviv.

He is getting married in two months, and said he had not yet told his fiancee about the prize.

"I want to maintain my normal routine, to help my family, and to thank God deeply for answering my prayers," he said.

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Norwegian Officer's Death Protested

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The government of Norway and the United Nations officials have strongly protested the killing by an Israeli tank patrol of a Norwegian officer serving with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

The incident occurred late Dec. 26 in the Israeli-controlled border security zone of southern Lebanon. Members of an Israel Defense Force unit mistook a UNIFIL patrol for members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement, which has been staging attacks on Israelis.

A second Norwegian soldier was wounded in the incident.

The commander of the Israeli patrol personally apologized for the fatal error to the Norwegian battalion commander whose troops were part of the U.N. forces operating in the region.

The IDF's commander in charge of the Northern Sector has meanwhile called for a commission to investigate the incident.

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Zhirinovsky Visit Opposed

SYDNEY, Australia — Leaders of Jewish organizations here are protesting a visit here planned for this month by Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, but they concede there is little they can do to prevent it.

"The man is a self-confessed racist and anti-Semite. He should stay out of Australia," Mark Leibler, the president of the Australian Zionist Federation, told a local radio interviewer.

"I don't think he should be granted a visa to enter this country," Leibler said.

Despite the protests of Leibler and other Jewish leaders here, government sources have confirmed there are no apparent legal grounds to deny Zhirinovsky entry to Australia.

Diane Shteinman, who is active with the Australian Campaign for Soviet Jewry, acknowledged that the Australian government has no "really legitimate reasons" to deny Zhirinovsky a visa.

Zhirinovsky's anti-Jewish statements have drawn wide notice in the media, along with recollections that this son of a Jewish father once received an invitation, which he sought, to make aliyah, and that he was active in a KGB-backed Jewish cultural organization in the 1980s.

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Moscow Shul Destroyed By Fire

NEW YORK — The Marina Roscha synagogue in Moscow, an institution run for decades by the Chabad movement of Lubavitcher Chasidim, has been totally destroyed by a fire of unknown origins.

But the Holy Ark and Torah scrolls were left intact, the synagogue's rabbi reported by telephone from Moscow.

Rabbi Berel Lazar declared the destruction of the wooden synagogue as "total besides a few miracles here and there. I mean, the main miracle is that the sifrei kodesh (sacred books) and Torahs are completely untouched."

He said there were about 30 fire engines and "hundreds of firefighters" trying to extinguish the blaze, which began around 3 a.m. Moscow time on Dec. 30.

There was some speculation that the blaze could have been caused by an electrical problem. The Moscow Fire Department and police said it was impossible to determine the cause of the blaze at this time, Lazar said.

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Demjanjuk Battle Resumes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department has resumed its legal battle against John Demjanjuk with full force, filing motions in two Ohio federal courts against the man once accused of being Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible."

In one motion, the Justice Department is appealing a court order that overturned the extradition of Demjanjuk to Israel. In another motion, the department is seeking to reopen the denaturalization case against the Cleveland autoworker.

"Our objective is still to bring about Mr. Demjanjuk's prompt removal from the United States," Attorney General Janet Reno said in a statement.

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Rabbi Marshall Meyer Dead At 63

NEW YORK — Rabbi Marshall Meyer, a charismatic Conservative rabbi who invigorated Jewish religious life and championed human rights causes in both Buenos Aires and New York, died Dec. 29 at New York Hospital.

The 63-year-old rabbi suffered from liver cancer and had recently undergone surgery in an unsuccessful attempt to stem the illness.

Rabbi Meyer, a man with a fiery oratorical style who involved himself in progressive and sometimes controversial causes, energized Jewish religious life and human rights activities in the Argentine capital, where he served for 25 years, and then at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

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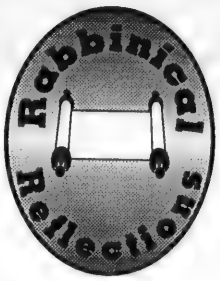

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

"Go and tell Pharaoh . . . to let the Israelites depart." So God commands Moses in this week's parasha, VaEra. Upon close examination, there's something strange about the command. Abraham was told "lech" (go), but Moses hears "bo" (enter). There's a clear difference between the two, and the Torah seems to have chosen its language carefully.

First, Moses' task will not be simple. He cannot go to Pharaoh and compel him to let Israel leave Egypt with a mere phrase, "Let my people go." No, it will be Moses' task to cajole, to reprove, to *enter into* a convincing dialogue with the Egyptian monarch. It will be a negotiation in which the power of the Living God is pitted against the power of the world's mightiest king and his minions. In such a situation, it's unthinkable that Moses could command the Pharaoh in one meeting, in one sentence.

Even today, when we face a major challenge in business or personal life, it is often necessary to deal with another who seems to have power over us: a boss, a supplier, a recalcitrant relative. A flat ultimatum seldom produces results. We don't "go and tell." Rather we enter into a protracted conversation, one that may test our patience, our strength, our will. We have to be prepared for such a negotiation, and that is what God was implying when He told Moses, "Bo" (enter).

A mental and spiritual journey to Egypt

The message was clear. Don't expect immediate results. Prepare yourself for a prolonged effort. Make your journey into every Egypt more than mere travel. Make it a mental and spiritual journey that will gird your loins for a challenging exchange.

Perhaps there's another reason why the Torah tells Moses to enter and speak to Pharaoh. Moses was in the wilderness, far from civilization. His pastoral life required little of his nerve and mind. The world of the court where he grew to manhood was far away, and he felt no need to return to it. Suddenly God appears to him and tells him to go back, to re-enter civilization, to re-enter the machinations of the court and its rulership. This re-entry, this "coming in" again to the intrigues of palace life requires just the right verb. So the Torah says, "bo" (enter), but enter to do the work of God.

So also are we commanded. We who live in this civilization are required to enter into it. If we would remain Jews, some say we must stand apart, huddle together, isolate ourselves form the western world's all-levelling tide of conformity. Yet Judaism without an impact on the world is no Judaism at all. It is an isolated tribal affair of unique customs kept on a desert island, worthy perhaps of study, but incapable of directing the flow of the great civilizations around it.

When we accepted our covenant with the One God, we accepted a measure of universalism. It is ineluctable, for the God of all the world who gives a Torah of truth cannot possibly expect that Torah to remain closeted away. Truth must out, and we must bring it out. So it becomes a Jewish task to bring the world the ideals of Judaism. That task cannot be accomplished by a verb as plain as "go." The Jew cannot simply go to work and go home, go to school, go home. Moses' role remains our role. We must enter into civilization and bring to it our demands for freedom, law, and ethics, however unpalatable the pharaohs of the world may find that message.

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Israel expecting 500,000th oleh from 'Soviet' republics

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The year's end marked the arrival of 475,000 immigrants to Israel from the republics of the former Soviet Union since the start of the immigration wave in 1989, Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz announced in a review of the agency's activities for 1993.

If present political and economic trends in the newly independent states continue, Dinitz said, 100,000 to 120,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union are expected to emigrate annually for each of the next five years. Of these, 70,000 to 80,000 are expected to come to Israel each year.

About 77,000 immigrants arrived from various countries last year, 65,000 of whom came from the ex-Soviet republics and 8,000 from Western countries.

Dinitz said that by the year 2000, the Jewish population of the former Soviet republics, now estimated at 1.4 million, is expected to decrease by 50 percent.

He said the combined efforts of the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government would fulfill the Zionist dream of bringing 1 million Jews to Israel by the year 2000, making Israel's Jewish population the largest in the world with 6 million. The 500,000th immigrant is expected to arrive within the next few months, he said.

Meanwhile, Dinitz said the Jewish Agency had doubled its activities this year in the newly independent states, where 20,000 Jews studied Hebrew and 20,000 youth participated in Zionist activities. A total of 10,000 youths attended 40 Jewish summer camps in Russia and the neighboring republics.

The Jewish Agency also trained 500 local youth leaders as well as 800 Hebrew and Jewish studies teachers.

A program it initiated this year to encourage aliyah sent 40 teams to 150 cities to promote employment projects, programs for youth and programs to familiarize prospective immigrants with the absorption process in Israel.

Also in 1993, 1,000 youth between the ages of 16 and 18 from the newly independent states came to Israel on Youth Aliyah programs, and the Jewish Agency plans to increase the number in 1994.

Dinitz's announcement was issued a day after immigrants from the former Soviet Union staged a demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office to protest their inability to find anything but menial jobs.

The day before that, recent immigrants from Yemen staged a protest against the government demanding better conditions for their absorption.

NACHAS
BY MIRIAM LANAIL
C'MON, BUBBY, CHEER-UP. LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.
O.K.
... I'LL TRY! MAYBE MY FAMILY IS SCATTERED TO THE FOUR WINDS AND I'M ALONE AND LONELY—
AT LEAST I HAVE MY PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS — AND AN OCCASIONAL VISIT.
MAYBE THE WINTERS ARE LONG AND COLD AND I'M TOTALLY SHUT IN—
I STILL HAVE MY HEALTH... AND MY T.V — AND MY GAME OF SOLITAIRE—
MAYBE I'M GETTING OLDER — AND SICKER —
MAYBE TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND ENERGY IS RUNNING LOW — BUT AS LONG AS THERE'S LIFE — THERE'S HOPE FOR A LITTLE NACHAS.
THANKS, DARLING. THAT DOES FEEL BETTER.
OH MY POOR BUBBY!
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Front Line

Zhirinovsky appealed to Russians' anger, resentment

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Anyone who has visited Russia lately will immediately understand why Vladimir Volfovich Zhirinovsky, a gifted rabble-rouser, managed to win nearly one-quarter of the vote in last month's Russian parliamentary election.

Zhirinovsky's ultra-nationalist and inaptly-named Liberal Democratic party, which emerged as the largest single faction in the lower house of parliament, tapped into the widespread feelings of anger, humiliation and abandonment shared by millions of ordinary Russians.

Essentially, Zhirinovsky — a politician who has been compared to a fascist and described as an anti-Semite — pandered to voters who wanted to register a protest with the authorities.

In the past few years, the fortunes of the Russian people have declined precipitously: The Soviet empire, of which they had been proud, is dead and buried under the rubble of the Cold War. Russia — the successor state of the mighty Soviet Union — is weak and growing weaker as a result of nationalist rebellions within its territory. The armed forces, having retrenched with the loss of empire, no longer command respect. The economy, torn by rampant inflation and rising unemployment, is in deep crisis as Russia struggles to make the painful transition from communism to capitalism. Corruption abounds, and crime is on the increase.

To most Russians, the economic question is of paramount importance.

The rouble has plunged in value compared to hard currencies, prices have skyrocketed and salaries have fallen drastically. With increasing frequency, Russians are hard-pressed to make ends meet. It's estimated that four out of 10 Russians have been impoverished by Russia's descent into near destitution.

For some, the situation is so desperate that they have resorted to selling their household possessions on street corners to put food on the table. It's a far cry from the days, during the Soviet era, when Russians were assured of lifetime employment, bread and a modicum of dignity.

More often than not, a visitor hears the lament that life under communism, at least economically-speaking, was easier than it is today.

Zhirinovsky, a man who seems attuned to the grievances of the masses, exploited this discontent by pledging to protect the poor in Russia's advance to a free market economy. Among other things, he promised vodka — a staple in Russia — at much cheaper prices.

With a practiced eye on law and order, he suggested he would deal harshly with criminals, especially the "southern mafia," a euphemism for swarthy Caucasians who are widely believed to control organized crime.

To arch nationalists who've been humiliated by Russia's decline as a power, Zhirinovsky sounded a strident imperial note, staking territorial claims to Finland, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia (not to mention Alaska!) And he intimated that Moscow should "protect" Russian minorities living in former Soviet republics.

As for the Middle East, Zhirinovsky is resolutely pro-Arab. During the Gulf War, he expressed support for Saddam Hussein.

Throughout his campaign, Zhirinovsky portrayed himself as a moderate. "I am not a fascist," he said in an interview. "Just the contrary. I have always made efforts in the struggle for human rights."

His rhetoric notwithstanding, Zhirinovsky appears to be a racist, if not an anti-Semite.

During his political career, he has regularly belittled non-Russians and made statements which impugn Jews. He has accused "Zionists" of being the masterminds behind the international banking system, and has said that Jews control the media.

At a news conference following the election, he implied that Jewish TV announcers should be replaced with blue-eyed, blond Russians, and that Jews themselves are to blame for anti-Semitism.

Zhirinovsky has close ties with the far-right German Peoples' Union, whose leader, Gerhard Frey, has pointedly questioned the authenticity of the Holocaust.

In light of Zhirinovsky's prejudices, it's ironic that he's almost certainly of Jewish origin.

Walter Laqueur, the author of the newly-published *Black Hundred: The Rise of the Extreme Right in Russia*, writes that Zhirinovsky, 47, was born in Alma Ata (now Almaty), the son of a White Russian mother and apparently a Jewish father.

After the death of his father in an auto accident, Zhirinovsky was raised by his mother. In his autobiography, Zhirinovsky concedes that his father's name, Volf, is "not very familiar to a Russian ear."

Being of mixed race, Zhirinovsky had the right under the old Soviet system to choose his nationality when he turned 16. Evidently, Zhirinovsky listed himself as Russian rather than Jewish in his internal passport — a device which enabled him, and innumerable half-Jews like himself, to escape the slings of Soviet anti-Semitism.

Zhirinovsky has been asked if he is half-Jewish, and his stock answer is that he is a "pure Russian." However, according to a story in the *New York Times*, Zhirinovsky identified himself as a Jew in the late 1980s, when the first sprouts of organized Jewish life appeared in the Soviet Union. People who knew him then said that he was an active member of a Moscow-based Jewish group called Shalom, which disappeared after the formation of the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad) in December 1989.

According to Laqueur, Zhirinovsky — a lawyer — founded the Liberal Democratic party in March 1990. Initially, the party was "liberal-centrist," but lurched to the right during its second congress six months later.

Laqueur further writes that extreme rightists either ignored Zhirinovsky or attacked him as a half-Jew, while the "respectable" right tried to keep him at arms's length.

Be that as it may, Zhirinovsky is a force to be reckoned with in Russia. Moderate parties, should they form a united front, may well be able to isolate him and thus render him relatively harmless. But presidential elections are scheduled for 1996, and Zhirinovsky could well unseat the incumbent, Boris Yeltsin, if economic conditions do not improve substantially.

At present, Zhirinovsky is a dangerous demagogue. But in two years, he may be sitting in the president's office.

It's a chilling prospect, with serious ramifications for international relations and the Jewish community in Russia.

Israel is strong enough to take risks for peace

By BEVERLEY STERN

Right-wing opponents of the Israeli-PLO agreement are spending more time slamming the Rabin government and Peace Now in Israel, the United States and Canada, than confronting the implications of the seismic shift in Israel's relationship with the Palestinians since the Sept. 13 accord.

Not that Peace Now or Labor leaders, such as Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, challenge the perogative of the public to criticize the policies of any Israeli government. Rather, they have consistently supported such dissent, both within Israel and in the Diaspora. That is fair game.

What is also fair game is to point out that the far-right among settlers, ultra-Orthodox parties, Likud, the National Religious party, Tsomet and Molodet all fail to acknowledge that the parameters of debate have radically shifted.

The accord between Israel and the PLO is basically only a mutual recognition pact and a declaration of interim self-government arrangements. Nevertheless, it has effectively enshrined the following principles: (1) territorial compromise; (2) talking to the PLO; (3) recognizing the national rights of the Palestinians; (4) ending the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza; (5) halting the expansion of Jewish settlements in those areas; (6) IDF withdrawal and redeployment to only those areas deemed essential for Israel's security — all of which are fundamental tenets of Peace Now in Israel.

What the right-wing fails to accept is that there is no going back to the status quo, even as popular support for the accord decreases with each terrorist action. The concept of Greater Israel, and the proposition of "peace for peace" have lost their viability, if not their allure, for most Israelis.

The more pragmatic leaders and followers of Likud and the National Religious party recognize that the accord, however controversial and incomplete, is now the central fact of Israel's emerging relationship with the Palestinians, and that its implementation is a prerequisite of future agreements with Arab countries.

The real debate now should be about negotiating the best deal for Israel's future security, and also, at the same time, responding to the Palestinians' quest for national determination, whether that means an independent state, confederation with Jordan or a Benelux economic union between Israel, Palestinians and Jordan — or all three in that sequence — as some are predicting.

Peace Now is not naive about the consequences of the asymmetric price Israel will have to pay — giving up the tangible of territory for the intangible of promises of peace. It will mean painful compromises, but it has always asserted that the best guarantees of Israel's security are: (1) a militarily strong Israel with a qualitative edge over its Arab neighbors; (2) a strong military and strategic relationship with the United States; and (3) ultimately, solid co-existence arrangements with the Palestinians and its Arab neighbors.

For Peace Now, co-existence, also means: (1) building Israeli-Palestinian support for the accord from the ground up, with joint dialogue and projects between Israeli-Palestinian youth, professionals, academics, archeologists and ordinary citizens; and (2) promoting support for the Rabin government's peace initiatives with educational pamphlets, speakers' bureaus, information centres and a high-profile media and public presence.

This type of hands-on, grass roots activity is dubbed "Track-Two diplomacy" by the U.S. State Department, and is deemed essential to the peace process.

That peace is a process of tough mutual compromise by both Israel and its enemies has always been acknowledged by the followers of Peace Now. The "Now" in the name Peace Now is misleading. Israel is a long way from peace with its neighbors, but the quest for that peace must be now — ongoing — and grounded in realism if it is ever to be realized.

Peace Now believes that despite the precariousness of Israel's geography, it is no longer the huge camp of the 1940s, but rather the strongest military and economic power in the Middle East, with a secure strategic relationship with the United States, and international links around the world.

The Rabin government feels that Israel is now strong enough to take risks for peace, and the Peace Now movement supports its efforts 100 per cent.

Beverley Stern is a board member of Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

Malcolm Ross affair has raised serious problems

By STEPHEN SCHEINBERG AND KAREN R. MOCK

The New Brunswick Supreme Court's recent ruling in favor of anti-Semitic school teacher Malcolm Ross is indeed disappointing, but the case raised serious problems from the beginning. The suspension of a teacher was bound to generate questions relating to academic freedom as well as freedom of speech, at a time when our courts are attempting to balance the protection of minorities and the protection of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But hate propaganda is *not* a free speech issue. It is the deliberate manipulation of prejudice through the dissemination of lies and half truths — the promotion of hatred against identifiable groups — and in this country is against the law. Why are we again facing a case of a teacher who makes a sham of this country's policies of promoting human rights for all and fighting intolerance wherever it occurs?

Ross, unlike Alberta hatemonger James Keegstra, has never been accused of bringing his racist teachings into the classroom. Yet, he has written, published and disseminated his Holocaust denying and anti-Semitic materials quite widely outside of his place of employment.

In short, Ross is a hatemonger, openly distributing hate propaganda, and should have been tried under the appropriate laws, which the Supreme Court of Canada upheld in the Keegstra and Smith and Andrews cases in 1990. However, only the provincial attorney general currently has the right to initiate a hate propaganda prosecution, and in New Brunswick successive holders of that office refused to do so, perhaps because at the time the Supreme Court had not yet ruled on the hate propaganda statutes.

The failure of the province to use the right law left a small minority, the Jewish community and its allies, without the protection they deserved. They therefore turned to the Human Rights Commission, which, after holding hearings and a board inquiry on the issue, made a decision to suspend Ross because, as an advocate of racist ideas, he served as a poor role model for Moncton students. Creating a poisoned environment in the school is the antithesis of the quest for knowledge, equality and justice. As a result of Ross' appeal, we now have the spectacle of the New Brunswick court protecting Ross' right to express his "sincerely held beliefs" and, in effect, setting aside the suspension.

We believe the case is far from over and should go to the Supreme Court. We would hope the higher court will see the essential contradiction in the New Brunswick ruling. Sincerity is irrelevant and should not be the issue. Ross is not advancing ideas on the alternative organization of society such as fascism, communism or the like, however repugnant they may be. This school teacher, sincerely or not, is a Holocaust denier. He is not merely advocating an unpopular doctrine, nor a rival interpretation of history. Holocaust denial, and the fallacious conspiracy theory that Ross insidiously draws on to support that denial, lack all scientific foundation and Ross's only sincere purpose is to advance the cause of anti-Semitism, Nazi ideology and hate propaganda.

Will the court allow back into the schools a man who is not only a symbol of hatred but one who completely rejects the fundamentals of the academic enterprise and distorts Christian teachings allegedly in the search for truth? Would we allow someone who published material openly promoting drug abuse and praising drug pushers and dealers to teach our children? Not likely, no matter how sincerely he believed in his cause.

The provincial attorneys general who considered the issue have erred in failing to confer their consent to Ross's justified prosecution under the criminal code. A Ross hate propaganda prosecution would have been relatively straightforward. It would not have opened any insinuation that his free speech or academic freedom was at stake.

We have a new federal government and a new justice minister. We urge them to put hate crimes at the top of their priorities. Hate groups are openly recruiting young people in high schools to their racist, neo-Nazi, and violent ideologies. The writing of the likes of Ross, and his very presence in a school environment, does nothing to stop this rise in racism. Indeed, it may even give it a credibility it does not deserve. We have thus far been spared the worst kind of right-wing extremism which is now sweeping through much of Europe, but we must get our legal house in order to cope with — or preferably prevent — the rise of such movements in Canada.

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Economic strides

Despite the fact that Israel's political negotiations with the PLO have been like a roller coaster ride, Jerusalem's economic development appears to be going in only one direction — up.

This remarkable news, surprising at a time when restructuring and downsizing have fractured Western economies, has been confirmed by a number of indepedent sources.

Israel's estimated gross domestic product (GDP) is approaching $60 billion — which is approximately three times the GDP of Syria, Lebanon and the territories combined.

Writing in the St. Louis *Jewish Light* (Dec. 1), Milford Bohm reports that, with the encouragement of the United States, Israel is blazing an economic trail with a successful marketing strategy targeting the former republics of the Soviet Union, the Far East and Latin America.

Israeli firms are hedging their bets about the benefits of peace with Arab neighbors — which would bring additional economic development — by stressing an aggressive marketing strategy for Europe and beyond.

The Knesset recently passed its Free Export Processing Zone legislation during the first reading of the proposed law. When the final third reading occurs, Israel will have one of the world's most dynamic free trade zones and will make investing in the country a much easier exercise.

It is interesting to note that all this burgeoning economic activity is occurring under the Rabin Labor government, a party that has usually been associated with stringent business regulations, support of unions and the welfare state. But as *Business Week* noted recently "labour leaders are pushing business-oriented programs including corporate tax cuts and stepped-up privatization."

One of the reasons for Israel's dramatic performance in the economic sector has been stated by Malcolm Forbes Jr. of *Forbes* magazine who said recently that "Israel has got the real intangibles: a hard-working and well educated work force with more brain power than just about any spot on earth. Investors who look beyond the headlines can see that Israel has an enormous amount of potential."

That potential is being realized more and more each day. A successful conclusion of the Israel-PLO accord will further enhance Israel's economic profile and benefit all countries in the Middle East.

Blow for liberty

President Bill Clinton struck a blow for liberty recently when he received Salman Rushdie — the British writer whose life is under threat by Iran — at the White House in Washington. Rushdie, a distinguished novelist, has been in almost perpetual hiding since 1989, when the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Teheran condemned his book, *The Satanic Verses*, as blasphemous and called for his death.

The late spiritual leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, imposed this hateful fatwa, and his successor, President Hashemi Rafsanjani — a so-called moderate — is not inclined to lift it. What is more, Iran has purposefully wreaked vengeance on foreigners who've been associated with *The Satanic Verses*. Hitoshi Igarashi, a Japanese translator, was killed in Tokyo in July 1991. The Italian translator, Ettore Capriolo, was stabbed and wounded in Milan the same month. In November 1993, the book's Norwegian publisher, William Nygaard, was shot, though not fatally wounded, outside his home in Oslo.

Iran's vengeful policy is an outgrowth of the January 1979 Islamic revolution which has turned Iran into an intolerant nation disdainful of legitimate criticism. Dissenters are intimidated, imprisoned, tortured and assassinated. Minorities, principally the Bahai sect, are harassed. Let's be clear. Classical Islam is not a narrow-minded faith, but in present-day Iran, it has been transformed into one. Thus the shameful fatwa which has stalked Rushdie for the past number of years.

Iran, however, is not merely a state which squelches artistic and religious freedom as well as political dissent. It is a state which sponsors terrorism, and is in the vanguard of Middle Eastern nations which oppose a fair diplomatic resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Iran, for example, is strongly believed to have taken part in the despicable conspiracy to blow up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in December 1988. And Iran rails against the 1991 Madrid peace process and Israel's historic agreement with the PLO last year. To this day, the Iranian government — perhaps the most extreme in the Middle East — attacks the *very existence* of Israel.

Clearly, Iran is outside the political mainstream, a country which should be watched carefully. By receiving Rushdie, the Clinton administration not only made an important and humane gesture to a besieged writer, but put Iran on notice that its policies are worthy of condemnation.

YEMEN IMMIGRANTS MEET WEIZMAN

On the second night of Chanukah more than 100 new Jewish immigrants from the Arab republic of Yemen celebrated at President Ezer Weizman's residence in Jerusalem. Groups of Yemeni Jews in traditional costume danced and sang. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

PRIESTS WHO SAVED JEWS

As chair of the Department of History of the Church in the 19th and 20th centuries at the Catholic University of Lublin, in Poland, I was invited to Canada recently to speak about the assistance provided by members of the Polish Catholic clergy to Jews in wartime Poland.

During my talks in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, several persons came forward with accounts of assistance that were unknown to me. This leads me to believe that there may be more such accounts known to your readers.

I would greatly appreciate receiving brief accounts relating to such incidents, either in Polish or English, at the following address: Zygmunt Zielinski, ul. Niecala 8/90, 20-080 Lublin, Poland.

(Rev.) Zygmunt Zielinsku
Lublin, Poland

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HIS BLOOD BOILS

In your issue of Nov. 25, Yeshayahu Anug's column made my blood boil.

He is describing the settlers of Judea and Samaria as "fanatics" "extremists" "law breakers" and "retaliating with fury." How does he want them to react when their lives are threatened, and destroyed and no security by the army is given to them? Or better still what would Mr. Anug do if he were in similar situations?

Reading further in the column I see he is saying the "national aspiration of the Arabs in Jerusalem" will have to be accommodated and the settlements in Samaria and Judea will have to be abandoned.

It's a chilul Hashem to write such an opinion in our time.

Max Candel
Toronto

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PLO IN ISRAEL'S HEARTLAND

In his famous letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sept. 9, PLO chair Yasser Arafat wrote that (1) the PLO takes responsibility for the cessation of terrorism, and (2) the PLO covenant, calling for the destruction of the State of Israel, will be amended.

Since September, there has been an eight-fold increase in terrorist attacks against Israelis (Binyamin Netanyahu in Toronto this December). Arafat's men have been carrying out murder and, indeed two members of the Fatah unit which murdered Haim Mizrahi had enrolled in the "police" force (*Jerusalem Post* Nov. 11)! There is no timetable for the amendment of the PLO covenant. In fact, the only side who has to keep to a timetable is Israel.

This is the sorry state of affairs to which our majority government is leading us. Despite the assurances from government spokesmen, there is no chance of avoiding a PLO-run state in the heartland of the Land of Israel. This option was overwhelmingly rejected in last year's elections and, if this is pursued without going to the people for consent, it would make a mockery of Israel's democracy.

Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

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RIGHT OF DIASPORA

"It is not for me to tell Israelis what to do."

I have heard this sad refrain often in the past two or three months, the most recent time being by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg ("Diaspora Has No Right To Decide Future of Israel," *CJN*, Dec. 2). Rabbi Friedberg then asks, "What are the rights of Diaspora Jews, if any, in reacting to the new arrangement?"

Judaism is based, to a very large extent, on democratic traditions. As such, we in the Diaspora have every right to criticize whatever and whomever we wish. If the criticism is warranted, and thoughtfully presented, it can be an important tool of democracy and of a healthier society. Tied to this, is the long-standing Jewish maxim of Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Lazeh — Every Jew is responsible for every other Jew.

It is incumbent upon those in the Diaspora who oppse policies of the Israeli government — the Jewish government — to voice their opposition. It is for lack of this voice that the Israeli government has been allowed to continue in arguably destructive policies such as the current arrangement with the PLO.

Yehuda Poch
Toronto

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QUERIES FEMINIST ROLE

In Joel Jacobson's article of Nov. 18, covering a recent CJC conference in Halifax on the role of women in the Jewish community, he quotes Prof. Ben Schlesinger on the changing status of Jewish women. "There is," says the professor, "no longer the model of women staying home full time, raising children and making latkes for Chanukah parties. That's going out with the new generation."

Prof. Schlesinger may be surprised to know as that, as I write, there are several women downstairs, both young and old, who are baking for upcoming holiday dinners in my shul. I suspect the same is true of numerous other synagogues throughout the country. I have never known even the most dedicated feminist not to enjoy some of the delicacies of Jewish cooking which Jewish women have specialized in and handed down through the ages.

Moreover, if he is right that "the old fashioned model is going out the window," and Jewish women are not taking a primary role in raising Jewish children, then who is? And what are the results? Based upon current Jewish demographics, the answer is not good.

As I review historical material on Chanukah, I am struck by how similar many of the Jewish feminists mentioned in Mr. Jacobson's article sound to the Jewish assimilationists of the Hellenistic times. Both groups wanted to flow with current social trends. Both thought that features of Judaism which impeded Jewish participation in the general world should be abandoned. Both felt threatened by those who held by the traditional ways.

In fact, feminism is no longer a new position but one which has been with us for a generation now, and we are beginning to come to some conclusions. It is by no means accepted by all women or even a majority. Many who "think feminist" play it safe and act traditional, deciding that maybe they should look after their newborn rather than leaving them to some over-worked and underpaid day-care worker (almost always a woman!).

Within the Jewish community, many have been through it and now have second thoughts. The traditional role of Jewish women, however uncomfortable they may feel in it, contributed enormously to Jewish family and community life, and they do not see anyone else replacing it. The burden of proof, therefore, remains on feminism to show that it is a viable position for the Jewish community and not a marginal one for a few.

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Senior years can be best period in a person's life

By RABBI GUNTHER W. PLAUT

We Jews order our lives by two calendars, the Jewish and the secular one. We respond to our religious needs by the former and to others by the latter. For me, they both have something in common. When the new year arrives I feel time has flown by too quickly. Which is another way of saying I am getting older.

Writing from the perspective of a senior citizen, I must confess I have become increasingly aware that I am in the last quarter of my life (reckoning it very generously). It is not only during the winder that days get shorter; life offers that same experience.

Yet in many ways this is the best period for many of us who are not suffering from debilitating diseases. Decreasing physical power is not the same as decreasing one's joy in life. Yet, people generally believe that age inevitably brings with it mental incompetence, and that slowing down physically also means a decrease in intellectual capacity.

Nothing can be farther from the truth. Fact is that some things do not matter as much to us as they used to, and others matter more. There is a shifting of priorities, and that can be an opportunity for making life more meaningful.

Rabbi Plaut

One of the problems I meet with and hear about more and more often is the way older people are treated in our society. The biblical command to respect one's elders all too frequently honored only in the breach. For that reason I want to share with you an article by Rabbi Roger C. Klein which I read recently in the *Temple Bulletin of Tifereth Israel Congregation* in Cleveland. Here are his words:

"We live in a youth culture. Dexterity, boundless energy, bright smiles, wrinkle-free skin are prized and clung to. Aging is feared and the signs of aging are anxiously concealed from others and from ourselves. Abraham Joshua Harchel says derisively: 'Monotheism has acquired a new meaning: the one and only thing that counts is being young. Youth is our god and being young is divine.' To be sure, youth is a very marvellous thing. However, the cult of youth is idolatry. Abraham is the grand old man, but the legend of Faust is pagan.

"The Torah proclaims: 'You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old.' (Levitious 19:32) Two talmudic rabbis disagree over the meaning of this verse. Rabbi Yose the Galilean says that it means: you shall honor primarily those among the old who are wise and who have acquired great knowledge. Rabbi Yohanan, however, says: you should rise before and show honor to all old people, gentiles as well as Jews, because the elderly have a vast store of wisdom just because they have experienced and lived through so much. "How many adventures of living have befallen them," he exclaims (Kiddushin, 326).

"It is Rabbi Yohanan's opinion that became normative for Judaism. We view the attainment of old age as a victory, not a defeat; as something to be celebrated, not concealed. The aged are our cultural treasure. We are stronger because of their participation in our personal and communal life. We are sturdier when we view wrinkles as the rewards of rich experience and see white hair as the crown of glory."

To which I say a hearty Amen and, with the passing of another year, wish all of you a positive and invigorating outlook on life.

Israel works towards equality for its Arab citizens

By VARDA SHIFFER

As the process of peace moves slowly, taking inevitable turns and detours, it provides an opportunity for us to look at yet another aspect of what will be required to achieve a just and lasting peace. Israel, while working to build peace with its Palestinian neighbors, must also work to improve relations with its own Arab citizens who may serve as an important bridge to peace.

There are 800,000 Arab citizens of Israel, roughly 18% of the population. Although Israel's Arabs have consistently proven their loyalty throughout the country's 45 year history, they are still often viewed with mistrust and suspicion by other Israelis. Where they are provided with the basic rights and privileges of citizenship, they are too often denied basic educational and economic opportunities. If Israel does not deal directly and effectively to address the issues facing its Arab citizens, then it risks replacing its external conflict with an intensified internal one.

Several months ago, when the Israeli government voted to approve the Jericho-Gaza First Accord, J. Matza, a Knesset member from the Likud party, announced that parliament's approval of that agreement depended upon members of Knesset who were PLO supporters, by which he meant Israeli Arab M.K.s. Some suggested that this was a slip of the tongue. But in fact, Matza was in perfect conformity with a tradition of delegitimizing the Arab citizens of Israel.

Last July, in the same fashion, another Likud MK, U. Landau, said with regards to the talks with the PLO, that the prime minister "does not have a mandate to implement the policy of concessions on the Golan Heights and in Jerusalem with the help of votes of MKs who identify with the aims of the PLO, and of Syria."

Although Matza's is a minority view in Israel, it still pervades the consciousness of too many people who believe that Arab Israelis who live, vote and are educated alongside the Jewish majority are not "true" Israelis. This prejudice translates into discrimination against Arab Israelis in virtually every aspect of life.

The fact is that Israeli Arabs have, even under hardship, proven their loyalty to the state of Israel. The overwhelming majority are law-abiding citizens who have never engaged in any activities that have harmed Israel or the security of the state.

Yet Arab Israelis have never been treated as equal partners. From 1948 to 1966, they were under military rule and needed permits to move from one area to another inside Israel. After the Six Day War, when Israel's economy was rapidly developing, Jewish towns and villages received special budget allocations that were not available to Arab villages. No Arab community was declared a development town. And Project Renewal funds were directed mainly to Jewish not Arab neighborhoods.

The practical result of this disparity in the allocation of funds means that today there are still many Arab towns without adequate roads, sewage systems and with very limited municipal services. One out of six Arab children live below the poverty line. And a recent report by Israel's State Comptroller's office points out huge gaps between the Arab and Jewish sectors in almost every aspect of education, both in terms of investments and outcomes.

In addition, because the majority of Arab citizens do not serve in the military, they are covertly discriminated against by being denied substantial benefits that are offered only to those who are soldiers and family members of soldiers. For instance, most Arabs are denied increased children's allowances and special mortgage terms provided to soldiers, even though there is no reasonable connection between service in the army and the extra allowances.

During the last two years of the Likud government, the urgent need to improve municipal services and social welfare in Arab towns and villages was finally recognized. Just before the change in government, the Ministry of Interior adopted a policy of affirmative action on a rather small scale, by allocating special budgets to local authorities.

Finally, at the behest of non-profit organizations that work on behalf of Arab citizens, the government has begun to recognize the urgent need to improve municipal services and social welfare in Arab towns and villages. Budgets for education in the Arab sector were increased substantially. First moves have been made to grant allowances to children of Arab families.

As the peace process moves forward, a host of non-governmental organizations within Israel will intensify their advocacy for equality for Israel's Arab citizens. They will seek an improved educational system, municipal and social services and employment opportunities. They will seek to create conditions within Arab communities that will make possible the prospect of Arab Israelis and Jews living together in mutual respect and dignity.

With the possibility of peace, Arab Israelis have the potential to play a key role in building new relationships with Palestinians across the green line. The time has come for this population, too long relegated to second-class status, to become full participants in the state. It is critical for all people who care about the future of Israel to promote efforts for coexistence between Jewish and Arab Israelis.

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Collecting notebooks is one of my favorite things

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Most women, I am told, fantasize about romance, or wealth, or wild adventure. I fantasize about notebooks.

My most exotic daydream focuses on shelves full of neatly labelled binders, the accumulated paper effluvia of my life gathered up, beaten into hole-punched submission, and tidily catalogued between plastic covers.

I'm not dreaming of anything unattainable here. The core materials — binders, labels, section dividers, even three-hole punchers — are routine commodities at the nearest store. The unattainable elements are time, energy and some sense of just where to begin.

Do I start with family photographs, piles of them begging to be made chronological while I can still tell one infant from another and discern one mountain range from its geological twin? I have envelopes of pictures stacked in teetering pyramids, cupboards jammed with expensively developed stacks of snapshots I have looked at once — albeit with great pleasure — and tucked away against the "some day" when I will organize them into binders, each labeled with destination and year, marching like soldiers down the shelf.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Or do I begin with Judaic studies class notes, here a stack from the rabbi's lectures, there a stack from women study sessions, here a pile of browning loose sheets accumulated at Aish HaTorah seminars? These compulsively taken notes, the product of adult ed classes randomly pursued for 15 years, are all valuable, and they are all here. I couldn't possibly locate any specific set for you, but I know they're here. I wrote them carefully, stacked them lovingly, hoarded them unceasingly. I just have never filed them in the binders of my dreams.

I have clippings and columns to cut out and punch and bind. I have recipes tucked into cookbooks. I have the accumulated kindergarten artwork of three obviously genius-level artists, my children. These masterpieces are stacked in a couple of cardboard boxes, but I have them, and one day I'll find a notebook big enough. One day, I'll find a day big enough.

I have wonderful crossword puzzles torn from magazines and ready to bind. My bedside drawer is stuffed with *New Yorker* magazine covers and Absolut vodka ads ready to gather into collections of graphic virtuosity.

Surely a binder would help organize my magazine tear sheets showing arty shots of perfectly decorated rooms, each with a little detail I can learn from (none show stacks of unrestrained paper). Because I make collages, I save anything pretty, but a binder would make them prettier.

Somewhere out there, there's a loose-leaf binder just waiting to hug and hold the clipped-out poems, the hoarded cartoons, the wise clippings of child-raising advice, housekeeping advice, and clutter-busting advice.

I knew there must be a way to organize all my cherished papers, but I didn't know how until my recent visit to my friend Lilia's office. One entire wall was covered with bookcases holding black notebooks with white labels: 1990 Correspondence marched next to 1991 Correspondence, 1989 curriculum outlines lined up next to the 1990 outlines; there were binders for meetings and binders for school board matters, binders for phone messages and binders for memos and meetings. I walked into this gold mine and was struck with the powerful temptation to covet my neighbor's notebooks.

I can resist. I can act. I will bind. I will divide — with tabs — and conquer. I will clip and sort. Loose-leafed, stacked-up, ready for labels and loaded for dream fulfillment, notebook nirvana, here I come. Bolster my one New Year's resolution, faithful reader: go hole-punch something. We'll both feel better.

Schismatics of one faith hate each other more cordially than they hate outsiders

Shmaryahu Levin, 1932

Features

Revival in St. Petersburg

Sheldon Kirshner visits St. Petersburg and reports on the Jewish revival taking place in that northern Russian city.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In 1986, when Jakob Tsukerman asked the Communist authorities for permission to publish a one-page Jewish newspaper, his application was summarily rejected.

Tsukerman, a physicist by training and a journalist by vocation, was undaunted. In his heart of hearts, he knew there was a potential readership out there thirsting for Jewish news, despite heavy-handed efforts by the government to suppress what was left of Jewish culture after some seven decades of communism.

A 48-year-old bear of a man, Tsukerman had always wanted to be a publisher. But he repeatedly kept his dream in abeyance as he pursued a career in hydrology. Finally, in 1982, he began publishing an underground almanac on Jewish life in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad and Petrograd). This venture lasted until 1985. By then, he was ready to put out an above-ground publication.

Two years later, when Mikhail Gorbachev's brave new world of glasnost and perestroika was already in full swing, he launched a bulletin on Jewish culture and aliyah. Technically, he was in violation of the law. "But the government did not try to stop it."

In May 1990, when the Soviet Union was already in its death throes, Tsukerman, in collaboration with a colleague who has since emigrated to Israel and the Jewish Association of St. Petersburg, brought out what is today the city's sole Jewish newspaper, a bi-weekly called *Ami*.

For the first three issues, *Ami* was carefully scrutinized by government censors. But with the passage of legislation proclaiming freedom of the press in the former Soviet Union, *Ami* took flight and soared. Its circulation is 10,500.

Funded by the Jewish Association of St. Petersburg, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews of San Francisco, *Ami* is unprepossessing in appearance and anything but profitable. Yet, Tsukerman suggests, it is symbolic of the rebirth of Jewish life in this faded Baltic Sea port since the late 1980s.

According to Vadim Polyansky, a prominent activist, the first Jewish organization sanctioned by the regime emerged in 1988. It was the Leningrad Society for Jewish Culture, now known as the Jewish Association of St. Petersburg.

Within a few years of its formation, other groups surfaced, ranging from a Maccabi sports club — of which Polyansky is chairman — to a Jewish veterans' association. Today, St. Petersburg, with a Jewish population estimated at 120,000, is home to a grand total of 37 organizations, even though the majority reportedly exist on paper only.

Vadim Polyansky

Most notably, there is a B'nai Brith chapter, two children's choirs, an adult choir, a musical and folklore ensemble, and a social welfare fund which caters to the old, sick and needy. St. Petersburg's first of five Jewish day schools — three of which are allotted classroom space in regular secular schools — was opened in 1990. The Jewish University, inaugurated in 1989 and fully accredited as an institute of higher education, has more than 300 students.

The Lubavitch movement, with some 20 branches all over the former Soviet Union, sponsors a kindergarten, a yeshiva, a girls' seminary and a senior citizens' soup kitchen. Once a week, a shoichet comes in from Moscow, but kosher meat is still not widely available, said Rabbi Mendel Pewzner, the Lubavitch representative who hails from Brooklyn.

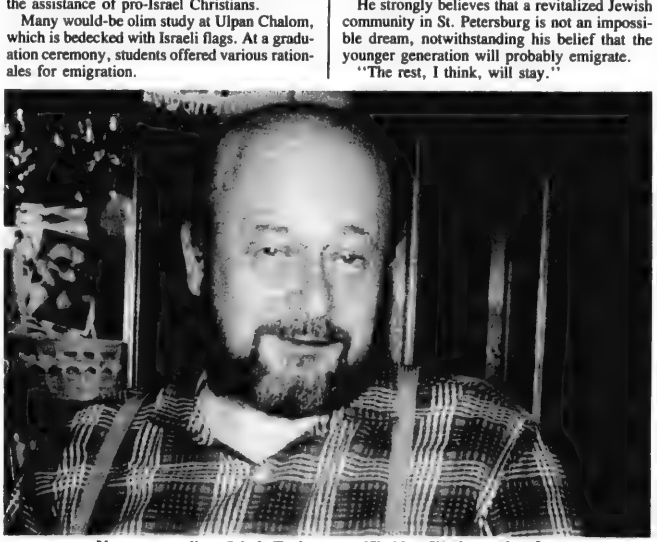
Rabbi Pewzner presides over the religious court at the Moorish-style Choral Synagogue, the only shul in St. Petersburg and currently the object of an inter-communal struggle for ownership. Its St. Petersburg-born spiritual leader since 1980 has been Rabbi Efim (Chaim) Levitis, a modest man of 42. Tsukerman claims that he lacks deep scholarly erudition, and that he was reputedly a KGB agent during the Communist era.

By all accounts, the ongoing Jewish renaissance in St. Petersburg touches only a limited number of Jews. "Maybe 2,000 to 3,000," said Tsukerman, a walking encyclopedia of the community's development. "Our St. Petersburg Jews are not so Jewish. They're assimilated. They have good jobs, and in general, they don't want to make aliyah. Israel doesn't need so many Russian-speaking engineers, doctors and teachers."

Since 1990, 30,000 Jews have emigrated — 12,000 having gone to Israel, the rest to Germany, the United States, Canada and Australia. Polyansky says that emigration to countries other than Israel is running at 100 to 150 monthly.

Shimon Dolev, director of the Israel Information Centre, disclosed that 200 to 300 emigrants make aliyah every month. Lev Mendelevich, a local Jew, sends olim to Israel via Finland with the assistance of pro-Israel Christians.

Many would-be olim study at Ulpan Chalom, which is bedecked with Israeli flags. At a graduation ceremony, students offered various rationales for emigration.



Newspaper editor Jakob Tsukerman [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Tatyana Ritichenko, a 25-year-old chemical engineer, cited Russia's political and economic instability. Natasha Mirkena, a 34-year-old teacher, said she was fed up with anti-Semitism. Andrei Jaglin, a 26-year-old doctor, and Sasha Lechovitsky, a 32-year-old computer programmer, said they hoped to improve the quality of their lives in Israel.

Aeroflot, the Russian airline, has a regularly-scheduled flight to Ben-Gurion Airport once every week. During the months of July and August, El Al also ferries immigrants to Israel.

Dolev, a Soviet immigrant himself, does not expect a dramatic increase in aliyah in the aftermath of the failed Oct. 4 putsch in Moscow. "The Jewish people here believe in Yeltsin," he said, referring to Russia's president, Boris Yeltsin.

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Although the Jewish revival in St. Petersburg is of fairly modest proportions, no one should forget that, Jewishly-speaking, this was once a wasteland.

Outside the Pale of Settlement during czarist times, St. Petersburg attracted Jews despite the prohibition on Jewish settlement. After the 1917 revolution, all such restrictions were lifted. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Jewish population grew rapidly. Two hundred thousand Jews lived in St. Petersburg during the long, bitter Nazi siege.

As elsewhere in the Soviet Union, communism was unkind to the Jewish community. In the early 1960s, in line with Moscow's anti-religious campaign, Jewish bakers were detained for illegally baking matzah, while Jewish youths congregating around the Choral Synagogue on Simchat Torah were arrested.

In 1970, a court in St. Petersburg handed down severe prison sentences to a group of Jews who had been accused of trying to hijack a Soviet airplane to Israel.

Tsukerman was friendly with one of the hijackers, Eduard Kuznetzov, who has since made aliyah and edits a Russian-language newspaper in Israel, *Vesti*.

Like Kuznetsov, Tsukerman was an activist. In 1961, he was detained for seven hours after having had the temerity to join a Simchat Torah celebration at the Choral Synagogue. Two years later, in the course of a Passover seder at the shul, he was detained yet again. The rector of Leningrad State University, where he was a student, was informed of his after-hour activities. "I had some problems after that," he said without elaborating.

In the wake of the 1967 Six Day War, which galvanized numerous Jews in the Soviet Union, he and some friends founded an underground circle for the study of Hebrew language and Jewish history.

After Kuznetsov and his associates were imprisoned, the police cracked down on the Jewish underground movement, but Tsukerman was not affected.

"I wasn't in the top leadership. At the time, I was employed in an institute of hydrology."

At one point, he seriously considered making aliyah. But by the time he got around to it, the government had tightened the noose on emigration.

Tsukerman, whose ex-wife and 12-year-old daughter reside in the United States, has no immediate plans to leave Russia. Indeed, he intends to start a Jewish book publishing company, as well as a Jewish TV show. "My place is here, to publish *Ami*. If I can't, I will go to Israel."

He strongly believes that a revitalized Jewish community in St. Petersburg is not an impossible dream, notwithstanding his belief that the younger generation will probably emigrate.

"The rest, I think, will stay."

In the meantime, committed individuals like Rabbi Levitis, Rabbi Pewzner and Pauline Mendelevich are working hard to attend to the needs of those who identify with the community.

"A lot of Jews are distant from religion," said Rabbi Levitis. "We're doing what we can to change this situation."

On Sukkot, Rabbi Pewzner rented St. Petersburg's circus building for a musical evening. The event attracted 2,500 persons. Now plans are afoot for a "big concert" on Chanukah.

For Rabbi Pewzner, hope springs eternal. "We are reaching out to all Jews," he explained, "even assimilated Jews."

Mendelevich, a former lawyer, has been described as the Mother Theresa of St. Petersburg. Aided by a corps of 58 volunteers, the "Joint," local Jewish businessmen and Scandinavian Jews, she provides food, second-hand clothing, linen, drugs and wheelchairs for those in desperate need.

When she founded Lea, her charitable organization, only several hundred people depended on her largesse. But last year, she catered to 22,000 Jews, including 2,000 shut-ins.

"You need 48,000 roubles a month just to get by today," she said. "The people I serve subsist on an average pension of about 16,000 roubles."

Together with Mendelevich, I visited two shut-ins.

Bent, arthritic, hard of hearing and almost blind, 79-year-old spinster Pauline Zimmerman is alone in the world, all her relatives having died. Mendelevich visits her one-room flat regularly, always leaving behind sufficient provisions.

On this sombre day, Mendelevich brought one frozen chicken, a bottle of cooking oil, a bag of rice and of raisins, packages of butter, tea, sugar and powdered milk, three tins of fish, one jar of jam and a bag of cookies.

Zimmerman, I was told, is not left to fend for herself. Twice a week, she receives help from a volunteer who cooks and cleans.

Mendelevich also visited Nina Finkelstein, whose husband and only child, a son, were killed in World War II. Now frail, in her 80s, Finkelstein still mourns their untimely deaths, decrying the fate into she was thrust.

"We must help people like Paulina and Nina," Mendelvich said. "We owe it to them."

Upwards of 50,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have streamed into Germany in the past several years. The influx, which resembles the Russian-Jewish tidal wave of the 19th century, has doubled Germany's Jewish population and made Germany a magnet for Jewish emigration from the old Soviet Union.

Tens of thousands of Jews from ex-Soviet republics like Russia and Ukraine have set their sights on Germany despite an upsurge of xenophobia and anti-Semitism, according to Roman Spector, vice-president of the Moscow-based Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad).

Israel, whose raison d'etre is immigration, is naturally miffed. Last June, a Knesset committee called on the German government to "make it difficult" for Soviet Jews to enter Germany. "We have no interest in increasing the size of the Jewish community in Germany," declared committee chairman, Emanuel Zissman.

Germany's ambassador to Russia, Otto von der Gablentz, recognizes the problem. But, he wondered, "Do we, as Germans, have the moral right to reject Jews who wish to live in a modern, democratic country like Germany?"

In any case, Von der Gablentz, who was previously Germany's envoy in Tel Aviv, believes that Israel has "accepted the reality" of the situation.

Soviet Jewish immigration to Germany is a phenomenon that really got under way in 1990, when the now-defunct German Democratic Republic (GDR) was in its death throes.

In March of that year, just a few months before East Germany collapsed and was amalgamated by West Germany, the GDR expressed its willingness to grant refugee status to "persecuted Jews" in the Soviet Union. By April, almost 5,000 Jewish refugees had accepted the offer. The newcomers were accommodated in barracks in an East Berlin suburb.

After German reunification in October 1990, new regulations pertaining to Soviet Jewish refugees came into effect. Today, the largest group of Jewish immigrants are so-called quota refugees, citizens of the former Soviet Union who can prove they are Jewish. They are followed by refugees who have relatives in Germany, and Jews of German origin.

"It's a touchy question, of course," admitted an official in Germany's embassy in Moscow. After the Nazi era, Germany is wary of classifying people on the basis of ethnicity, race or religion.

"We don't ask for documents relating to ancestry," he said, referring to quota refugees. It is sufficient for an applicant to produce an internal passport, which lists nationality.

Soviet Jews stream into Germany

It is, therefore, relatively simple for a Soviet Jew to enter Germany. "For (Soviet) Jews, Germany, after Israel, has by far the least complicated immigration laws and offers good basic social and economic conditions," writes Susanne Spulbeck, a German anthropologist who has studied Soviet Jews. "The United States, Canada and Australia are not prepared to take in Jewish refugees under comparable circumstances."

Despite the spectre of deep recession, with its high unemployment rate, a consensus exists that Jewish refugees should be allowed into Germany, said the embassy official. "There is no real domestic discussion with regard to this issue. It has the consent of all federal state governments."

Bonn tries to spread the refugees evenly around the country. In practice, the majority join relatives and friends in Berlin, the capital-to-be. As a result, Berlin's Jewish community has grown significantly, while Frankfurt's has increased and Dusseldorf's has nearly doubled.

Still, as observers have noted, many Soviet Jews in Germany have little Jewish identity, and do not become members of the community. Israeli officials like Zissman believe they are "being lost" in their adopted homeland.

True or not, the fact remains that Germany has become a mecca for Jews who have no desire to put up with the hyperinflation, political instability and civil war now ravaging virtually all the former republics of the Soviet empire.

Rabbi's dedication to Torah learning is praised

By LEILA SPEISMAN
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TORONTO —It was supposed to be an evening devoted to shmiras haloshon, guarding one's tongue. And it was, with psychotherapist Phyllis Weinberg, founder of a city-wide campaign against loshon hora (malicious gossip), telling over 100 women at Agudath Israel Synagogue to show concern for family, friends and others in the community.

It was supposed to be a lecture about Rabbi Chaim Shmulewitz, the former head of the Mir yeshiva, whose character, according to his nephew Rabbi Raphael Shmulewitz, epitomized the mitzvah of shmiras haloshon (guarding one's tongue.)

And the younger Rabbi Shmulewitz did speak about his uncle's "great head and great heart," whose brilliance and dedication to Torah learning went hand in hand with compassion, understanding and empathy.

What was not expected was that Weinberg would be presented with the Canada 125 medal, awarded, as MP Joe Volpe explained, by the government of Canada and the Governor General "to recognize the contribution of those working to build a better community."

Weinberg was honored, Volpe explained, for her shmiras haloshon campaign. She was as surprised as everyone else by the presentation.

Rabbi Shmulewitz used anecdotes about Rabbi Chaim Shmulewitz to illustrate the lessons of his life.

Although he was a prominent rosh yeshiva and scholar, he went to the Kotel on the crowded public transport bus, avoiding the pomp (and convenience) he might have been accorded. He considered every second a precious opportunity for Torah study, but every week he took time to visit his old aunt.

He knew the Gemara by heart, but taught with a text in front of him so people wouldn't realize his incredible talent.

He was able to fully share the joy and suffering of others, said Rabbi Shmulewitz. "He cried at the story of Ruth, feeling the shame and humiliation of Ruth and Naomi, and he cried when Ruth was rewarded for her goodness, rejoicing in her joy."

Rabbi Shmulewitz, who lived with Rabbi Chaim for several years, recalled how his uncle used to go the tomb of Absalom before Rosh Hashanah, asking G-d to forgive the Jewish people, just as David forgave his son for rebelling against him.

When a young student could not find a study partner, Rabbi Chaim studied with him himself, thus giving him self-confidence and dignity.

Rabbi Chaim also believed in the importance of showing proper gratitude. He once publicly thanked the cook at a restaurant.

When writing to an elderly relative living in a nursing home, he used his full title, something he rarely did, so staff would perhaps treat him with more respect after seeing him receive mail from a prominent scholar.

He urged everyone to avoid hurting others, even if one thinks it is for their own good, calling it "like putting your hand in a fire — you are bound to get burned yourself."

The lecture was one in a series on the topic of guarding one's tongue. Other projects include telephone stickers, pledges to refrain from gossip at pre-arranged times of the day, and a reminder phone service.

Psalms were recited for Jews in Israel "who are subject to tragic incidents of brutality and murder on a daily basis," said a flyer given out at the program.

MP Joe Volpe congratulates Phyllis Weinberg on her receiving a Canada 125 medal.

Medical ethics to be studied

SAN FRANCISCO — Nearly 400 physicians, nurses, rabbis, and health care professionals from the United States, Canada, Israel and other countries are expected to attend the fifth international conference on Jewish medical ethics, held Feb. 18 to 21, just outside San Francisco.

The conference is sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Medical Ethics of the Hebrew Academy of San Francisco, Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics, Asaf Harofeh Hospital in Zerifin, Israel, the Department for Leadership Development and Dor Hemshech of the World Zionist Organization and the National Council of Young Israel.

Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, former chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth and a leading scholar in the field of medical ethics, is taking part in the conference. He described the annual event as "the leading event of its kind in the Jewish world."

Conference topics will include secular as opposed to religious approaches to medical ethics; Maimonides' preventive health care philosophy; use of technology in medicine and science; reproductive problems; justifiable risk in surgery and experimental therapy; and gene therapy.

Some other topics include euthanasia, limitation of health care, and patient rights and physician responsibilities.

The faculty includes Nobel laureates Rosalyn Yalow, Paul Berg and Herbert Abrams; Rabbi Moshe Tendler of Yeshiva University; Mordechai Halperin, Shaarei Zedek Medical Center; nuclear physicist Edward Teller; Fred Rosner, Queen's Hospital Center, Jamaica, N.Y.; David Modai, Asaf Harofeh Medical Center; Martin Greenberg, Children's Hospital, Savannah, Ga.; and Joyce Lashof, dean emeritus of the School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley.

Also attending will be U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, and Rabbi Pinchas Lipner, founder and dean of the Insitute for Jewish Medical Ethics.

The conference is accredited for nurses and physicians for up to 29 units of continuing medical education by the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine.

For more information, contact the Institute for Jewish Medical Ethics, 645 14th Avenue, San Francisco, Ca., 94118; 1-800-258-4427 (this toll-free number is valid in Canada) or (415) 752-7333.

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UIA women's campaigns raise over $13 million

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Women's fundraising in federation campaigns has become more and more significant over the years, and last year the 11 women's divisions across the country raised over $13 million, almost 20 per cent of the total amount raised by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, according to Trudy Pekarsky.

Pekarsky, a Vancouver community leader, was recently named president of the Women's Division of UIA of Canada for a two-year term. She will serve also as vice-president of UIA.

As women's earning power has increased in recent years, their pattern of giving has changed drastically, Pekarsky said. They make their own decisions on how much to give and don't necessarily tie in their gifts with what their husbands are contributing. "They are a major force for the good in giving," she added.

Pekarsky said the annual Women's Division conference will be held in April in Ottawa "at which time we hope to motivate and inspire an even greater effort." The theme of the conference will be Campaigning in Peacetime.

Also in the works is a February UIA chairmen's mission to Israel at which time, Pekarsky said, "I hope to get a handle on the peace negotiations and try and determine the course of our campaign planning."

A native of Edmonton, Pekarsky has assumed many leadership positions both in the Women's Division of Vancouver's Combined Jewish Appeal and in the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. She was chair of the CJA Women's Division in 1985, initiator of the division's Lion of Judah program, first chairman of the Woman to Woman Conversations program in 1993, a member of the JFGV board of directors since 1987 and vice-president of community relations in 1992.

The Woman to Woman Conversations program, launched in 1993, "offered a more personalized approach to women's giving," Pekarsky told The CJN. "Qualitatively, this program was most successful because it gave donors and canvassers alike the opportunity to share their concerns and hopes for our community." The goal for the current campaign of the Women's Division is $1 million.

Meanwhile, the CJA campaign in Vancouver is making good progress, according to Howard Karby, general chair, and Hilary Benson, Women's Division chair. For the first time, the invitation to the Major Donors dinner was extended to spouses and adult children. Said Karby: "Recognizing that the future strength of our community depends on the continuity of familial generosity and commitment, this year's event sought to include major contributors and their families. The evening was extremely successful, with many families represented by two generations."

BREAKFAST SEMINAR

Brian J. Steck (left), president and CEO of Nesbitt Thomson Inc., addressed a breakfast seminar for financial professionals at the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto. The seminar was organized by the Israel Bonds RRSP advisory committee. Seen here is (from left) Steck; Darryl Ura; Debra Thuet, committee chair; Gary Morris; Michaerl Dorfman and Alexander Lutsky. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

Israeli national hockey team holds tryouts for tournament

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Israeli national hockey team has held its first series of tryouts in preparation for the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Pool C, group II competition that is set to face off in Barcelona on March 13.

The team is hoping to improve on its last place finish at the 1993 event in Bled, Slovenia, where it was outclassed by premiere outfits from newly-independent republics like Latvia and Ukraine.

As a result of the one-sided nature of many of the games last year, Pool C has been subdivided into two groups. In '94, Israel will compete against similarly-skilled teams from South Africa, Spain, Belgium, South Korea and Australia, as well as the winner of a tournament between Greece, Turkey and Croatia, and the winner of a second competition between Lithuania and Estonia.

The Israeli contingent figures to be much the same as the one that represented the Jewish state last March, said Gideon Lee, the team's Toronto-based coach. But there could be some surprises. Lev Genin, a former junior A goaltender with Soviet Wings, is a strong candidate to crack the lineup, he said.

Speaking before he left for the tryout camp in Israel, Lee said the team is also looking for North American-based hockey players who hold Israeli passports, who might be interested in playing in the IIHF tournament.

As was the case last year, the national team will hold a pre-tournament training camp at a location north of Barcelona in the weeks leading up to the competition.

Paul Shindman, a Toronto-born oleh who manages the national team, said this year's skaters will be tested for physical fitness prior to their departure for Spain. Last year's team was hampered by the poor conditioning of several of its players, he said.

In other developments, the former Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association has split into two organizations — one whose mandate is hockey, a second whose mandate is exclusively figure skating. Eric Melanson, a native of Leamington Ontario, who now lives in Kibbutz Naot Mordechai, heads the hockey operations, while Metulla mayor Yossi Goldberg is in charge of figure skating in Israel.

Shindman, who formerly headed the umbrella organization that included both, said that the split occurred because both sports grew large enough to look after their own interests.

Meanwhile, as a result of a successful court challenge, the hockey federation will receive for the first time an allocation from Sports Lotto, Israel's national sports lottery. In previous years, hockey and other sports that were not part of the Israeli athletic mainstream received nothing from the lottery. This year, ice sports will get $100,000.

Most of the money will go to develop youth hockey and purchase equipment for children. Only a portion is earmarked for the national team, Shindman said, adding it is still looking for donations to help offset the costs of icing a team in Barcelona. The national team is still about $20,000 short, he said.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team or in donating equipment (particulary sticks) or money, contact Lee at (416) 512-6660.

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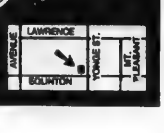

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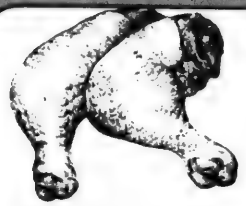

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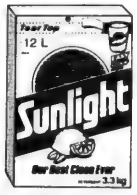

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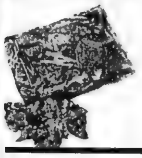

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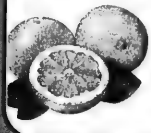

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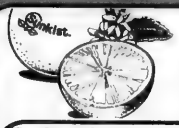

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JNF Negev Dinner plans to fete Winnipeg architect

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish National Fund (JNF) Council for Manitoba and Saskatchewan has announced that Morley Blankstein, a prominent Winnipeg architect, is to be the honoree at its 42nd annual Negev Dinner in June.

A lifelong Winnipegger, Blankstein is highly respected for his involvement in the community and his professional accomplishments.

The honoree has been a leader in both the general and Jewish communities in Israel and at home. For many years, he was an active member of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Winnipeg and served as campaign chair in 1978 and 1979. He was also a member of the National Executive Council of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Currently, he is a member of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Campus Planning and Building committees, the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue Cemetery committee and its Planning and Development committee and the Canadian Technion Society which he chairs, and the Technion's Board of Governors. He is an Honorary Fellow of the institute.

Associated with Technion

Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Project Renewal committee which is working to improve poor neighborhoods in Gan Yavne and Jaffa Daled in Israel. He has also long been associated with the Technion both through the local chapter, the

In the general community, he is a past president of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, member of the Board of the United Way of Winnipeg, member of the executive committee of the Canadian Club of Winnipeg, and he has served as an honorary aide-de-camp (civil) to His Honor Richard S. Bowles when Bowles was Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

Zeev Kedem, the JNF's shaliach in Winnipeg, reports that Sol Kanee has agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner, JNF vice-presidents Norman Vickar and Sam Guralnick are co-ordinating the event, Harold Buchwald Q.C. and Charles Shore are responsible for the Corporate Role of Honor, and Dr. Michael Helper will be chair of hosts.

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Former Winnipegger goes from law to compiling elegant recipes

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —How does a real estate developer come to write a cookbook?

Well, says Winnipeg-born Jacqueline Simkin, cooking and entertaining in her Miami home remind her of the warm family holiday gatherings of her childhood.

Her family is well-known in the Winnipeg community. Father Saul Simkin founded BACM Industries, which became part of Genstar. Chair of UJA for a time, a builder of the Rosh Pina Synagogue (her grandfather helped build a Lubavitcher shul in earlier times), he and his brothers were recently honored at the Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner.

"We were known as a close-knit family. The four brothers were in business together, and they always got along with each other," said Simkin.

That closeness was reflected in family gatherings, where everyone pitched in to provide the food.

"My grandmothers, Rusie Katz and Fanny Simkin, my mother (Claribel) and my aunts (Clara Erlichman and Jen Cohen) were all fabulous cooks. They are my inspiration."

Simkin didn't start out as a expert cook. Instead, she studied law at the University of Manitoba and, later, at King's College at the University of London. When she was first married (she is now divorced) she couldn't cook at all.

But she "loved to eat, so I had to learn how to cook."

She remembers that during an extended stay in Israel, she used to cook American food for her friends. "Nobody ever refused to come. Something like a grilled cheese sandwich was exotic to them."

Jacqueline Simkin

Now, what about that cookbook? It's called *Spices, Rices and Other Vices: A Cookbook from Miami and the Beach*.

It all started when co-author Beverly Penzell wrote a chapter for an imaginary cookbook as a school project. Penzell had so much fun she decided to work on a real one.

She drew in Simkin, by then a Florida real estate developer, and freelance illustrator Marcia Rabinowitz, and the four-year odyssey to publication began.

Rabinowitz illustrated the book with delightful sketches of food arrangements and laid out the artwork; Simkin did most of the photographs and the writing, and Penzell coordinated the whole project.

Each one took one-third of the recipes and had them tested, Simkin and Rabinowitz by professional chefs. Finally, the book came out, published in the United States by Barricade Books and in Canada by McClelland & Stewart.

The style of the cooking in the book is "elegant and easy," says Simkin. Ingredients found in south Florida markets are utilized, like queso blanco (a salty white cheese) and harina mesa (a form of cornmeal). Cajun and creole seasonings reflect the influence of southern cuisine on Florida cooking, as does the use of native fish, such as snapper and grouper.

"This is an eclectic book," Simkin said. "We tried to incorporate all the cultures of Miami, which is 60 per cent Spanish [along with] English and some Jewish. There is very little Asian influence."

Especially effective are the photographs, which reflect the changing ethnic and architectural face of the area. An elderly woman beams as the camera catches her exercising, rows of snowbirds sit watching the passing scene in Miami, an incredibly beautiful Caribbean woman shows off her native dress.

While the cookbook is not kosher (there are a number of seafood and pork recipes), Simkin says many of the recipes either are acceptable as they are or can be adapted.

In fact, Simkin confided, some of her recipes are not really Miami ones at all — they are transplanted from her North End Winnipeg home.

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Russians celebrate Chanukah

TORONTO — About 230 recently arrived Russian immigrants had a taste of Chanukah last month, the first time for many, at National Council of Jewish Women's Council House.

The celebration was co-sponsored by the World Jewry committee and Thornhill Study branch of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, in association with the Russian Integration Committee of the Jewish Women's Federation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

The evening began with a greeting from Marsha Slavens, co-chair of the Community Integration program, and a welcome from Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto. He conducted a beautiful candle lighting ceremony with the assistance of two Russian youths, Susanna Koren and Arkady Barapp.

Culture and history

The children were entertained by the antics of DooDoo the Clown and Wally, and there was lively dancing to the music of Alex Balaganov on the keyboard. Refreshments were served and the children received gift bags filled with chocolate Chanukah gelt, dreidles and coloring books. Special thanks to Shoppers Drug Mart and other companies for the generous donations.

The evening was a tremendous success for participants and volunteers alike. One participant wrote in an ESL class, "I am a newcomer from the former Soviet Union and now we have opportunities to take part in celebrations on the Jewish holidays. It is very important to us because we are Jewish and we want to know our culture and our history."

The Russian Integration committee of Jewish Women's Federation works together with local Jewish organizations to create programs for groups of newly arrived Russians. For further information, contact Vicky Weise at 631-5737.

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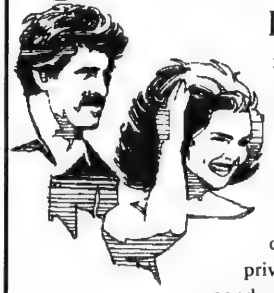

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Analyst outlines student program for Israel activism

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special the The CJN

TORONTO — Jon Rothmann, political analyst and foreign policy consultant, was a keynote speaker and workshop leader at the recent National Convention of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada.

Rothmann, who speaks at campuses across the continent about the Middle East peace process and Jewish identity, listed three levels of conflict: between the superpowers (the United States and the former Soviet Union), between Israel and the Arabs States, and between Israel and the Palestinians.

Rothmann said he has believed for some time that, to achieve peace in the Middle East, all three levels of conflict would have to be resolved.

However now, he said, "The essential element is, that with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the whole matrix has changed. What you have today without the Soviet Union is, on the first level of conflict, no conflict; on the second level of conflict, the hardline Arab States including Syria are being put in a position of having no protector, so they have had to come to the peace table; and on the third level of conflict, it is now the Palestinians who are not only isolated militarily but isolated diplomatically, without any support from a major superpower. So, the collapse of the Soviet Union is, in my judgement, the key catalyst for the entire process."

He then talked about letters exchanged between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sept. 9.

In Arafat's letter, said Rothmann, the PLO leader recognizes Israel's right to exist, unconditionally accepts United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, affirms that the conflict has to be resolved peacefully, renounces terrorism and commits himself to controlling and disciplining those elements within the PLO that might commit terrorist acts. He also acknowledges that the PLO covenant calls for the destruction of Israel, and he indicates that those aspects of the covenant which interfere with the peace process must be abrogated. Rabin's letter acknowledges the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"So I would suggest that both Israel and the PLO got what they wanted," he concluded. "And that exchange of letters is, to me, the critical basis upon which everything else sits."

Students should go to Israel

Rothmann recommended that students take proactive initiatives on campus. He feels that the level of response is often dictated by the opposition. He sees a need for Jewish students to be able to organize their resources in order to provide accurate information about Israel.

Outlining an agenda for Israel activism on campus, Rothmann suggested three focal points: promote student group trips to Israel; bring cultural programs to campus, such as presentations on Ethiopian Jews in Israel and Israeli archeology; keep students on campus informed of the latest information on the peace process. Cross-Canada speaking tours and film screenings are also effective, he added, and he stressed the importance of openly discussing the difficulties on the road to peace.

Rothmann insisted that Jewish students must go to Israel, and the campuses should encourage them to make their first visit.

Rothmann also discussed the role of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada. He reported that last year, when the National Budgeting Conference for Canadian Jewry held a convention for student leaders, a student in attendance stated that Jewish students are an investment, not an expense. Rothmann said he agrees completely with this statement.

"It is clear that more money is needed for Jewish students. I am a Network partisan. I have seen Network make a difference."

He listed some of the issues that Network has dealt with, such as Jonathan Pollard, Soviet Jewry and Ron Arad.

In Rothmann's view, "Network serves a vital function in Canada. It is the link that unites Jewish students across Canada. The challenge of Network is that it is whatever Jewish students want it to be."

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Specific ways of combating anti-Semitism on campus were addressed in a workshop given by Josh Schwarcz, Ontario director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, at the Jewish Students' Network-Canada National Convention.

With this in mind, the League has recently published *Anti-Semitism on Campus: A Handbook for Student Action* as a guide.

Josh Schwarcz

For the past 10 years, the League has been publishing its annual *Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents in Canada*. The League uses this publication to monitor reported incidents of anti-Semitism in Canada. As a comparison, Schwarcz told his audience, the Toronto Police has only been keeping records of reported hate crimes since last January.

He stated that the League for Human Rights has found a 200 per cent increase in reported anti-Semitic incidents since 1988, and that some of the events have happened on campus. He said that he himself had witnessed bigotry, anti-Zionism, and anti-Semitism on campus during his years as a student.

Schwarcz gave an example of a recent incident at an Ontario university where a swastika was painted in the dormitory of a Jewish student, and a note was left, saying "Jews go home."

He then explained that hate propaganda is illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada and that the League for Human Rights believe that Holocaust denial material is also hate propaganda.

He said that the League does not believe in censorship. They do not want to remove hate propaganda from campus libraries, but they are concerned that hate propaganda could be mislabeled in the history or other sections of a library. The League believes such material should be clearly labelled as Hate Propaganda.

Schwarcz recommended that when students see hate propaganda on campus, they should report it to the Police department, to their local Jewish student group, and to the League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith.

The three candidates for the chair of Network Canada (from left) Adam Block, Tamara Kronis and Andrea Silverstone. [Elizabeth Summerfield photo]

Jon Rothmann is seen with Gali Saloman an Israeli emissary based in Halifax on a World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) program. [Elizabeth Summerfield photo]

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TORONTO — Like many people looking after someone with Alzheimer's Disease, Charles Norman was reluctant to seek outside help when his wife, Jessie, was diagnosed last year.

"I was hesitant at first because I really didn't know what to expect with Alzheimer's," says Norman, a former officer in the British Merchant Marine. "When Jessie was diagnosed, I was told she was going to get worse and worse and I knew I'd have to take over around the house. Since then I've learned to cook, do the laundry, go shopping. I even learned how to bathe Jessie, to shampoo her hair and look after her teeth."

But when his wife's condition began to deteriorate rapidly, Norman knew he needed help. Their family doctor recommended a social worker, who in turn suggested the Samuel Lunenfeld Special Day Care Program offered at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Established in July 1987, the program is designed to provide respite for families caring for older relatives with moderate to severe cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease or other conditions.

The program, which accommodates 60 participants two to three days a week, features escorted, two-way, door-to-door bus transportation, one hot kosher meal daily, and a variety of programs to keep members occupied and help them retain whatever cognitive abilities they still have. Activities include fitness, reminiscence groups, arts and crafts, music, and supervised outings. The program is supervised by a highly trained, dedicated staff consisting of social workers, nurses, a program co-ordinator, five program aides trained in health care, and volunteers.

"We do much more than simply care for the person with Alzheimer's disease," says Diane Phillips, senior social worker at the Special Day Care program. "The families are very keen on it, especially spouses who carry the brunt of care and need respite the most. They really appreciate having those two or three days off, knowing that their relative is safe and well cared for."

Family members are also encouraged to join a seven-week support group where they receive information about cognitive impairment and advice on how to cope with their relative's behavior.

Jessie Norman now attends the Special Day Care Program every Tuesday and Thursday, and her husband treasures the time off.

"It gives me the chance to plan ahead to so some cooking and get things done around the house," he says. "It also gives me a bit of time for myself, which I really missed."

Useful advice

Norman says he's received useful advice from the staff, including tips on how to handle problems that occur when Jessie isn't at Day Care.

"They gave me a lot of confidence to go out and try these things, and they made the situation more clear to me. They even discussed permanent care for her, which I was considering but didn't know which way to go," he adds.

Norman says the caring and supportive environment of Special Day Care impressed him, and he believes his wife really enjoys attending the program.

"Jessie is in such an advanced stage of Alzheimer's that she cannot express herself," he explains. "She can't tell me how good it is or whether she likes it or doesn't like it. But I know she's happy here because of what I observe. When I come to pick her up, she wants to say goodbye to all her friends. I practically have to drag her out of here."

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Charles Norman (left) says goodbye to his wife Jessie as Baycrest Centre nurse Rosalee Berlin looks on.

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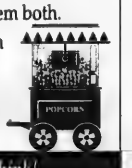

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TAU leaders go to Mexico

TORONTO — Nine leaders of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University participated in the second Hispanic Conference on behalf of the university, held in Mexico City and Cancun.

The Friends of Tel Aviv University in Latin America and Spain event was highlighted by the participation of the President of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

The Canadian delegation included Marcel Adams, chairman of the national board, Montreal president, Sue Carol Isaacson, and Toronto president, Marty Goldberg.

The conference included a series of lectures on current Jewish issues, and a variety of "encounters" between delegates from 74 countries who attended the sessions.

More than two-thirds of the delegates were from Spanish-speaking countries but translation services were provided.

The University was represented by its president, Professor Yoram Dinstein, and the chairman of the board of governors, M. B. Gitten.

The conference theme was a dialogue between the academic world and the community at large and three topics were discussed in depth — new trends in world economy, present-day anti-Semitism and the Middle East peace process.

Regional conferences have been held in Europe and a North American conference is tentatively being planned for Spring 1995.

Seven members of the Canadian delegation to the Second Encounter of Friends of Tel Aviv University in Latin America and Spain, held in Mexico City. The delegates included (from left) Pnina Redler, Arnold and Sue Carol Isaacson, Jeannie Tenenbaum, Marcel and Annie Adams and Deborah White.

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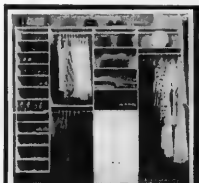

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Organizations and People

Demographic changes pose 'interesting challenge'

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The intermarriage rate in the Toronto Jewish community has doubled from 16 per cent to 32 per cent in the last 10 years, according to a study conducted for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Though this is below the 50 per cent rate in the United States, Jay Brodbar, assistant director of community planning for the Federation, says the two rates are not exactly comparable because the national U.S. rate takes into account many low-concentration Jewish areas while the Toronto experience is more akin to the New York-Baltimore region of heavy Jewish population.

In the 16 per cent of intermarriages in Toronto, one-third of the partners not born Jewish are identifying themselves as Jewish.

Factors such as this suggest that the processes underlying the intermarriage situations should be studied instead of most of the attention being given to the gross numbers, Brodbar said.

Brodbar also found confirmation from recent census data confirming a long-term trend that Jews have a higher proportion of elderly since 15 per cent of the Jewish community is over 65 while the general figure is 10 per cent.

He spoke recently to the Shabbat Study Luncheon of Beth Tzedec Synagogue on the Federation study entitled A First Look. One of its purposes is to give synagogues, social agencies and other groups information to help plan their programs.

The profile of the community was drawn from interviews with a random sample of 1,400 households in the Toronto area, taken as much as possible from areas which together make up an accurate composite picture.

The number of young Jews under 15 is also growing, 21 per cent in 1991, compared with 19 per cent in 1981.

"With a portion of the elderly and the young, both tending to be economically dependent, growing at either end of the age scale, it represents an interesting challenge for the community," Brodbar told The *CJN*.

The largest number of Jews in Toronto (39 per cent) identify with the Conservative movement, while 24 per cent do so with the Reform movement, and 10 per cent with the Orthodox.

The Conservative figure is about the same as in the U.S. but that of Reform is only half that in U.S., and the Orthodox figure is a little higher than south of the border.

Two-thirds of Toronto's Jews have visited Israel, the study showed, a much higher figure than the comparable one in U.S. More than 90 per cent of teenagers in Toronto have had some form of Jewish education. While a U.S. report showed that 38 per cent of Jews said most of their friends were Jewish, in Toronto 73 per cent said most of their friends were Jewish.

About half of Toronto's Jews belong to a synagogue, which is comparable with the U.S. experience.

Toronto scored better than U.S. cities in its rate of ritual observances, such as maintaining kashruth and lighting Sabbath candles. It also did well in giving money to charity, three-quarters of Toronto Jews reporting contributions to Jewish charities.

There is a dramatic difference in the attitudes to intermarriage, 45 per cent in Toronto being opposed, while in the U.S. only 18 per cent were opposed.

Brodbar believes one of the reasons Toronto has such a good record on charity donation, ritual observance, and Jewish identification generally, is that the Jewish population is still close to the immigrant experience, two-thirds of the adults in the community being immigrants or children of immigrants, which is three or four times higher than in U.S.

"Many of our indicators of Jewish attitude and involvement show some lessening with third and fourth generation Jews; nevertheless there is overall cause for optimism, particularly because even in the fourth generation of Jews in Toronto, there is still a relatively strong connection with our traditions," Brodbar said. "Our goal should be to develop diversity and to think about the quality of our Jewish community life, not only its numbers."

Bequest to Yeshiva U to aid Jewish studies and research

NEW YORK — Yeshiva University is the recipient of a $40 million benefaction — the largest in its 107-year history and believed to be the largest one-time gift to higher education under Jewish auspices — Dr. Norman Lamm, president, announced today.

The announcement of the Rachel Golding Benefaction was made at a recent press conference at the University's Stern College for Women, where Rudolph Giuliani, mayor-elect of New York City, joined Dr. Lamm; David S. Gottesman, the noted investments executive who serves as chairman of the University's Board of Trustees; prominent real estate developers George Klein, a long-time University trustee, and Burton P. Resnick, chair of the Board's Executive committee and of the Board of Overseers of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine; and other University leaders.

"I am pleased to be part of this momentous day in the history of Yeshiva University," Mr. Giuliani said. "This bequest, the second largest to a university in New York, is well-deserved and will serve to enhance the ability of Yeshiva University to continue its fine work. Yeshiva University is truly a great institution of higher learning and a place of scholarship our city is proud of."

The benefaction comes from the estate of Mrs. Golding, described by Dr. Lamm and others as a "deeply-observant Jew and financially astute businesswoman" who died December 18, 1992 at the age of 81.

The bequest was made by Mrs. Golding to honor the memory of her late husband Samuel H. Golding, a prominent New York banker and realtor who died in 1970.

Funds from the gift will support a number of projects focusing on Jewish studies and medical research at the University's Joel Jablonski Campus in Manhattan's Washington Heights and the Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus, the Bronx home of the renowned Einstein College of Medicine.

"Rachel Golding was the proverbial 'Woman of Valor'," Dr. Lamm said. "Her visionary generosity will ensure that she and Samuel H. Golding will occupy a place, in perpetuity, at the summit of leadership in the history of educational philanthropy and in the collective memory of our institution and the Jewish people.

"By virtue of its unprecedented breadth and scope," Dr. Lamm said, "the Golding Benefaction will enable us to attain higher levels of accomplishment in every aspect of our unique and vital work, both on behalf of the Jewish community and of society at large here in New York, across the country, and around the world."

In recognition of the legacy, the University will designate seven entities, collectively called the Samuel H. and Rachel Golding Projects: a Centre for Judaic Studies; a Distinguished Scholars Program; an Institute for Biomedical Education; Centres for Molecular Genetics and for Developmental Neurobiology; a Building on the Resnick Campus; and an Endowment for the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Eichanan Theological Seminary.

The magnitude of the benefaction is "enormous to an independent institution such as ours," Dr. Lamm said. "Relative to our budget and endowment, it is comparable to a $500 million gift to a Harvard or Yale."

The 107-year-old institution, America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices, currently operates under an annual budget of $315 million for its 16 undergraduate, graduate and professional schools and affiliates, which have some 7,000 students at four centres in Manhattan and the Bronx, and affiliated campuses in Los Angeles and Jerusalem. The University's endowment is valued at $293.5 million.

Baycrest emergency plan set to handle disasters

TORONTO — A hurricane swept through Toronto recently, forcing the evacuation of elderly patients and residents from two facilities.

"Fortunately, the disaster only happened on paper," says Patricia Wilson, the emergency measures officer at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which organized the scenario to test its new emergency plan. "We wanted to see how well we could respond in case a real emergency ever forced other health care facilities to send their clients here," Wilson explains.

Sixty students from the Humber College health sciences division volunteered to act as evacuees for the exercise. They arrived on ambulance buses, complete with realistic medical histories, and were met by a special triage team of Baycrest doctors and nurses who decided how Baycrest could accommodate them. Observers from other health care facilities were on hand to evaluate how well Baycrest staff followed the disaster plan.

"We learned a few things from the exercise which helped us to fine-tune our disaster plan," says Wilson. "But overall, we proved that we can indeed provide a major support to our community if the need arises."

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Rabbi Shalomi opens Kolel study week

TORONTO — Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi opens a week of in-depth Judaic study on the theme, Godsearch, on Sunday, Jan. 9, for Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

"Reb Zalman," as he is known, will lead a workshop from 2-5 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee at Lawrence, to commence Kolel's full week of study on spirituality, the self and faith. He describes the workshop this way: "Through prayer and meditation, movement and song, storytelling, philosophical discourse and text study, we will awaken and inspire the process which connects the individual to the living God. What is prayer all about? What does it accomplish? Then the even weightier questions: Who is God? What is God?"

Rabbi Zalman Schachter

Born in Poland and ordained in 1947 by the Lubavitch Yeshiva of New York, Reb Zalman's special concern is Jewish spiritual renewal. He was Professor of Religion and head of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at the University of Manitoba for 20 years. He is currently Professor Emeritus at Temple University in Philadelphia and the Rabbinic chair of ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, which he founded as B'nai Or Religious Fellowship in 1962. Rabbi Schachter has published over 150 articles on Jewish spiritual life and is the author of many books, including translations of chassidic and Kabbalistic texts. He has appeared throughout North and South America, Europe and Israel, presenting the central teachings of Chassidism and Kabbalah in a contemporary manner.

Reb Zalman is uniquely cross-denominational in his approach. His interest in the university of spiritual truths has led him to study with Sufi masters, Native American Elders, Catholic monks, Buddhist teachers (including the Dalai Lama), and rabbis of every movement. He received his Doctor of Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College, the Reform Jewish seminary, in 1968, and has a broad-based appeal which does not rely on any one affiliation or philosophy.

A mini-course which follows, January 10-13, will explore subjects such as, God and the Problem of Evil, Arguing with God, and A Feminist Response to Traditional Theology. These walk-in classes taught by local Reform Rabbis are $5 at the door with no pre-registration required. Reb Zalman's workshop is $20 by pre-registration, $25 at the door. Childcare is available at $5 per child, by pre-registration only.

Kolel is an adult education centre serving people of university-age and over, regardless of synagogue affiliation or extent of personal observance. Traditional texts are studied from a liberal, egalitarian perspective. To pre-register for the workshop, or to receive the full week's schedule, call 660-3154.

Hate crimes task force rejected by CJC region

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An Ontario Liberal Party task force on hate crimes has been criticized even before it has held its first meeting.

"The time for study has passed," said Steven Shulman, associate director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. "What is needed now is action."

Shulman was responding to an announcement by Liberal leader Lyn McLeod that a task force will examine the growing incidence of hate-motivated crimes, compile information about them, canvass the opinions of affected groups and make recommendations on practical steps that might be taken to oppose the worrying trend.

But Shulman said that while Congress hesitates in criticizing anyone who is reacting to hate crimes, "this [issue] has been studied to death. What we need is action."

Shulman said that although the Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats have all held power in recent years, none has taken sufficient legal action to deal with hatemongers. Government should be more "action-oriented and proactive," he said.

What is needed is "leadership from above to indicate that government sees this as a priority." When police bring hate-promotion cases to the attention of the attorney general, the minister should permit the laying of charges where there are reasonable and probable grounds, Shulman said.

Lyn McLeod

(One former member of the white supremacist Heritage Front, Elisse Hategan, was recently charged with promoting hatred.)

Opposition parties like the Liberals should keep the pressure on government for more anti-hate prosecutions, Shulman added.

Keeping the pressure on government is one of the underlying motivations in creating the task force, said Frank Switzer, a spokesman for the Ontario Liberal caucus. "We feel the need to keep pushing the government to keep [the issue] at the forefront," he said.

Switzer said the proposed task force will differ from previous studies by focusing more on young people and the steps taken by hatemongers to target them for recruitment.

The investigation will also "try to be as practical as can be and come up with some [useful] recommendations," he said.

An expected benefit from the task force's work will be to update the public's knowledge about the extent of the problem, Switzer added.

The task force will be chaired by solicitor general critic Tim Murphy and will included MPPs Elinor Caplan and Alvin Curling. Three open meetings will be held in Toronto to hear presentations from invited members of the public, organizations and law enforcement officials.

The task force will begin consultations in January, and it plans to release its findings and recommendations sometime in February.

Stroke fails to hamper doctor

TORONTO — Before Jack Teichman suffered a stroke four years ago, he was an active swimmer. The 72-year-old retired physician didn't want to give up his leisure activity, so in 1991 he became a member of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, a multi-purpose community centre for older adults, which is part of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in North York.

Not only did Dr. Teichman continue swimming, despite some paralysis on one side of his body, but he has been chosen to receive the Herb Charles Award. According to Diane Cullen, a fitness instructor at the Wagman Centre, this prize is given each year to the swimmer who has improved his or her ability and whose determined, positive outlook is a source of encouragement to others.

Another prize, the Active Living Award, went to Wagman Centre member Peggie Goldsbie. In addition to participating in land fitness, aerobic exercise and aquatics, Goldsbie also volunteered at Baycrest Hospital and sits on the Wagman Centre's Wellness Education Committee. Cullen says that the 73-year old Goldsbie, who can be found in the pool or gym at least four days a week, received the award "because she exemplifies the spirit of active living" which has nothing to do with age.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Jan. 6 is deadline for Jan. 20 issue and Thursday, Jan. 13 is deadline for Jan. 27 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331. Fax number, 424-1886.

Saturday, Jan. 8

A LITTLE NIGHT MAGIC

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Sisterhood presents A Little Night Magic, a spellbinding evening of mystery and enchantment, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Light kosher dinner and show $25. Call Sisterhood hotline, 771-6711.

JEWISH MUSIC IN TORONTO

Jewish Music in Toronto, 7:30 p.m. in the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., is the opening of a three week long exhibit of never-displayed photographs of Jewish musical events, photographed by **Morris Miller**. The opening evening features tenor, **Michael Mandel** and the Winchevsky Community Klezmer Orchestra. No admission charge but donations will be accepted. Call 789-5502.

Sunday, Jan. 9

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Join the Institute for Jewish Learning, 6:30-10:30 p.m. for an evening featuring **Noam Zion**, one of Jerusalem's top educators who will study family conflicts, biblical and modern. Evening includes a discussion of the movie *East of Eden*. Cost, $4. For information and to register, call 631-5660.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn), 10 a.m., features **Hanna Brown** from the Elizabeth Fry Society who will discuss Problems of Women in Conflict With the Law; How Women's Special Needs are Ignored in the Criminal Justice System. Breakfast and lecture, $6.

CABARET EVENING

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present a Cabaret Evening, 8 p.m., starring the Kiddush Club with **Harry Moskoff, Lyle Muskat** and **Gedalia Zweig.** Coffee, cake, conversation. Members $3; guests $4. All proceeds to Boystown in Jerusalem. Singles tables for ages 27-39. All ages invited.

WORKSHOP WITH REB ZALMAN

Join Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, 2-5 p.m., for a spiritual journey with **Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi,** who will explore the inner connection to Jewish faith, using ancient sacred texts. This program opens a full week of in-depth study on the topic. Workshop is $25 at the door, $20 with pre-registration. Childcare is available by pre-registration. For more information call Kolel, 660-3154.

CONCERNED PARENTS

The CPAST Network (Concerned Parents Assisting Students Today) is sponsoring a free workshop entitled How to Help Your Child Excel at Exams, at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m., Glendon Campus. CPAST is a new non-profit organization whose mandate is to keep parents informed about the educational system. Advance registration only. Call 730-9323.

Monday, Jan. 10

EUTHANASIA

Dr. Robert Salter, an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children, will give the 1994 Keys Memorial Lecture on Euthanasia: A Personal Perspective, 5:10 p.m., George Ignatieff Theatre, Trinity College, 15 Devonshire Place. Admission is free and open to the public. For information call 978-2651.

MEANING OF LIFE

The Association of Israeli Academicians in Toronto invites community members to a lecture by **Moshe Hacohen**, 8:30 p.m., Hava Nagila Restaurant, 1118 Center St., between Bathurst and Dufferin on north side. Topic will be Personal Power and the Meaning of Life. Fee, $5 includes coffee and cookies.

JEWISH DIABETES MEETING

Dr. Frank Rosenberg, dermatologist will discuss Diabetes and Skin Care at the Jewish Diabetes Chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. Everyone welcome. Admission, members, $1; non-members $2. For more information call **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Learn about the principal tools of estate planning ranging from financial planning to planning for retirement and death, 7-9:30 p.m., Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Call 395-5613 to register.

L.A. LAW VS JERUSALEM LAW

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is sponsoring a dinner meeting at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker, **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, founding director of Nishma will discuss, L.A. Law vs. Jerusalem Law, featuring the segment of L.A. Law on refusing blood transfusions on religious grounds. Dinner reservations required. Cost, $7.50. Call 633-5500.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

JEWISH IMMIGRATION

Holy Blossom Temple's Community Integration Committee presents Jewish Immigration to Canada — An Overview, with **Susan Davis**, national executive director of JIAS who will discuss her impression of recent events in Russia and the conditions of Jewish life there. Speech at 8 p.m. in Philip Smith Foyer.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlwork's Baycrest project at the Wagman Centre, 8 p.m. Please bring sewing kits. Due to renovations, use Terrace entrance.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Read and Respond at U of T hosts a downtown Interfaith Dialogue, Exodus III: Contemplating our Covenant(s), 5:30-6:30 p.m., Seminar rooms 008-9, Northrop Frye Hall, U of T, 73 Queens Park Crescent East. Facilitated by **Paul Tamblyn**, United Church Interchurch-Interfaith committee. For information and optional registration call **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, 923-9861 or **Chaplain Don Matheson**, 585-4499.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic will be at North York City Hall, noon to 7 p.m. Two-hour free parking in the City Centre underground garage. Tickets may be stamped at the clinic.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Ongoing opportunities await you as a volunteer at Baycrest Centre. The patients, residents and members need you to give your time. Baycrest offers many recreational, entertainment and fitness programs that need you as a volunteer. For more information, call the Volunteer Department, 785-2850.

ROCK N' ROLL

Rock N' Roll with **Lev Zahav** at the Hard Rock Cafe, Toronto Sky Dome, Thursday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Tickets, $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds go to Hadassim. For more information call 789-4373.

KABBALAH CLASSES

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Road, Thornhill, presents a six week course on Kabbalah with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, Wednesday evenings, 8 p.m., beginning Jan. 12. Each class may be attended independently. No charge. Call 886-0420 to enroll.

BETH EMETH TRIVIA NIGHT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presents a trivia night, Saturday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview. The evening features refreshments, competition and $1000 for the winning table. Cost, $18 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets, call 633-3838.

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW CLASS

Winter session of Israel Youth Program Centre's conversational Hebrew course will be held Thursdays, starting Jan. 6. This intermediate level class led by **Yael Lev** will help improve conversational skills in a fun and exciting environment through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. People of all ages are welcome. Space is limited. Call 398-6931.

CHAI SHALOM

Chai Shalom is having an evening of bagels and bingo, Thurs. Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview. Refreshments, prizes and socializing. Tickets, $5, are available at synagogue office only. Membership to Chai Shalom is $10 per year. Call **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153; **Marlene White**, 881-8787 (evenings); **Shirley Katz**, 661-4471 or the synagogue office, 633-3838.

YOGA AND RELAXATION

Why not join the Yoga Group and increase the flow of energy and vitality in your body; stretch, breathe, relax; achieve body/mind harmony. Twelve week session begins Jan. 6 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Rm. 310, 9-10:30 a.m. For more information, call **Magda**, 481-0962.

FOR SPLENDOR AND FOR BEAUTY

An exhibit of fabric work by members of the Pomegranite Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto can be viewed at Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. until the end of January.

LEVINE HONORED

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda recently paid tribute to its executive director, Bernice Levine, at a State of Israel Bonds dinner held at the synagogue. Guest speaker for the evening was Israel's U.N. Ambassador, Gad Ya'acobi. Presenting the award to Levine is State of Israel Bonds Ontario Region co-chair, Alex Eisen. (Arnold Machtinger photo)

WOMEN'S ADVANCED TORAH STUDY

Women' Institute for Advanced Torah Studies opens its doors January 31 with a six-part lecture series, Mondays, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The first class, 7:45 p.m., features **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Institute, who will talk about Jewish feminine spirituality. **Leo Steiner** will teach a Talmud course at 9 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew or previous background in Judaism not necessary. Cost, $5 per lecture, $30 for series of one lecture, $50 for series of two lectures. For information and registration call 889-6066 or 881-9387.

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

Come out to hear about three different Adult volunteer programs in Israel. Sunday, Jan. 16, 9:45 a.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For information call synagogue office, 221-3433.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext, 261 for further information.

MARITAL TUNE-UP

Jewish Family and Child Service, York Region, presents Marital Tune-Up, Getting More Mileage from Your Marriage. The two-part educational workshop to help couples look at love, commitment and communication, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 25, 7:30 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre, Fireside Lounge, 7755 Bayview Ave. For information and registration call **Sheri Rumack**, 905-882-2331.

ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

A stimulating program offered through the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto, provides self-directed daytime workshops on a variety of subjects. No formal academic background required. Registration day for second semester, Jan. 7. For a brochure or more information call 978-7756.

DAYTIME CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keep up your Hebrew with **Yael Lev**, who makes the learning process fun and easy. Second term of conversational Hebrew classes, offered in morning or afternoon and designed especially for parents who have children in day schools starts in January at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Beginners 2 and intermediate levels available. For more information and to register, call Yael Lev, 225-6151.

Beit Rayim Synagogue

Beit Rayim Synagogue, a family oriented Conservative Synagogue in Richmond Hill is celebrating its first year with a gala party, Saturday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave. There will be a live band with dancing, a comedy act, refreshments and a cash bar. R.S.V.P. before Jan. 7, 905-770-7639.

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8. The Ultimate Shabbos Experience features a series of monthly afternoon Shabbatons at the congregation, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Shabbatons are open to the entire Jewish community and feature guest speakers, children's programs, afternoon lunch and lots of Shabbos spirit, song and dance. Price is $15 per family. Call 886-0420 for information.

AT AISH HATORAH

Judaism, Why Bother, Four responses for the contemporary Jew, featuring **Dr. Alex Pister,** presents immediate and relevant answers for the secular Jew. Classes begin Thursday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah, Thornhill Centre, Suite 303, Promenade Mall. $5 per class or $15 per series.

At Wilson Centre, **Rabbi Ziggy Wolkenstein** explores unusual texts and modern applications, Tuesday evenings. $5 per class. Call 636-7530 for information on both series.

YIDDISH FOR CHILDREN

A Yiddish class for 4- and 5-year olds begins Jan. 9, Associated Hebrew Day School, 250 Finch Ave. W. Classes feature Yiddish language, songs and holidays taught in a playful, stimulating, atmosphere. For information call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155.

PARENT AND PRESCHOOLER PROGRAMS

Are you feeling housebound? Are your children eager to be out? Come and join in the fun and education at the Parent and Preschooler Programs offered by North York Board of Education. Programs include informal discussions, puzzles, toys, crafts, physical activities and music circles. For information call 444-5042.

BETH TZEDEC SHABBAT LUNCHEON

A Shabbat study luncheon follows services Jan. 15, when **Jacob Israeli**, principal, Beth Tzedec Congregational Schools will speak on, Is Peace Around the Corner? Reservations no later than Tuesday, Jan. 11. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the synagogue office, 781-3511.

for seniors

Lunch and Learn in Retirement presents **Gordon Wolfe**, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 12 noon. Bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies provided.

A Time for Me is an 8-week personal growth workshop series for seniors, beginning February 8. Meet with others and discover strategies which help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Call **Maureen Eisenberg**, 635-2883, ext. 250.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club, next Sunday dance is Jan. 9, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday dance, Jan. 8, 7-10 p.m. Courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education begin the week of Jan. 10.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Young at Heart Seniors announces that medical insurance for travelling is going up. There are a few places left at the old price for trip leaving Feb. 2. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays, at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 783-9453.

Wagman Centre's Heritage Players need singers, dancers and backstage helpers. No auditions necessary. They meet Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. at the Centre. For more information call **Helen Batcher**, 633-6048.

Also at the Wagman Centre is an eight-week nutrition and weight reduction program for people over 55, run by a registered professional dietician, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 19, 10-11:30 a.m. Pre-register if possible. Call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's ongoing programs resume week of Jan. 11 including yoga, exercise, line-dancing, under the sponsorship of North York Board of Education. For information on all activities call **Lina**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** , 224-5923.Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club has dissolved after 14 years. Donations have been made to the following charities: Shaare Zedek Hospital; Israeli Soldiers Welfare Fund; Jewish National Fund; Reena Foundation; Ezra Kadima School; United Jewish Appeal; Baycrest Centre; Beth Emeth Library Fund. Thank you for your past support, **Beth Coopersmith**, **Ruth Swern**, **Pearl Bornstein**, 783-3206.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture Series presents Occupational Therapy — Let's Talk About Independence, Thursday, Jan. 6, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue. Admission free, everyone welcome.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 3:30-5:50 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join us in all the beautiful and interesting events. For more information call **Anna** 225-2112.

ORT FUNDRAISER

Canadian ORT, Ontario Region recently held a successful fundraising event featuring Osi Sladek, vocalist/accordionist and Shelly Ovdat, vocalist. From left are Sladek; Anat Wertheim, co-chair; Mark Pearlman, president, Canadian ORT, Ontario Region; Ovdat; Debbie Weinberg, co-chair.

MAZON APPRECIATION TEA

Seen are some of the many volunteers and board members who attended Mazon Canada's volunteer appreciation tea at the hom eof Judy Nyman and Harley Mintz. From left (front row) are Glenda Freilick, Gail Borison-Socken, Leslie Springman and Gordon Wolfe; (middle) Judy Nyman and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein; and (back row) Susan Goldrich, Ruth Teper, Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, Bobbi Aronovitch, Roger Hyman, Jeffrey Zelfman and Judith Anderson Garneau.

JCT CAMPAIGN

Kicking off the JCT Friends Ad Campaign commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Jerusalem College of Technology is Saul Feldberg of Global Upholstery, being presented with a print in appreciation of his generosity. Pictured from left, Henry Zieleniec, co-chair; Saul Feldberg; Jerry Klasner, co-chair; Noreen Azoulay, executive director.

UJA RECEPTION

George Cohon (right) recently hosted a UJA reception at which Jonathan Livny, (centre) military judge in the West Bank was guest speaker. Michael Bregman, chair of UJA's major gifts division, is seen here at the reception. [Graphic Artists photo]

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New Yiddish book out for educators

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In an era when Yiddish is considered by many to be either dead or at death's door, the Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools (JPPS) has done the audacious.

Last June, the schools published a comprehensive resource book for Yiddish educators. It signals that it is not yet time to sit shiva for what was once the lingua franca of Eastern European Jewry.

"Culturally, historically and emotionally, this is important," says JPPS educational director Lucy Cohen. "It is also a realistic project because of the mini-renaissance of Yiddish. There are now faculties of Yiddish at Oxford, Yale, Columbia, and in Israel.

"We think the word will spread."

To be sure, the resource book, called *Yiddish: A Lebedikeh Shprach (Yiddish: A Living Language)*, is the first modern work of its scope. It is long overdue, Cohen said.

Already the first part of the work, in itself over 400 pages long, is used in Jewish elementary schools and is gaining attention in respected Yiddish circles. Some of the 250 copies printed so far have been deposited at the YIVO Institute in New York and other major Yiddish institutions. Two more sections are scheduled for completion in June.

Yiddish uses the most up-to-date, "audio-visual, multi-media" Yiddish teaching techniques, organized around "themes related to a child's environment," said Cohen.

This is because of guiding force and writer Shifra Shtern Krishtalka, a teacher for almost four decades at the Peretz School.

Krishtalka — who is the sister of the late famed Peretz School educator Jacob Zipper and Yiddish poet Sholem Shtern — is 83 years old. But her age belies the intensity and rigor with which she, aided by her son Aaron, has devoted herself to the project.

For Krishtalka, who officially retired in 1976, the project was both rejuvenating and a natural labor of love. In the school's view, it is also a fitting tribute to one of the community's most dedicated and selfless educators.

"First, I had a love for children," Krishtalka said in an interview. "But in teaching, I adapted the European model I had learned at a teacher-training seminar, along the lines Montessori uses today."

That method, which she calls a "whole language approach," was to make the study of Yiddish systematic and "experiential."

Krishtalka made her own audio-visual aids like flash cards at a time when such techniques were unheard of in Montreal. She did away with the phonics approach and encouraged her students to use combinations of letters to form new words — words they could relate to their everyday home life or to the Jewish traditions.

She had her children "sing, dance and jump" to the echoes of Yiddish. She used themes. She brought newspapers into the classroom and constructed scrapbooks, providing "connections between the 'read' word and the 'real' word," she said. "The point was to give the words application."

For Krishtalka, Yiddish was not the goal but a "tool" to foster a love for the language.

The resource book is arranged with this sensibility very much in mind. It combines flexibility and completeness and allows the teacher to borrow freely from it.

In general terms, the work comprises a total lesson plan, encompassing virtually all aspects of Yiddish language instruction along thematic lines: songs, poems, rhymes, games, exercises, crosswords, drawings and discussions connected to the seasons, the Jewish life cycle and traditions, and to Israel.

The first resource book relates mostly to the fall season. The two source books to come, Cohen said, will in effect "complete the school year."

The idea for the project dates back to the late 1970s, when an initiative was taken to divide Yiddish instruction into lesson plans and units, Cohen said.

But the project did not start to take form as until 1989, when discussed among teachers — including Cohen and veteran Montreal educator Nachum Wilchesky — revealed the lack of "up-to-date" Yiddish resource material for instructors.

The project, Cohen said, was also in line with a recommendation made earlier that year at a UNESCO/Hebrew University conference on Yiddish she attended in Jerusalem, to create modern teaching tools for the language.

While plans are to finish the other two sections by June of this year, funding for the project is not complete.

MAGIC OF CHEMISTRY

Under the watchful eye of her chemistry instructor Cecily Dobin, Willowdale resident Meira Drazin of the Stern College for Women chemistry club performs an experiment at the 1993 Chemistry Magic Show held recently at the College in observance of National Chemistry Week. Drazin is a freshman at the undergraduate women's college of liberal arts and sciences of Yeshiva University.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Mixed Emotions a sweet look at love second time around

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — *Mixed Emotions* is a sweet and tender play about people who take a second chance on love.

Herman, a 65-year-old Jewish carpet salesman (Harold Gould) and Christine, a 61-year-old widow (Katherine Helmond) have both lost their spouses. She is Catholic, and her late husband, a Jew, was Herman's best friend, just as she was best friend to Herman's late wife.

Christine is lonely, and plans to sell her New York apartment and move to Florida. Herman is equally lonely, and also sexually frustrated. He aggressively launches a campaign to marry and bed (not necessarily in that order) Christine, a confident and witty interior decorator. They have been sparring with and needling each other for decades. "If we were married, we wouldn't use needles," says Christine, "we'd use knives."

This is the kind of romantic comedy that we saw in the 30's and 40's but now the story centres around the bumpy courtship of 2 sexagenarians.

The underlying theme and recurring topic is sex. When they go out on their first date and he tries to get physical, she exclaims, "Herman I'm a Catholic grandmother; I don't put out on a first date."

When Herman refers to himself as a sexual stallion, Christine opines, "Whatever kind of horse you are, if you're whinnying in my direction, just think of me as the old gray mare."

One of the most effective and touching scenes is when they put on an old big band record and dance cheek-to-cheek and sing to *Sentimental Journey* and *In The Mood* for almost 10 minutes, without uttering more than a few sentences. "Know what that song has that today's songs don't have?" asks Herman (referring to *Sentimental Journey*). "Yes, a melody," answers Christine.

Richard Baer's play has many interesting ingredients. There is conflict. There is the joy of rediscovery and flirtation, and sex after 65. And then there is guilt in betraying a late spouse. In spite of the play's threadbare story line, it is a pleasure to see one with some romance and hope for people over 60, since so many today deal only with the disturbing elements of illness and death.

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Harnoy dodges controversy as she builds successful career

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT
Special to the CJN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Controversy seems to follow Ofra Harnoy — the cover girl of the classical music world — wherever she goes.

The last few times the Hadera-born, Toronto-based cellist was in Israel to concertize with smaller orchestras, she was called a deserter by the press.

"I left Israel when I was six, it wasn't fair to treat me like this," says the 28-year-old soloist, who is back to play with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

It was this negative treatment from the press, she believes, that caused a postponement of her debut with the IPO until this week.

But, she adds, the "bad feelings are washed away. I want to come here often and play."

Harnoy faced a different type of controversy when she first began to record.

One of her first albums with RCA featured a cover photo of Harnoy and her cello in what was perceived as a somewhat erotic embrace, and her looks have been the highlight of subsequent cover art for her recordings.

While there were very few arguments about Harnoy's beauty, there were those who opposed to using it as a marketing device. "She must be getting away with something beside music," was a common remark, she reminisces.

Harnoy argues emphatically that the fact that her long hair and radiant face are familiar to music lovers worldwide through her 32 recordings, helps the classical music industry as a whole. "People who come to hear me are younger than average concertgoers."

Nor is there any doubt the covers help sales. "There are a lot of CDs out there," Harnoy notes, "and mine are easier to spot."

The cover of her recent recording of three cello concerti, ranging from Boccherini to a premiere by Viotti, features her in black and white instead of the usually color.

Harnoy believes strongly in what she is doing and is frustrated by the negative criticism. "Anytime you make an impact you get enemies," she says, adding that "one or two CDs might have sold because of the cover. After that, I'm sure people bought them because of the music. After all, it's my playing that is really important, the rest is not."

Being back in Israel, even for a short visit, is a delight for the sabra whose family left for Canada when she was a child. "At the time there was an excitement in the air that everything was happening in America. We spent a while in England and eventually moved to Toronto."

But her sweetest memories are still from her Israeli childhood. "Climbing trees in my grandmother's orchard was the best way to have fun. That orchard was like a paradise for me."

It was here that Harnoy began her love affair with the cello. "My mother played the piano and my father the violin and I'm sure they wanted a family trio; they had a strong love for music."

Attended Hebrew school

In Toronto, Harnoy went to Hebrew day school for a few years but when she was accepted as a special music student at the University of Toronto at the age of 13, she concentrated entirely on music. "Everyone else there was in their late teens or early twenties. I had to learn how to prove myself. Being young at university I felt like I was in a minority group."

Harnoy still keeps her home in Toronto, but spends only two months a year there. The rest of time she is on the road. "It's a little too much doing all those yo-yo tours, flying back and forth all over the world. After I return from Israel, I have just two days at home and then I go on a European tour and then on to Asia."

Harnoy is an exclusive RCA artist, meaning that she records only for one label. Even such exclusivity, which has its benefits, is not ironclad, she implies. Harnoy recently recorded an album with Placido Domingo which will soon come out on EMI. Eventually, she explains, "EMI will have to reciprocate the favor to RCA."

At the beginning of her career, Harnoy had to record what the studio asked of her. Later on, as her popularity grew, she was able to make some deals. "I would play what they asked me only if they would let me record a piece I wanted." Now she has much more control over what she records, and she does spend a lot of time in the studio.

"The better you sell, the more input you have. I'm happy right now, I'm doing what I want to do - just too much of it."

Harnoy credits her parents as having the greatest influence on her career. Her mother's "great love for the cello helped me from the beginning. She always gave me the emotional support I needed." Her father, who for two years acted as her personal manager, "always had an input on my career choices."

With such a busy career, Harnoy must make time in order to enjoy some extra-musical activities. "It's important to have a real life. I like hiking and I try to exercise regularly and eat properly except when chocolate urges come." Most important of all is "being around with people who have nothing to do with my profession. This is the only time when I feel like a complete person."

Numbers play key role in Torah study: Plaut

HAIFA, Israel — The Torah, particularly the Book of Genesis, is undergirded by a numbers frame, said Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, longtime rabbi and now scholar-in-residence at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

In a recent lecture at the University of Haifa, Rabbi Plaut, 81, said the ancients may have had a certain sensitivity to numbers that helped them better understand Torah which people today do not possess.

Numbers have served as identifiers from the time of the ancients until today, the rabbi said, citing as examples expressions like "I've got your number," meaning "I understand you," and "his number was up" meaning it was time for that person's numerically identified life to end.

Rabbi Plaut said repetition of some numbers in the Torah, calculations of seasonal cycles and even the ages of biblical figures show that people lived and died in accordance with a divinely calculated scheme.

Since God was the only one who knew someone's inner self, the rabbi continued, the counting of people was reserved to Him. Man, however, knew how to count things like years and goods but was not permitted to count himself.

The Bible recounts three instances when a census was taken. Two were ordered by God (Book of Numbers); but when King David made the mistake of taking a census, a plague resulted. To circumvent the proscriptions and also avoid unfortunate consequences, a tradition arose of using a 10-word sentence to count people or "not number" counting ("not one, not two. . .")

People in those days had a closer link to astronomy and nature, Rabbi Plaut contended. If one didn't know about the moon, stars and planets, or what they represented, one would not know when to plant, reap or sow. One would not be able to survive.

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Arts

Glaser captures real Jewish family

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — *Family Secrets* is a one-woman play performed by Sherry Glaser, a formidable new talent on the New York theatrical horizon.

Glaser executes a brilliant series of monologues about a dysfunctional middle-class Jewish family (New Yorkers transplanted to the foothills of Los Angeles).

Her disparate gallery of characters includes the father, mother, two daughters and even the grandmother. Besides having the acting versatility to handle these characterizations, Glaser displays genuine devotion to the rhythms of Jewish-oriented humor. Her five portrayals evoke a warm, familiar tone, filled with enough humanity to make us care about what happens to these people.

The father, Mort, is a likeably irascible accountant, somewhat befuddled by the female idiosyncraies around him. Bev is the "perfect mother," who relates the story of her nervous breakdown and how she pulled out of it. Fern, the older sister, settles for out of wedlock motherhood with an out of work Hispanic. The 16-year-old daughter Sandra is a study of adolescent restlessness, constantly resisting the "indignities" heaped on her by her parents. She claims, outrageously, that her life is more difficult than her mother's, since Bev "doesn't do anything" except go to work, cook dinner and attend law school. Lastly there's Rose, Mort's mother, who gives us a touching look at the rediscovery of love in old age.

Glaser is a wondrously alive performer who possesses the interpretive skill to artfully blend whimsical irreverence with heartfelt family feelings. The fresh and original text, (co-authored by Glaser's husband Greg Howells who also directs), is essentially humorous, and although chock-full of one liners, deals with a broad diversity of subjects including: parental failure; homosexuality; abandonment and maladjustment; and frustrated females longing for male attention.

It is overflowing with vivid images and moods, brought to life by an actress, who can alter her posture or even the shape of her face and make it speak volumes about her character.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Westside Theatre, 407 W. 43rd Street.

For tickets call Ticketmaster 212-307-4100.

Sherry Glaser (left) and as 'Bev' (right) in Family Secrets, a new comedy about sticking together and falling apart. [Photo: Marta Swope Assoc/Carol Rosegg]

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Jewish Music In Toronto is the theme of an unusual collection of 30 photographs that go on display for three weeks beginning Saturday Jan. 8 at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., North York. For two years, professional accountant Morris Miller has snapped black and white photographs of musical events in Toronto's Jewish community. His shutter has captured musicians at a UJA walkathon, a war veterans' memorial, a Yiddish concert at Earl Bales Park, a choir festival at Beth Tzedec and other events.

"These photos are not only beautiful to look at, but are something the community should share and take pride in, as they record how we, in various organizations and for a variety of events, express our cultural, traditional and historical heritage through practice," said a spokesperson for the Centre. The show's opening on Jan. 8 at 7.30 p.m. features a concert of Jewish/Yiddish songs and music, with performances by tenor Michael Mandel and The Winchevsky Community Klezmer Orchestra.

In February, Mandel is scheduled to perform in two Toronto Opera Repertoire productions. He sings the lead in *Tales of Hoffman* and the Duke in *Rigoletto*.

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Artist Cheryl Pagurek has rendered an unusual tribute to her grandparents. She re-created their living room and combined it with a series of photographs that relate to their lives. This "site specific installation and photographic series" is called 5 Fraserwood Ave., Apt.-2. It opens at Hamilton Artists Inc., 248 James St. N., Hamilton, on Jan. 7, and continues to Feb. 12. Call (905) 529-3355 for further information.

Images of Trinity Bellwoods, a photographic exhibit by Tobi Asmoucha, is at the Ryerson Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave., until Jan. 22. The opening reception is Jan. 8 from 1 to 6 p.m.

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The CBC has arranged a series of four live Sunday afternoon concerts, performed on period instruments, celebrating the rich musical traditions of Europe. The four concerts focus on Austria, France, Italy & Spain, and Germany.

The series starts with the Austrian concert, in which Jeanne Lamon (violin), Rona Goldensher (violin), Stephen Marvin (viola) and Christina Mahler (cello) play string quartets of Haydn and Mozart. It's on Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Glenn Gould Studio, in the Canadian Broadcasting Centre, 250 Front St. W.

Subsequent concerts are on Feb. 27, March 20 and April 3. Admission is $15, or $52 for the series, with discounts for students and seniors.

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Congratulations to Sidney M. Cohen, who has been appointed executive producer of new program development at CTV Television Network. Cohen, who has been involved in TV production since 1966, worked most recently as executive producer of the early morning current affairs show, *Canada AM*.

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The Steven Spielberg film *Schindler's List* opened on 25 screens across North America in mid-December, and pulled in $600,000 overall in its first weekend, according to Laurie Newman, public relations assistant for Cineplex in Toronto. Although Cineplex doesn't comment on how current films do at the box office, there are reports of line-ups and nearly sold-out houses at the Canada Square location (Yonge and Eglinton), where the three-hour-and-ten-minute-long film opened on two screens.

At the screening I attended, most people didn't rise from their seats until the very end of the credits — seemingly in tribute to what will surely become a screen classic. It's possible that many more people saw the film in a single weekend than all the Holocaust deniers could hope to reach in a lifetime. The film tells the true story of Oskar Schindler, a Czech businessman and Nazi party member who uses his clout as a munitions factory owner to save 1,100 Jews who work for him from being incinerated at Auschwitz. This is an important film to see but Holocaust survivors may find it too difficult to view in a crowded theatre.

Poldek Pfefferberg (Jonathan Sagalle) and his wife Mila (Adi Nitzan) enjoy a rare respite from the misery of life in the ghetto in Schindler's List.

Television show profiles Jewish artist

TORONTO — A Canadian Jewish artist, whose Hungarian parents were saved by Raoul Wallenberg, and an entrepreneurial accountant, whose parents came from Poland, have a lot in common. Through their own artistic courage and colorful view of life, they are both profiles in success.

The artist is Vivian Reiss. The accountant turned television producer is a young Canadian called Andy Zajac, who is not Jewish. On February 26th at 10:30 a.m., Reiss will be featured on Zajac's CHCH-TV series, *Profiles in Success*.

Reiss's colorful paintings hang in the kaleidoscopic setting of her historic home, once owned by the family of the first premier of Ontario. "An artist can design anything," asserts Reiss.

The committee to celebrate the 200th birthday of Toronto recently commissioned a poster for the special occasion. Reiss, whose home is filled with hundreds of unusually juxtaposed objets d'art (including toy soldiers and lots of other toys that are "my toys"), did a painting of soldiers in Fort York.

In May 1993, to celebrate Canada's birthday she held a vibrant one-woman show at the Fort York Historical Board Museum. She was also honored by Canada's Literacy Secretariat which commissioned a special poster for International Literacy Day. The original now hangs in the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Zajac is an artist in his own right. He is so creative an accountant that he developed a successful thirteen part T.V. series with no money at all . . . with no contacts except the ones he made. In fact, *Profiles of Success* (Channel 11) was created entirely on barter. Zajac's cameraman, his assistant, his editor — even his business card so that he could approach people in the first place — were all obtained without any money. At 28, with a lot of youth but little capital, Zajac figured he would swap his accounting services to go into the T.V. business.

He started with sales videos, commercials, and "infomercials." In the process, he became fascinated with the reasons why people are successful, came up with the concept of *Profiles of Success*, and simply started filming.

The series was sold to CHCH, an independent T.V. station. With celebrated guests like Mitsou, Bob Proctor, the Nylons, Asia (a British band), the Roots Boys, the Ballinger Brothers, Sonja Bata — and, of course, Vivan Reiss — the series was renewed twice. The third segment begins in January.

Now this young Canadian entrepreneur wants a wider audience. He is headed for the NATPE Conference in Florida (ticket obtained by barter) to tackle the international market. He wants a wider audience — an international one.

Reiss has also been branching out. Since 1990, Palm Beach's Jewish Art Foundation has commissioned her to paint the "Spirit of Purim" for each Purim Gala Ball. This past spring, Reiss was exhibited at a gallery on the Rue des Seines in Paris.

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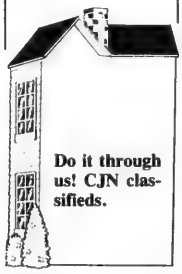

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Too Big To Fail, Olympia & York: The Story Behind the Headlines, by Walter Stewart (McClelland & Stewart, $29.99.)

Eight centuries ago Maimonides taught that it is in man's nature to strive for riches; but his great desire to increase his wealth and seek honor are the chief sources of his misery. Perhaps the Reichmann Brothers of Toronto should have taken this piece of wisdom to heart.

In 1991, *Fortune* magazine ranked the Reichmann fortune, estimated at $12.8 billion U.S., as number four on the planet. Renowned for their exploits as developers in Toronto, Calgary and Ottawa, esteemed as the largest private landlords in Manhattan, the Reichmanns were also embarked on gigantic projects in London, Tokyo and San Francisco. They and their flagship company, Olympia and York, were regarded with admiration akin to awe in the business community. As the author suggests, "if you could live in it, work in it, ride on it, heat with it, eat it or drink it, chances were that the O & Y had a piece of it."

But in the early nineties the mighty empire began to crumble. In a few agonizing months the picture abruptly changed. The once proud and seemingly impregnable company stood on the brink of bankruptcy and dissolution.

Walter Stewart is a well-known Canadian editor, author, columnist and freelance journalist. He has written twelve books of non-fiction, chiefly on political, historical and economic subjects. His latest book is an astute, detailed, blow-by-blow account "of how decent men, remarkable builders and outstanding citizens screwed up. And what it means to me and thee."

The book's early chapters deal with the Hungarian origins of the family, their uncertain years in Tangier, the move to Toronto and the success of their burgeoning floor and wall tile company.

Something in the character of the brothers must be attributed to their mother. She was a woman of remarkable energy and courage who, during the war years, helped smuggle Jews out of Nazi occupied countries. At one point, she obtained 1,200 Spanish visas which were used to protect Jews in "safe houses" run by the Red Cross in Budapest.

By the late 1970s most of the Reichmann enterprises, especially buildings in large American cities, were doing well. In one of the rare interviews the brothers gave, Albert — responding to the comment that neither he nor Paul had university educations — said, "When you learn the Talmud you learn everything." Skilfully and absorbingly, the author details the manifold undertakings of the family: their unfortunate entanglement with Robert Campau, their ability to obtain additional funds from the banks even when their position became precarious, their relationship with the Thatcher government, and the Canary Wharf disaster.

The reasons for the downfall were many and varied but foremost among them were the world-wide recession and an overextended magna-empire. Says Stewart, "Paul Reichmann's fatal flaws were excessive belief in his own powers, corporate acquisitiveness, and a penchant for larger and larger gambles. . . . However, he could never have taken his empire to the size it ultimately achieved — and the disaster it ultimately threatened — without the willing co-operation of a mesmerized banking community." All in all, five Canadian banks lent O & Y over three billion dollars."

Today, the brothers have founded a new corporation, have teamed up with George Boros, one of the world's richest men, and have already embarked on major enterprises in Mexico. Left with an estimated $40 million, there is no reason to cry for the Reichmanns. They still have the expertise and aggressiveness to emerge as winners. It is not impossible that one day they may come into possession of Canary Wharf again.

Co-director Miles Cohen and actor Ruth Ruth take part in Marked. [David Soper photo]

Marked breaks new ground

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A play about psychiatric patients, performed by a professional acting company which includes some psychiatric patients, will attempt to break new ground in Toronto's theatre circuit.

The Friendly Spike Theatre Band, co-directed by Miles Cohen and Ken Innes, is presenting *Marked* at the Poor Alex Theatre, 296 Brunswick Ave., Jan. 19-29.

Theatregoers are asked to bring food and warm clothes for the Parc Community Center.

Anticipating a 50 per cent cut in psychiatric hospital beds in the next 10 years, *Marked deals with the* problems of patients living in the community and their need of acceptance by society.

Cohen said the play, running two hours, will include music, songs and interactive videos. "We're not presenting a social documentary, we're presenting true theatre," said Cohen.

One of the segments will deal with the wrongful dismissal of a person with mental illness and an application to the Human Rights Commission to rescind the dismissal.

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Musical score compensates for Annie II's weaknesses

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to the CJN

NEW YORK — *Annie Warbucks* is the musical sequel to the 1977 hit *Annie*, itself based on the Depression-era comic strip story of Little Orphan Annie.

In *Annie Warbucks*, the feisty little redhead and her millionaire adoptive father (get a load of this: Daddy Warbuck's 1933 income was $86 million with income taxes of $4,313) are joined on stage by Sandy (canine actor Cindy Lou).

The trio give everything they've got attempting to duplicate the winning formula of the original, but the result is only partially successful. There are a fair number of chuckles, but the storyline by Thomas Meehan is loose and sometimes hard to swallow.

The musical score by a couple of talented Broadway Jewish boys more than compensates for such deficiencies with a dozen lively songs. Martin Charnin (lyrics/director) and Charles Strouse (music) are at the top of their game, and have fashioned a swingtime-flavored score that will set your toes tapping and affix a smile to your lips.

The cast is headed by 9-year-old spitfire Kathryn Zaremba, who plays the title role and belts out songs like a miniature Ethel Merman. Baritone Harvey Presnell is perfectly cast as the cantankerous Daddy. In this sequel, Annie and Daddy Warbucks are in danger of being separated by an evil Commissioner of Child Welfare, who decrees that Daddy cannot adopt Annie unless he finds a wife within 60 days.

Alene Robertson mugs up a storm as the evil commissioner. As the commissioner's daughter, Donna McKechnie dances Peter Gennaro's numbers with all the skill that won her a Tony Award in the original production of *A Chorus Line.*

Alene Robertson

Marguerite MacIntyre is fetching as Daddy's beautiful and devoted secretary who predictably wins his heart. Ming Cho Lee's scenery is smart, and stylishly showcases the skyline of 1930s Manhattan.

Annie Warbucks was originally destined for Broadway, but it has sensibly been ensconced in a scaled down $1.2-million production (a quarter of *Annie's* Broadway budget), at the Variety Arts Theatre, a 499-seat off-Broadway house.

Taking a page from the 1930s economy, ticket prices have been scaled down by 40 percent to reach their principal target — the family audience — thereby assuring it of a long a profitable run.

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Arts

'Scolding' pushes Kaplan to explore Jewish roots

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a "scolding" from "Mrs.Swadron" an elderly resident of Baycrest in 1977 that inspired a Toronto woman, the great granddaughter of Jacob Gordin, a giant of the Yiddish stage, to learn more about him.

The scolding worked for Beth Kaplan has spent 15 years and nearly all her money researching the amazing life of Jacob Gordin who was known as the "Shakespeare of the Jews."

"Mrs. Swadron saw a story in *The CJN* about me when I was playing here in *Cruel Tears*. I mentioned I knew little about my great grandfather," said Kaplan. "She tracked me down and when I went to see her she showed me books by Gordin and scolded me for not knowing his history."

Kaplan related the story recently to a capacity audience of 200 at Earl Bales Park for an evening of drama and comedy by Gordin by the Friends of Yiddish Players directed by Nathan Garnick.

Though she does not speak Yiddish Kaplan promised her audience to take lessons in the language. She has named her first child, Anna, after Gordin's wife, and her son, Samuel Jacob, after the playwright.

She depleted her resources in frequent trips to New York where she was lucky enough to find and interview Helen Zielstein, the 11th and last of Gordin's children born in 1897, and Anna Greenspoon, Gordin's first granddaugter, who was nearly blind and deaf and died a few weeks ago in her 90s. Gordin was 19 and his wife, 13, when they were married in 1872. At age 15, Anna already had two children. When they came to New York they had eight children and eventually they cared for three grandchildren, making a total of 14 in the household.

Written 25-page monograph

Gordin made his reputation as a fearless exposer of union corruption, but his work brought him in conflict with Abraham Cahan, editor of the powerful socialist Yiddish newspaper *The Forward*. Kaplan says it was Cahan's enmity which brought Gordin's work into disfavor before he died.

Kaplan has written a 25-page monograph about Gordin available from the author (972-2722) for $5.

Working without props, or stage settings, Garnick fashioned an enjoyable evening beginning with a comedy sketch about marriage featuring Rose Weisbrot and Ben Clodman. The other comedy sketch aout a young woman determined to refuse the "shidduch"being forced on her by her father, was played by David Newman as the heavy-handed but dramatically perfect father,Blema Steinman as the unwilling daugher and Jack Botwinik as the swain.

It was a scene from *Mirelle Effros*, a Gordin classic, which revealed why he was revered by the Jewish masses as a playwright who understood the human condition, and who was honored at his death at age 56 in 1909 by the attendance of 250,000 at his funeral.

The play, known as the *Jewish Queen Lear*, is about a widow who fights to make her own name in the world of business, only to hand her fortune over to her sons, who leave her alone and friendless, to be given a room by a former employee. But Effros comes home for the bar mitzvah of her grandson, and is reunited with her family.

Not all this transpired of course in the one scene played, with Eva Lang as Mirelle, Jeannette Stein as a daughter, Richard Bassett as a son and Hindy Abelson, the grasping daughter-in-law.

Eda Zimler-Schiff, president of Friends of Yiddish, introduced the players.

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Great artwork fills the Hermitage

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

ST. PETERSBURG — This historic city on the shores of the Baltic Sea is synonymous with one of the world's greatest museums, the Hermitage.

With its unrivalled collection of paintings, relics and artifacts, it's by far the finest museum in Russia and, perhaps, in all of Europe.

Hard by the Neva River and the fabled Winter Palace of the czars, the Hermitage is physically impressive: gilded drawing rooms and halls, ornate columns, marble floors, sweeping stairways, grand chandeliers and imposing doors.

Within its hushed precincts, visitors find the riches of the ancient Middle East, the treasures of classical Rome and Greece, the handiwork of Russian craftsmen and the artistry of European masters like Michelangelo and Picasso.

I spent two hours here, but merely scratched the surface. Several visits are necessary to take it all in.

I started my tour with a viewing of the Henri Matisee exhibit of still lifes, landscapes, nudes and portraits. It whetted my appetite for more great works of art.

Of course, I was not disappointed.

There were two Leonardos, nine Titians, five Rembrandts, two Raphaels, one Michelangelo plus an assortment of oils by Rubens, El Greco, Renoir, Degas, Monet, Cezanne and Van Gogh.

I feasted my eyes on about 35 Picassos from his pink, blue and cubist periods.

Moving on, I was struck by an unforgettable sight, an elaborate 18th-century carriage with gold and red trim, red silk curtains and cherubic nymphs on its door.

Next, I stood in the throne room of Peter I, the founder of St. Petersburg. A study in crimson velvet and shades of brown hardwood, it bespoke wealth and power.

After a brief rest, during which I tried to digest what I had just seen, I pushed on.

In the intervening hour, I saw coats of arms and heraldic symbols and unsually fine examples of silverware, Flemish tapestries, ceramics, Roman busts and statues, Greek mosaics, and Pharaonic statuary, funeral caskets, jewelry and one shrivelled mummy.

The Hermitage museum in St. Petersburg.

I could have gone on; there was so much more to see. But I was exhausted, and I had an appointment.

Regrettably, I was not lucky enough to revisit the Hermitage, but in the days to come I explored St. Petersburg, which was known as Leningrad during the Communist era.

Criss-crossed by picturesque canals that have fascinated painters for centuries, St. Petersburg was founded in 1703 as Russia's gateway to the West.

As a result, the city is a pleasing blend of Russian and European architecture, with pale pastels being the predominant color of many of its historic buildings.

Unfortunately, the majority of them are in a decrepit state, crumbling monuments of better times.

Nevertheless, St. Petersburg is certainly far more scenic than its rival, Moscow. And two of its brightest jewels are St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter-and-Paul fortress.

St. Isaac's, with its 150 murals and marble and jade walls, is a paragon of late Russian classicism.

Damaged by the Nazi siege of 1941-1943, it was lovingly restored after World War II. Its rooftop observatory offers panoramic views of the downtown core. Photography permits are no longer required.

The Peter-and-Paul fortress, with its golden spire piercing the sky, is the oldest surviving building in St. Peterburg. Peter I laid its foundation in 1703.

Initially designed to protect the city from attack, it became a prison in the 18th century. Notable among its captives have been the 19th-century Decembrist rebels, revolutionary Leon Trotsky, novelist Maxim Gorky and, in the early 1940s, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the present Lubavitch rebbe.

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By train, St. Petersburg is an eight-hour overnight journey from Moscow. I flew to Moscow with Lufthansa Airlines via Toronto and Frankfurt. Lufthansa has regularly-scheduled flights to Russia all year round.

Mexico museum considered one of greatest

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MEXICO CITY — There are many marvels in Mexico, a land of proud pyramids and ancient Aztec symbols. But one of this country's greatest wonders is only three decades old and sits in quiet, dignified splendor amid the capital city's general chaos and cacophony.

The National Museum of Anthropology is considered one of the world's great museums — not simply because of the comprehensive scope of its permanent exhibit on central American civilization, but also for its design and sensibility, its esthetic balance of display and its virile bearing.

Located on a plaza of Mexico City's broadest avenue, Paseao de la Reforma, in the first section of Chapultepec Park, the National Museum draws you inside amid a babble of food vendors vying for attention. Mexican families line the walkway and dangle their feet in ponds beside the spacious entranceway.

Once there, you are welcomed by a majestic deity: the enormous monolith of Tlaloc, the Aztec rain god.

Inside the first, "orientation hall," you are welcomed yet again. There is a grand, spacious lobby (the museum was designed by architect Pedro Ramirez Vasquez), dominated by a Rufina Tamayo mural, which provides a range of services, the most noteworthy being a book and crafts store and a sound-and-light show to orient the visitor.

Then, you exit through the lobby's opposite doorway, leading to the main "court."

In fact, this area is actually a huge patio bordered by 12 exhibition halls visitors tour in a counter-clockwise direction.

The most striking aspect of the courtyard is a huge "umbrella" that shelters and shades the patio from the sun. Constructed of concrete and steel, the "umbrella" sits atop an 11-metre column that gushes water over the top and back to the ground, its cascade of droplets playing random patterns on the plaza's basalt rock surface.

The relief art on the column is the work of artist Tomas Chavez Morada, comprised of moulded symbols depicting Mexico's multiracial origins.

Then, there is the exhibit itself: an outstanding archeological survey of Mexico not only in terms of wealth and variety, but exactitude, balance, and revelation.

The first room provides an impressive and suprisingly comprehensive explanation of anthropology and its branches: physical anthropology, archeology, ethnology and linguistics.

The remaining 11 halls on the ground floor peel back layers of primitive, Aztec and Mayan civilizations dating back 170 centuries BCE.

The second, "Meso-American" hall greets the visitor with a mural of ancient central America and a chronological table.

But moving through time, the wonders widen as does the sense of awe. The ubiquitous arrowheads and ceramics, vestiges of the previous civilizations, only hint at what is to come: mammoth and daunting works of stone that pay tribute to the gods and overshadow the sense of self.

The Aztec Hall is the museum's actual centre, both geographical and, in a sense, spiritual, and it envelops and humbles. The pyramid replicas of Teotihuacan, the Toltec warriors, the Tizoc Stone of the greatest Mexican culture, the intricacies of design, come close to overwhelming the senses.

There is a 30-tonne Aztec calendar stone considered even more accurate than European calendars; a copy of Montezuma's headdress; a sculptured jaguar like no other.

The second half of the main floor is, in a sense, a welcome denouement, following a period marked by great artisitic and architectural achievement by several great cultures, according to geography: the Zapotec, Mixtec, Olmecs, Tajins, Totonac, Huastec and Mayan. The architectural style of the Totonac culture in central Veracruz during the Classical and neo-Classical period, with its niches, frets and flying cornices, rivals that of European design during the same period.

On the upper floor, dedicated to "ethnographic displays" depicting dioramic life scenes of the myriad cultures comprising Mexico today, there is greater occasion to linger. The rooms portray life among Mexico's Indian groups who speak 56 languages.

The National Museum of Anthropology is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with free admission on Sundays and holidays and guided tours in English available upon request.

Record year for tourism

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — This year has been the best ever for tourism to Israel, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram told a Tel Aviv press conference.

He said that slightly less than 2 million tourists had visited the country in 1993, an increase of some 10 percent over the previous year.

Each of those tourists spent and average of $1,300 during his stay, Baram added, compared to an average $1,100 in 1992. In comparison, he said, visitors to Greece and Turkey spent about $600 to $700 apiece.

Baram noted that while peace may bring many more tourists, a significant increase in income from tourism will not necessarily follow.

"Until now, we were at the end of the line," Baram said, noting that part of the reason that tourists spent more here than in other countries in the region is that they tend to come to Israel to stay, rather than travel on. With open borders, he said, this could change.

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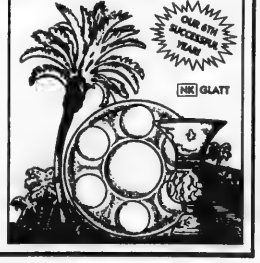

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Holocaust learning centre being built for children

NEW JERSEY — The first children's learning centre on the Holocaust is nearing completion in northern Israel.

Yad Layeled is in the final stages of construction at Kibbutz Lohamei Haghetaot near Nahariya. When completed, the three-storey structure will function as a learning museum and memorial to the 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust.

The kibbutz is also home to The Ghetto Fighters' House, a museum of resistance to the Holocaust.

Yitzhak 'Antek' Zuckerman, a leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, first conceived of Yad Layeled.

"Antek originally envisioned a museum where the story of the children would be told. After his death in 1981, the idea was expanded into a living educational memorial for the child," said Ghetto Fighters' House director Monia Avrahami.

Israeli architect Ram Carmi designed the building, which will house a Memorial Hall, an Eternal Flame Hall, the Child in the Holocaust exhibit, and a Janusz Korczak Hall to tell the story of the great educator and martyr. The museum will also house a creative workshop for visiting children.

"We have been dealing with the challenges of Holocaust education since the inception of The Ghetto Fighters' House in 1949," Avrahami said. "This issue of educating children on the subject is one which has been developing gradually. And now the Jewish world is beginning to grapple with it in a serious way.

"We believe that Yad Layeled will make a real contribution to those efforts."

For more information on Yad Layeled, contact The American Friends of The Ghetto Fighters' House, tel. (201) 836-1910, fax (201) 801-0768, address: 765 Queen Anne Rd., Teaneck NJ 07666.

New travel guides

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
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The newest travel guides...

It isn't surprising that northwestern North America is such a popular getaway. Places like Oregon, Washington and British Columbia certainly offer a traveller good value for money, in terms of scenery, accommodation and meals.

So if you're planning a trip out West, consult the 10th edition of *Northwest Best Places* (Raincoast Books, $24.50). It's comprehensive and readable.

More specifically, *Ultimate Washington* (Raincoast, $15.50) explains why the Evergreen State, as it is called, is such a favorite destination of adventure seekers and naturalists.

The Visitors' Guide to the Birds of the Rocky Mountain National Parks (Raincoast, $19.95) is obviously aimed at a specific clientele. Still, Roland Wauer's guide may be of use to the general traveller as well.

A companion volume, *The Birder's Guide to Bed and Breakfasts* (Raincoast, $19.95), provides solid information on where to go and where to stay.

After Florida and California, Arizona is probably the third most visited snow bird state. Apart from its dry, temperate winter climate, Arizona conjures up desert resorts, mountain retreats and uncrowded parks. Read all about it in *Ultimate Arizona* (Raincoast, $15.50).

Travel is not just for the younger set, as Isobel Warren's book, *On the Go at 50 Plus* (Cedar Cave Publishing, $12.95), points out.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Kudos to **Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts** for being a corporation with a heart. During November and December, CP provided complimentary accommodations for needy out-of-town families visiting hospitalized relatives in major cities across Canada.

Some families also received a brief respite from their hospital duty when offered a stay at rural resorts like Chateau Whistler, Chateau Lake Louise and Chateau Montebello.

"It's one small way we can help ease the emotional and financial burdens that accompany family illness and hospitalization," said CPH&R president Robert DeMone.

Famous for its landmark heritage hotels across Canada, CP was the first to pursue hotel environmentalism here in a big way. At one time, 500 used bars of soap were thrown out daily from the Banff Springs Hotel alone. Now, used soap from all CP hotels is collected, recycled, and given to charities locally and in the Third World. Hotels have reduced paper and energy consumption, established connections with food banks, even introduced blue recycling boxes for guests.

"We have a lot in common with environmentalists, as many of our hotels are in areas of pristine beauty," says CPH&R spokesperson Anne Checkley. "People do not come to see our hotels — they come to see the lakes and scenery."

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CP properties in Victoria, Banff, Lake Louise, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and other cities were originally built as luxurious way-stations along the newly-completed trans-Canada railroad.

"If we can't export the scenery, we'll import the tourists," was the philosophy of William Cornelius Van Horne, the railway baron who built this Canadian ocean-to-ocean chain of landmark hotels. As Van Horne undoubtedly understood, scenery (or a great urban location) is one of three things shared by grand hotels; the other two are architectural magnificence and a reputation for excellence.

In the Maritimes, the Algonquin is a 105-year-old Tudor-style seaside resort on the Bay of Fundy, open mid-May to mid-October. Situated in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., it offers old-fashioned elegance, great golfing, and proximity to whale-watching cruises in Passamaquoddy Bay.

Canada's railway hotels were instrumental in establishing a national architectural motif that combines sweeping grandness with European elegance. Quebec City's famous Chateau Frontenac, fashioned after a 17th-century Loire chateau, has become an inseparable element of the historic cityscape. Likewise Ottawa's Chateau Laurier, whose Gothic styling bears much in common with the neighbouring Parliament Buildings.

Set in exquisite mountain settings, CP's two main Rocky Mountain holdings are unique resorts known around the world. In style, they are simultaneously thoroughly Canadian and thoroughly imitative of Europe. A Scottish baronial castle was the model for the Banff Springs Hotel, just as a chalet in the Swiss Alps was the template for Chateau Lake Louise. Each has immense character, and each is the epitome of a grand hotel.

On the Pacific coast, the elegant Empress Hotel, set on Victoria's inner harbour, reflects the British character of the English-Canadian establishment. High tea has become a tradition here, served each afternoon in the elegant Palm Court. Whistler, B.C.'s highly popular ski resort, is another legendary Canadian Pacific property.

CP's urban properties are somewhat less elegant. But the Royal York in Toronto, the Palliser in Calgary and the Hotel Vancouver still possess the old-fashioned stateliness and green copper roofs of yesteryear. Like their more glorious counterparts, they have benefited extensively from the $600 million that CP has poured into restorations since the mid-1980s.

As a dramatic contrast, consider two of CP's modern buildings. The SkyDome Hotel was built into the north wall of Toronto's SkyDome stadium. Its 70 rooms that overlook the playing field are much in demand during World Series championships. Naturally, this type of architectural showmanship reflects the 1980s rather than the 1880s, when the groundwork was laid on the earliest of Canada's railway hotels.

Just two years old, Vancouver's Waterfront Centre Hotel features 489 guest rooms and suites, more than half with harbour or mountain views. Towering over the water, the hotel is attractive and spacious, and offers a high level of service. Perhaps all it needs is longevity to attain the sterling reputation of its neighbour, the Pan Pacific, which Conde Nast Traveler Magazine included last year in a list of readers' 25 favourite hotels outside the United States.

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In recent years, with more and more passenger vessels being built, the cruise industry has become, subject to fierce competition and substantial ticket discounts. With today's sluggish economy, this may not be the right time to launch a new luxury cruise-ship venture.

However, Toronto travel entrepreneur Sam Blythe did not succeed in business by following the prevailing winds. His innovative firm, **Blythe & Company**, has become well-known for offering unique and exciting adventure packages.

Last month Blythe established Marine Expeditions, a company that is offering sea voyages to exotic places, beginning next July. Destinations include Antarctica, Norway, Greenland, Iceland, Labrador and the European and North American arctics.

Marine Expeditions also expects to put cruise ships back on the Great Lakes for the first time in 20 years. Cruises (either 8 or 10 days long) begin in Toronto and will sail on four of the five Great Lakes (Ontario, Erie, Huron and Superior).

Points of interest include Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Point Pelee, Tobermory, Flowerpot Island, the Thirty Thousand Islands, Sault Ste. Marie, and an optional trip to the spectacular Agawa Canyon via the Algoma Central Railway. The tour finishes in Duluth, and passengers fly back to Toronto. Prices begin at $1,295 and rise steeply.

About three years ago, Blythe & Company announced it was restoring the "Royal Canadian" luxury train service from Toronto to Vancouver. Alas, the market was apparently not strong enough and the service was indefinitely postponed. Here's hoping people salute this new idea that Blythe is raising to the top of the mast.

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Shoppers Drug Mart

Murray Koffler

Forty-seven years after graduating from the Ontario College of Pharmacy, Murray Koffler retains a youthful enthusiasm for the profession he reluctantly entered as a young man. He is known for having introduced numerous changes to the practice of pharmacy as founder of Shoppers Drug Mart, a Canada-wide chain which has grown over the past three decades to include some 700 stores.

On Jan. 9 Koffler will be honored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science on the occasion of his 70th birthday, as he steps down after six years as chair of the university's international board of governors. Koffler founded the Canadian Society in 1965.

Koffler's interests also led him to found the Canadian Council for Native Business, Operation Lifeline (a volunteer organization to settle Boat People from Southeast Asia), the Koffler Centre of the Arts, the Foundation for Ecological Action in Israel, the Council on Drug Abuse and the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition. He sits on over a dozen boards of directors, among them The Canadian Jewish News, *Mount Sinai Hospital, the Jewish Community Centre and World Wildlife Federation.*

A co-founder and director of Four Seasons Hotels Limited, Koffler was also co-founder in 1986 of King Ranch Health Spa and Fitness Resort, a luxury spa that struggled unsuccessfully to survive the recession.

He and his wife Marvelle have five grown children. Koffler spoke with CJN reporter Frances Kraft recently at his Toronto home.

CJN: *What prompted your innovations to the pharmacy business?*

Koffler: My father died when I was 17, and I was left with two drugstores. I worked in [the stores] until I was 21, just getting to understand the business.

[In the morning] we used to have a storeful of people ordering bacon and eggs, and I was behind the soda fountain cleaning dishes. This didn't look like a career that I was too excited about.

My mother encouraged me to get my degree and stay with pharmacy. In the interim we had to give up one store, just to keep our heads above water.

When I graduated, the first thing I did was to throw out the soda fountain and move the dispensary right up into the window, which increased our prescription business by threefold.

Then I said, "If [supermarkets] have self-serve, why can't a drugstore?" So I brought in supermarket fixtures. Everybody thought I was mad.

Then we stopped delivery, except for emergencies. We'd had 12 kids on bicycles running around and not making any money [for the store]. People had to come to the store to get their merchandise, and behold, our business went up again.

Necessity is the mother of invention. I just didn't like the way it was going. I said, "Okay, we'll change it." I had a lot of resistance, [but the store] became quite successful.

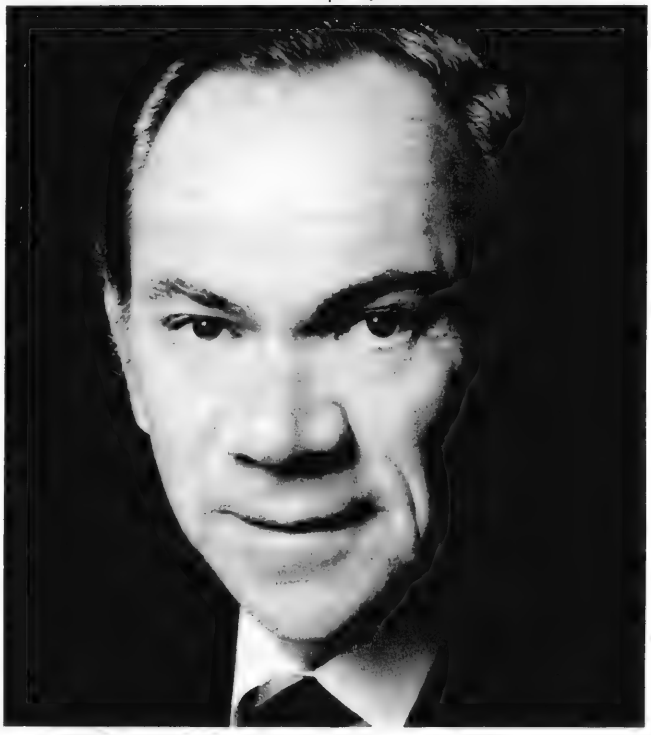
Then an opportunity arose [in] a shopping centre. When I was opening that store, I had to worry about the first store on Bathurst Street.

I came up with an idea [which] is now known as the associate system, where I gave the store manager the opportunity to run that store as his business. I just got a percentage of the volume.

That worked so well that when an opportunity came up to open a [third] store, I gave the [second] store over to an associate. That just parlayed, until we got up to about 17 stores. I opened each store and then handed it over.

CJN: *How does your associate system differ from a franchise?*

Koffler: No pharmacist has to come up with any money, and he doesn't buy from the company. In our system the company — and it used to be me the individual — gets the store operating and then hands it over. You [the pharmacist] pay all the expenses and manage the business and the staff and then pay [the company] a percentage of the business you do.



You have no debt. All of a sudden you're going to do a million dollars worth of business. You have a guaranteed salary. Everything over and above that [after operating expenses], you keep, and we'll get two per cent or five per cent of the volume — every [store] is structured differently.

The pharmacist at the store level buys in cooperation with all the other pharmacists. Revlon, for example, gives our 700 stores a much better price than they would give one pharmacist.

CJN: *Who gets the new stores off the ground now?*

Koffler: Our real estate department structures the lease, then our store planning department goes in and fixtures the store, then our merchandising crew goes in and puts in the merchandise. Then we pick a pharmacist who has come through the [Shoppers] system and been to the Koffler Academy, a training school where our pharmacists learn to be managers. Then by contractual arrangement we hand the business over.

CJN: *Does the Koffler Academy have anything to do with the Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management at the University of Toronto?*

Koffler: No. It's only for Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacists.

I built The Koffler Institute later, because I felt everyone should have that benefit.

CJN: *Is there anything you would have done differently at Shoppers, from a business point of view?*

Koffler: No, I think it's just gone so well. One [thing which] has paid off was my faith that the next person could do the job as well as me, and often better.

[That] whole concept goes right through the company, up to top management. Everything is done by consensus. We always get input from people, and it's really the most democratic form of business.

CJN: *What do you think it was that enabled you to recognize opportunities and take advantage of them at the right time?*

Koffler: Happenstance. I just think these things come along.

For instance, my wife and I were in New York at the Washington Square art show, and when we came back to Toronto our police were kicking a couple of artists off the City Hall stairs. I said, "We ought to have an art show." So I started an art show.

CJN: *You've given your time and money to many causes. How do you determine which ones merit your attention?*

Koffler: There are many important situations that need public involvement. People are attracted to things that just trigger their emotion, I guess.

I'll give you an example. I was in Calgary with Marvelle when we were building the Four Seasons Calgary Hotel. We went into the construction site, and there was a whole family of native people huddling in the damp basement.

From there I went to visit one of the Shoppers Drug Mart stores, and as we walked in, a couple of [native] men were being hustled out because they had stolen some Jergen's lotion, [which] has an alcohol base.

I came back and gathered a group of business people and native people, and we started the Canadian Council for Native Business. We've employed, or we've created jobs as interns, for 1,200 native people, I think the last count is, who are now well placed in industries.

Everything that I've been involved in has a sort of spark that says, "Do something. Get involved."

CJN: *What was it about Weizmann that prompted you to take such an active role?*

Koffler: Several compelling reasons. As I got to understand the Weizmann Institute, I felt it wasn't an institution in Israel just for Israel and Israelis and for Jews. It was really a great contribution to the world, to humanity.

CJN: *How did you get involved in doing business in Israel?*

Koffler: The Four Seasons [Hotel in Netanya] came out of the first economic conference that was structured in 1966 by Prime Minister [Levi] Eshkol and Finance Minister [Pinchas] Sapir. The whole idea was how to get more tourists to Israel.

At the next economic conference, the concept was bring us your know-how, bring us your investment, come to Israel and do business. I led the Canadian contingent to that conference.

While I was there, I met a local pharmacist who was ready come to America to make his fortune. I said, "Don't leave. I'll finance you and give you our system, and you can build a typical Shoppers Drug Mart in Israel." It was so successful that people were lined up to get in.

That begat another one, and it got up to about five stores. My son Leon, who was with Shoppers Drug Mart at the time, went over, and then his sister Theo followed him, and together they built a few more stores. Today there are 32 stores open. It's just a model of a business, with six more opening in 1994, to make 38 stores.

CJN: *What would you tell Canadians who are thinking of doing business in Israel?*

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Lufthansa targets former Soviet Union

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Business travellers in search of new opportunities in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are discovering Lufthansa has more flights to these destinations than any other airline.

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With the recent additions, Lufthansa flies to 222 cities around the world, more than any other airline.

Lufthansa's service to Israel marked its 25th anniversary in 1993. It was the first foreign airline to resume flights to Ben-Gurion Airport after the 1991 Gulf War.

Upon request, kosher meals are available, though they should be ordered when flights are booked.

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Further information can be obtained from Lufthansa in Toronto and Montreal

Murray Koffler

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Koffler: The most important thing would be either to have a solid working relationship with an Israeli in whom you have confidence and who has the managerial qualifications to be part of the business, or to send someone there from here, as we did. You cannot just send money and expect someone else to run your business, unless you're going to be closely involved.

CJN: *What are the barriers to be overcome?*

Koffler: Language is not a barrier because everybody in business speaks English to a degree. Cultural differences are considerable [but] not a problem if you're flexible. My son loves it. There is a need to adjust, on both sides, but the opportunities in Israel are tremendous.

As a matter of fact, anyone who looks to getting involved [in business] in Canada today looks at a fairly difficult picture. I won't call it bleak, but it's certainly not a gung-ho atmosphere of business opportunity.

On the other hand, if you want to do business in Israel, there's terrific opportunity. Very bullish economy.

CJN: *Any predictions about how the peace accord will affect business?*

Koffler: I think it will enhance business. It already has.

CJN: *You were quoted in your biography* (Just a Simple Pharmacist, *by the late Frank Rasky) as saying that your lack of formal business training was probably an asset. What advice would you give to business students today?*

Koffler: I said that, I think, with tongue in cheek, but I did have a lack of business training and it's a real miss. The '70s and '80s were a very opportunistic, affluent era, [but] things are a little tougher now. The more business education you have [the better] in this age of information and computers.

CJN: *Do you think pharmacy is still a good profession to go into?*

Koffler: It's a marvellous profession. If it's run right, it's a terrific business. You're selling products that people need. Terrific opportunity.

CJN: *What do you think the government's role should be in legislation regarding pharmacy?*

Koffler: You have to have government legislation. You have to control the kinds of drugs that can be sold with and without a prescription. You have to have the government involved because they're providing the [health insurance], but there should be a line where [pharmacists have] to be responsible to carry on their business without negative "interference" from the government.

CJN: *Has there ever been a conflict of interest between Shoppers Drug Mart and its holding company, Imasco Ltd.?*

Koffler: NEVER. Imasco's never involved themselves in our marketing procedures. We don't get any better prices from Imasco for Player's than we do for other cigarettes. Imasco and Imperial [Tobacco] have rolled over backwards to try to prove that Shoppers is not a privileged buyer.

CJN: *Is there a conflict from the point of view of pharmacists being in the business of promoting healthier lifestyles, while Imasco produces cigarettes, which are known to be detrimental to health?*

Koffler: It's *not* a conflict of interest. As long as tobacco is legal and as long as the public wants it, pharmacists should be in a position to deal on a fair playing field. That is not the way it is shaping up.

The latest example [of government interference] is [the Ontario government's proposed tobacco control legislation]. It is inconceivable that there could be a discriminatory piece of legislation where one type of business can sell tobacco and next door a pharmacy cannot. I would hope that the due process would negate that piece of legislation.

Shoppers will manage. It's the independent pharmacists who are having a difficult time. I'm concerned for — and I mean it sincerely — the independent pharmacist who needs every product possible to draw customers into his store.

Food stores now have a complete drug department. What [is government] going to do about the supermarkets?

CJN: *Do you have any regrets about King Ranch?*

Koffler: None whatsoever. King Ranch opened at the start of the recession, and the economy went into a tailspin. It was an outstanding facility, but on some days we'd have 30 guests and 150 staff. We subsidized it for a full year, then sold it. It was a wonderful idea that was hit by unusual economic circumstances.

CJN: *Are you optimistic about Canada's economic picture now?*

Koffler: I think the economics are picking up. I'm definitely positive, [but] Canada's taken a tremendous shellacking. I think it'll take a little while.

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Toronto Judaica collector displays his wares at the Beth Sholom

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The refined calm of antique dealer Morry Rotman's showroom is shattered by the arrival of a decorator and her client.

"I just *love* this fabric with these chairs," shrieks the decorator. "You have to have them for your living room."

Her young client, dressed like a rock star in head-to-toe black, doesn't look convinced.

Rotman repositions the furniture and obligingly holds up swatches of material before discreetly slipping away to let the decorator make the sale.

He shakes his head. "When customers talk about the size and color instead of the craftsmanship, I have to walk away."

Rotman, 64, is passionate about the antiques he has been selling for 37 years. His 6,000-sq. ft. showroom in downtown Toronto is testimony to that passion. Inside the drab-looking industrial building at King and Sherbourne street, the vast ceiling drips with chandeliers; gilded sconces are mounted on partitioned walls. The 19th-century French furniture sits atop Persian rugs. Every piece has been chosen for its beauty and workmanship.

He is also selective of his clientele. Rotman does not sell to the public. His showroom is open, by appointment only, to decorators and those recommended by long-standing customers. The woman in black is the daughter of one of them. She eventually buys two Louis XV-style armchairs for $2,000 apiece.

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Sitting cross-legged on those same chairs earlier in the day, Rotman is as elegant as his surroundings. However, his sleeves will be rolled up by 2:30 p.m. when he goes home, as he has done every day for 15 years, to have tea with his wife, Kay. She is his other passion in life.

"A girl I knew showed me a picture of this girl sitting on a rock in Wasaga Beach. I told her I wanted to meet her friend, Katie Nixzel. She was 14 at the time," Rotman says. "I still have that picture."

There are more recent pictures of Kay, a youthful-looking woman, scattered throughout the showroom. Rotman calls her "my sweetheart" and "my passion flower." Together they have travelled the world looking for antiques.

"Our business is our pleasure," Rotman says. "Everywhere we go we meet nice people and sometimes we do a little business."

Rotman is no stranger to business. He started making money when he was 10 by bagging groceries at a family friend's fruit stand in Kensington Market. He then quit school at 14 to help support his family, earning $12 a week as an apprentice at Standard Upholstery.

Rotman was born in Toronto, the third of six boys. His partents emigrated from Poland after World War I and settled near Dundas and Bathurst streets. Many Jews, like the Rotmans, lived in the area and worked in the nearby garment factories. Rotman's father was a coatmaker; his mother kept their home.

Rotman and Kay eloped when he was 17 and she 16. They lived with her family for three years and with the savings Rotman opened an interior decorating store on Eglinton Avenue West. His training was on-the-job. "I learned to make drapes very quickly," he says.

It was around that time, in the early '50s, that Rotman began buying antiques as a hobby. He would go to the Salvation Army store at Richmond Street and Spadina Avenue and pick out what he liked.

"I'd buy what we could afford, which wasn't very much at that time, and take it home to my basement." He would resell the untouched pieces to friends. Within four years he opened his own antiques store.

Rotman attributes his love of antiques to his mother, who bought porcelain figurings and antique-style furniture in Kensington Market with the little money she had. Like her, Rotman says his taste is innate. "She never went to museums in Poland. No one had any money there."

Rotman's clientele has no such problems. His antiques can be found in homes and businesses in Montreal, Hamilton, New York and Florida. "I don't lose too many clients because of price."

His pieces can also be seen in big-budget commercials and movies like *The Ref*, *Married To It* and the upcoming *Canadian Bacon*, starring Alan Alda, John Candy and Rhea Perlman. Rotman began renting antiques 17 years ago to a CBC documentary crew. He says the money it brings in accounts for only 10 to 20 per cent of his income, but "I get a kick out of it."

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Rotman relaxes with a cup of tea. The chandeliers tinkle periodically as the photographer who rents space upstairs rolls his equipment across the floor. Rotman has owned the building since 1976, filling it with objects like an entire panelled room rescued from a demolished department store.

He points to a Louis XVI-style cabinet with marquetry inlays and gilt mouldings. It dates from around 1850. "It took me two days to clean [the mouldings] by hand. I really admire the time people put into making these pieces. They're works of art."

Antiques dealer and Judaica collector Morry Rotman poses in his Toronto showroom with some of his pieces.

Not only does Rotman admire the pieces, he strives to know their stories. He relaxes by reading art books and Sotheby's catalogues. His knowledge has often given him the advantage in making a deal. He chuckles while relating one such story.

"I found a spice box [used for Havdallah services] in a Florida flea market. The guy selling it thought it was an inkwell. I bought it for $90. It was made in Turkey around 1875 of silver and silver gilt. It's worth over $2,000."

The Rotmans have been collecting Judaica for over 10 years. They have amassed close to 300 spice boxes, candlesticks, Torah pointers and the like from around the world. A portion of the Kay and Morry Rotman Collection — 63 pieces — will be displayed indefinitely at Beth Sholom Synagogue, where they have been members for over 40 years.

Among the more unusual pieces displayed at the synagogue are a German spice holder made around 1740 in the shape of a woman; a Dutch spice holder circa 1900 in the shape of a windmill; and a turn-of-the-century Viennese gilt table clock with Hebrew letters on the face. Other pieces come from Morocco, Syria, Turkey and Yemen as well as central and Eastern Europe. None of them are for sale.

Rotman pursues antiques and Judaica single-mindedly. He admits he has lost sleep over some pieces. He once had the chance to buy the third draft of Napoleon's surrender, written in his own hand from the island of Elba, from the Cuban government for $10,000. It's now worth $500,000. He regrets not making the deal when he had his chance. "I asked them to sell it later, but it had been declared a national treasure and put into a Cuban museum."

Among his own treasures Rotman counts his two daughters and four grandchildren. They see each other at least once a week when Kay makes Friday night dinner.

Rotman says no one from the family has shown interest in taking over his business, but he has no plans to retire.

"They'll have to carry me out in a box."

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Big Bird's creators still shining after quarter of a century

By RUTH BIGUS
Special to The CJN

What would your workplace be like if your co-workers were none other than Big Bird, The Count, Oscar the Grouch and an assortment of other Muppets?

It would probably be entertaining and fun — and popular with the preschool set. Such is the scenario for four Jewish members of the creative team of public television's award-winning series *Sesame Street*, which is currently celebrating its 25 birthday. The program is the product of the Children's Television Workshop, in New York City.

Michael Loman joined *Sesame Street* a year ago as executive producer. A native New Yorker, Loman has had a varied career in the entertainment field. He began as an actor and singer in the Big Apple. Loman went on to Hollywood, spending 17 years as an independent television producer and writer. His many credits include working as a writer/co-producer for *The Cosby Show*, for which he won an Emmy.

In addition to his work in the entertainment field, Loman also taught language arts and reading for five years at the junior high school level.

What made Loman decide to leave the glamor of Hollywood for life on "the Street?"

"When the job became available it just brought all the aspects of my background together," Loman said. "I thought it would allow me to make a really important contribution, too."

In his capacity as executive producer Loman is responsible for the overall concept and creative direction of the series, which features 110 new shows a season. He works with the show's producers, writers, directors and other staff.

"What I really didn't know at first is that everything is written to a curriculum. Now, it may be masked in an entertaining format. . . . There is a fine line between teaching something and just entertaining," he said.

Loman said *Sesame Street's* mission has not changed in the 25 years it has been on the air; its goal is to educate children in an entertaining manner.

"We try to show all kinds of kids on the show," he said. "We want to give children a positive sense of who they are, make sure that they see all ethnic and racial groups represented."

Loman made the point that the show is not written just for children.

"We program specifically for adults to watch with the children. Research indicates children learn more when they can interact with adults about what they are seeing," Loman said.

Loman said his own Jewish background has helped him with his work on *Sesame Street*.

"In terms of my own family, the Jewish people I have been around were involved in civil rights and seeing all kinds of people in the same light," he said. "My father said, 'Respect the rights of others.' So it is extremely important to me to let children see that 'different' is not frightening. It is important for them to know that others have feelings too."

For more than 20 years, Norman Stiles has called *Sesame Street* home. As head writer for the series, Stiles leads a team of more than 20 writers, who develop each show based on the set curriculum.

"I see myself as a head coach," said Stiles, who grew up in the Washington Heights area of New York in a predominately Jewish neighborhood.

An assignment is given out to an individual member of the team, who writes the script for each show, covering the curriculum supplied. Then Stiles reviews the script with the writer, it is revised and then sent on to the research department for approval.

"I try to get all these characters to speak with the same voice no matter who is writing for them — so that they meet the vision of the show," Stiles said.

Like Loman, Stiles brings impressive credentials to *Sesame Street*. He served as a staff writer for the *Merv Griffin Show* and went on to co-create the television series *When Things Were Rotten* with Mel Brooks. He later worked on a number of television series, including *Fernwood Tonight*.

Stiles likes the collaborative working environment of *Sesame Street*.

"Nobody can say, 'That is my character,' but you might be able to claim that you conceived of a character," he said.

Stiles said it is tough at times to meet the curriculum needs of the program.

"The challenge is precisely to do a show that teaches and entertains at the same time — to meet the needs of our target audience."

As with Loman, Stiles, too, sees some aspects of his Jewish upbringing affecting his work on *Sesame Street*.

"I grew up in a Jewish liberal tradition. The messages I was getting had to do with people being treated fairly, and we emphasize just that on Sesame Street."

Lisa Simon is the *Sesame Street* veteran of the Jewish quartet. Today Simon is the supervising producer/director of *Sesame Street*, and she has won seven Emmys for her work on the program. Simon never dreamed she would be with the program so long when she came aboard in 1969 as a student at Humber College.

"It's just amazing to me (that it has been 25 years). Time goes very quickly. . . . I don't look back, I look forward," she said.

Simon, a native of Detroit, climbed the ranks from production assistant to her current position.

During her years on "the Street," Simon directed a pilot for *Shalom Sesame*, the Hebrew-language version of *Sesame Street*. *Shalom Sesame* was designed to help children learn about Israeli culture, using familiar characters.

Today, Simon has a number of duties with the program.

"I've given up some of the details. I'm working more on the creative end of things, finding the talent for the show — writers, actors — bringing creative talent to *Sesame Street*."

She also directs the taping of the series one day a week.

Simon said it has been fulfilling to be part of a show generations have grown up with.

"I like to say I work on *Sesame Street*. I'm very proud of it."

Another Jewish woman, Arlene Sherman, is leaving her mark on *Sesame Street*. Sherman, a Washington, D.C. native, is co-ordinating producer for the television series. It is Sherman's job to commission live action and animated films which are inserted into the series. She works with a large array of independent film producers to accomplish the task of inserting 20 such segments in each *Sesame Street* program.

"We have turned out to be the largest employer of independent film producers in the world," Sherman said.

Sherman solicits work from producers and they also contact her, all the while keeping the show's curriculum in mind.

"Over a season, I look to commission two hours of these segments — everything from 10 seconds to two to three minutes each in length. That means about 60 pieces a season," Sherman said.

Sherman said *Sesame Street* has new material all the time but has a vast video library to pull from, to re-use material that stands the test of time.

A graduate of New York University's School of Film and Television, Sherman joined the CTW's *Sesame Street* in 1978, after spending time in Europe working in the film industry.

"I came back to the States looking for a job and took a temporary position at Children's Television Workshop as a curriculum editor," Sherman said. "I liked the show so much that I just stayed."

Sherman couldn't think of a job she would rather have than working with *Sesame Street*.

"You also get to feel you're doing something important — you're teaching. And I adore working with the Muppets!"

Twenty-five years is a long time for any television series to survive, let alone a program which is geared to children. However, *Sesame Street* staff agree the show has been successful in part because the show has tried to be responsive to the changing needs of children, and to help them cope with reality.

"*Sesame Street* does program for reality — we have dealt with birth, death and more. But we go to special pains not to frighten children," Loman said.

"The show has been successful for two reasons. First of all, it's fun and second, it's because we challenge children — to work, to do something or to deal with whatever social issues we are dealing with," he added.

"It's hard work but it's very rewarding," said Stiles. "We're proud of what we do."

The final frontier

By SHARON KANON
Special to The CJN

An Israeli-designed space telescope will help uncover the mysteries of the universe when it is launched from the Commonwealth of Independent States in 1995.

TAUVEX (Tel Aviv University Ultra Violet Explorer) is a joint effort between Tel Aviv University, the Israel Space Agency and El-Op Industries. Israel won the bid for the payload on the multinational satellite, the first scientific mission to observe celestial objects in the ultraviolet (UV) range.

The telescope will provide important missing information. While astronomers have tracked stars with visible light, radio waves, x-rays and infrared radiation, the exploration of the UV portion has been fragmentary.

"You cannot accurately observe the UV spectrum from the ground because the atmosphere scatters UV radiation," said Eytan Reis, head of business development for El-Op. "The only way to photograph distant and weak stars is by getting the scientific instrument out in space."

TAUVEX will zoom in on white dwarfs (young stars that emit high-energy ultraviolet radiation), binaries (stars that travel in pairs through space), galaxies and quasars (the most luminous objects at the edge of the universe).

"The search for quasars will be the most productive ever conducted," said Dr. Noah Brosch, an astronomer at the Wise Observatory of Tel Aviv University. "We expect to catalog more than 10,000 new quasars that will be identified by their UV-optical colors. Only about 4,000 are known today from ground-based surveys."

In addition, the space telescope will map the entire Virgo Cluster and 100 other galaxies. With the information, scientists can study the physics of neutron stars and black holes.

The satellite will have a longer orbit than most. Moving in an elliptical orbit, it will take three days to orbit the earth with an apogee of 200,000 km from the planet. Other satellites usually orbit in 1½ hours. The telescope has a viewing field 500 times wider than the wide field camera of the Hubble Space Telescope.

The satellite will remain in space for three years. All data transmitted will be received in Russian territory, but will be shared with scientists from the participating nations.

Bonds sales top $100 million in Canada

TORONTO — For the first time ever, Israel Bonds sales in Canada have topped $100 million. That's a $10 million increase over last year and $16 million more than in 1991.

Executive vice-president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., Charles Diamond, attributed the record sales to a combination of "great rates" and hard work by Bonds staff.

"Investors realize that Israel still needs Bonds and that Bonds are a sure, secure, high-interest investment, with no strings attached," he said.

One of this year's hottest attractions was the Canadian Variable Rate Interest Bond, now sold out, that guaranteed a 7½ per cent return.

Toronto had the most sales, with purchasers investing $50 million dollars in Bonds. Montreal ranked second at $35 million.

The largest single investor was businessman David Nadler, who bought $6 million in notes, which can be assigned to a bank by the government of Israel, for use as collateral by the purchaser.

About 12 per cent of those who buy Bonds are non-Jewish investors; among them are labor unions and pension funds.

Diamond expects 1994 to be an even better year because Israel Bonds now qualify for inclusion in self-directed RRSP and Registered Retirement Income Fund accounts.

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YAN, DR. MAXWELL MENUHIN, formerly Associate Director of Abitibi Price Research Division, Sheridan Park, Ontario and Adjunct Professor of Wood Sciences at the University of Toronto, recanteur of the first order, at his home in North York, Ontario, November 6, 1993.

He will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Betty Switzer, of 49 plus years; his devoted children and spouses: Joel and Toby, Norman and Sandy, Mark and Fahimeh, Mindy and Marcus Miller, Sharon Yan and Faro Zarrabi and his doting grandchildren: Joshua, Avi, Meira, Dariush, Siyavash, Shyah, Nava and Laila Sara; his brother Cecil of Winnipeg and his sister Beverley Charnish of Vancouver.

During their 49 years, Betty coming from Calgary, and Max from Winnipeg, lived in Regina, Montreal, Sault Ste. Marie, Oakville, and finally settled in North York.

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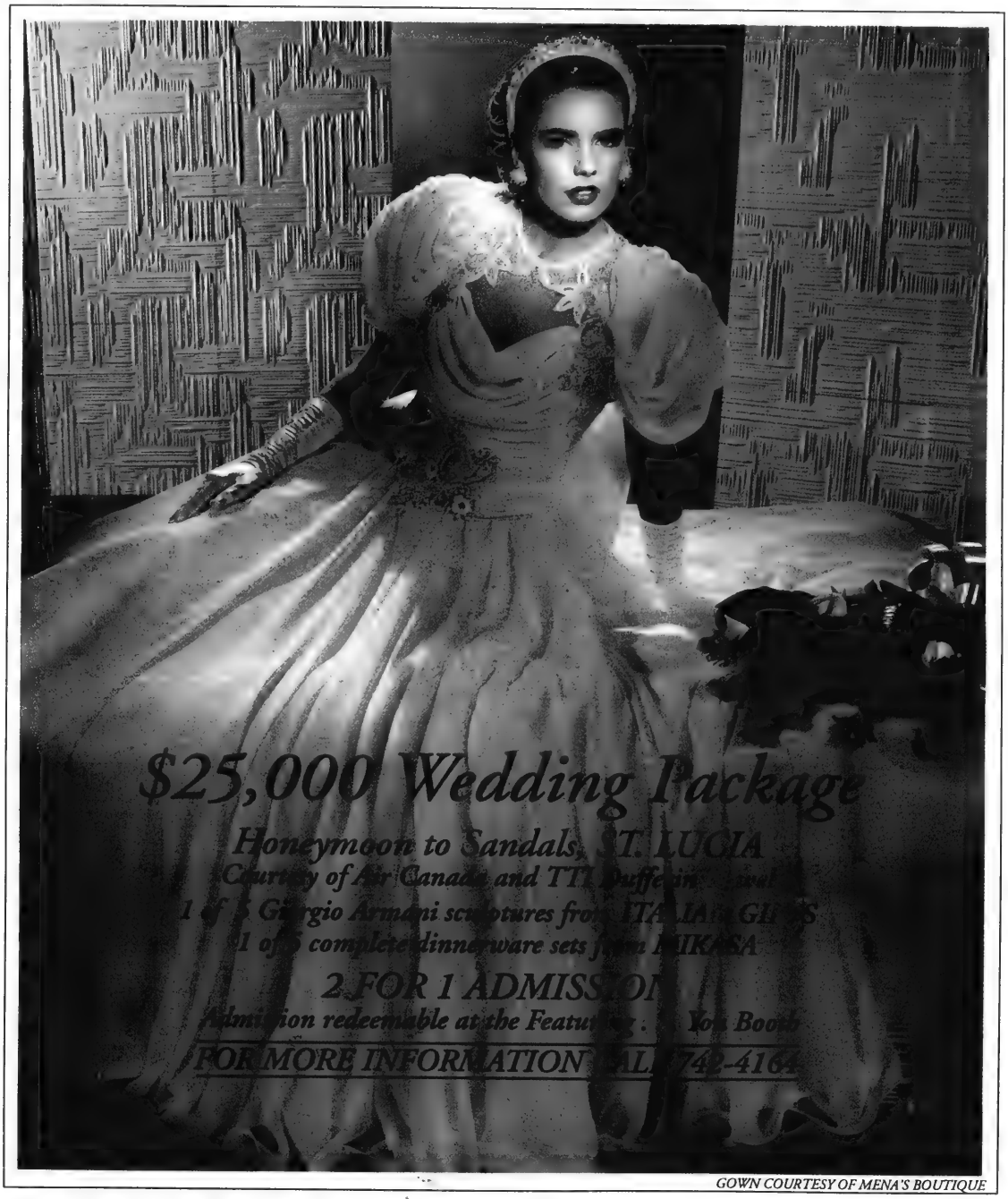

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Wedding videos are special says Video Magic

Founded three years ago, Video Magic produces videos of just about every conceivable kind, including music, corporate, training, as well as video coverage of special events.

However, to Griff Henderson and Greg Bianchini, Video Magic's Associate Producers (who have more than eleven years experience between them), wedding videos play a very special role in their business mix. "A wedding video is always very special to me" says Griff, "while our corporate clients appreciate the work we do, there is always a heartfelt pleasure in watching a bride and groom see their wedding video for the first time— it's great to see them relive the magic moments of their wedding day with pure joy".

Video Magic has earned its reputation by paying careful attention to what a couple want to see in their video. Interviews with close friends and relatives are often included, as well as treasured pictures from family photo albums.

Whenever possible Greg and Griff always check out the locations before the taping sessions— to make absolutely sure that no unforeseen problems present themselves on the "special day".

Although Griff and Greg always edit their video productions personally, there are times when they need to call on their pool of freelance talent to help tackle special problems such as a multiple camera shoot (two cameras are standard for a Video Magic wedding video). But, says Griff, "In a successful wedding video, editing is really the key— the editor tells the story, and we always keep in mind that there are no re-shoots at a wedding. So our camera people must get it right the first time, every time!

Video Magic uses the latest state-of-the-art digital camera and editing equipment. Which means that in most cases there is no need for obtrusive bright lights to get clear crisp images on tape. "People appreciate this" continues Griff, "bright lights make guests think they are under scrutiny, so they can't relax".

Video Magic offers two basic wedding packages: a two hour edited video covering the entire day's events and a "hi-light" video, generally 35 to 45 minutes in length. The latter also includes all the "raw footage" of the day's events.

Difficult as it might be to make a final decision on which video company to choose, Griff advises, "Don't leave it to the last minute or you might be disappointed. Book 6 months in advance, get references, and always make sure you have a written contract covering exactly what you expect to get for your money".

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The Forest Hill Room now occupies the area previously known as The Greenery. The original wall of windows has been retained to make this one of the lightest, most elegant ballrooms in the city. It will seat 350 guests at dinner.

The guest rooms at the Plaza II were completely redecorated 18 months ago. In December 1993, the hotel unveiled **Matisse**, a new restaurant and bar designed by Robynne Moncur. The internationally known creative consulting firm, Kurtz Mann of Toronto, executed the reproduction of many well-known Matisse masterpieces. The eclectic international menu features Italian, Asian, Southern Californian, Middle Eastern and French cuisine.

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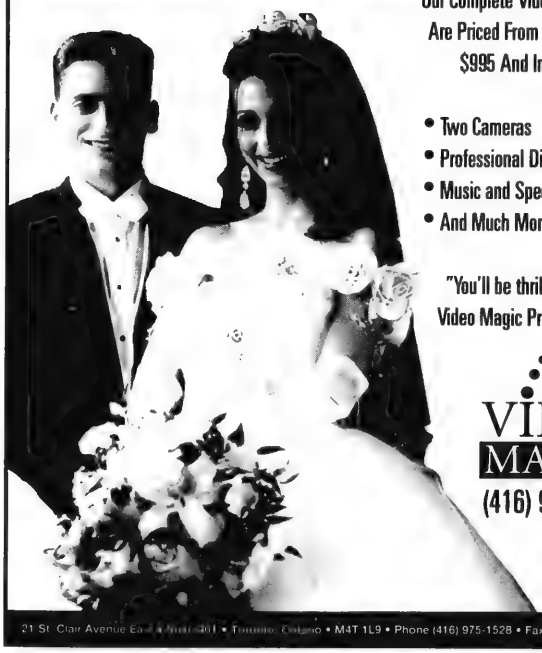

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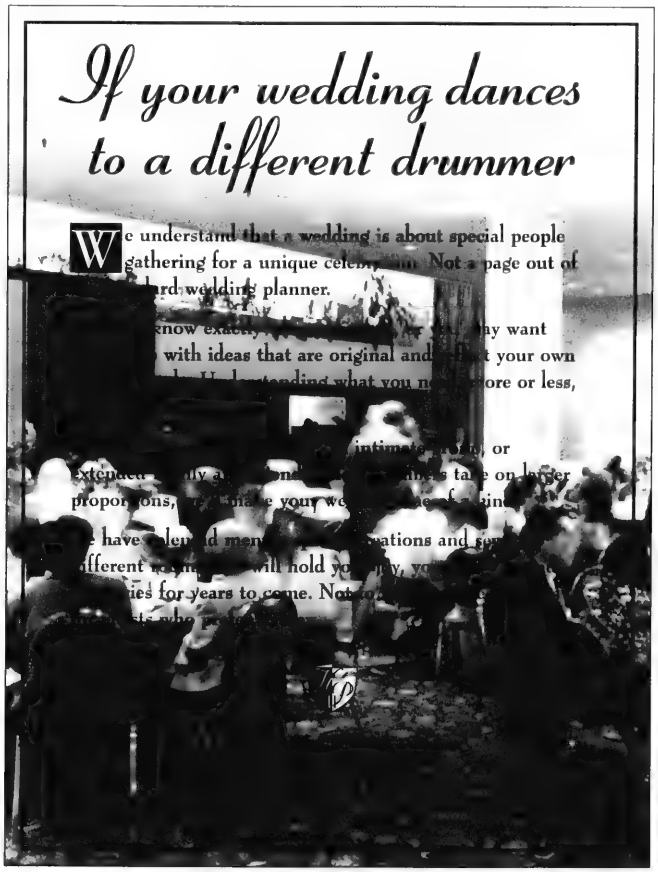

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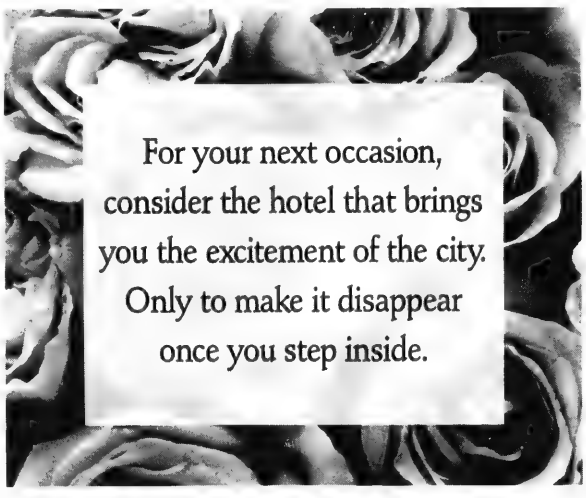
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Executive Chef James Stewart supervises the preparation of Glen Abbey's famed cuisine in a state-of-the-art kitchen.

"Glen Abbey is becoming as renowned for its food as for its golf," says the creative Stewart, who is responsible for the wide variety of delectable and reasonably priced dishes on the menu.

"Our set menu is extensive and varied, ranging from items such as veal marsala to Cornish game hens with lingonberry sauce. Of course, we are always prepared to work with guests to create something unique for a special occasion."

Should you desire to have your ceremony at Glen Abbey, it will take place in the sprawling stone mansion just a few metres away from the clubhouse. Designated as a historic building, the former Jesuit retreat is a picture-perfect setting to begin your special day.

"At Glen Abbey, we endeavor to anticipate your every need," says Phillips. "This day is a highlight of your life; we try to ensure that it will remain a perfect memory."

Lina's continues 25 year tradition of making brides look beautiful

Elegant surroundings, professional service and high quality attire are only some of the reasons that brides and their families have been flocking to Lina's for almost 25 years.

With gowns, dresses and two-piece outfits to suit brides, mothers and wedding guests, as well as all the accessories from veils to shoes to garters, there is no reason for a bride to go into another store.

Lina's prides itself on professional, individualized service, and all staff members are highly trained and attuned to the needs of each person. Isolated bridal salons, adorned with loveseats, muted colors, chandeliers and mirrors, allow the bride privacy, while the elegant yet cozy surroundings put her in the mood to plan a romantic wedding.

Custom-made attire

Staff at Lina's will custom-make an outfit, but the salon carries so many labels, that most brides find exactly what they want in the store. With prices ranging from as low as $700 right up to couturier, there really is something for everyone, and on-site alterationists have the facilities to make every garment look custom-made.

Traditional outfits

Sam Pollari says that most first-time brides choose white gowns and although the trend is towards the simpler dress, traditional gowns are still important. "A multi-layered Cinderella-type skirt gives a romantic look to a gown. Second-time brides, or those opting for a more informal look often choose a brocade suit in ivory."

Whatever the bride's taste, Pollari is confident that Lina's is the place to shop. "Our staff is able to assess her needs and come up with the perfect garment. They sometimes work on a hunch and know what the bride wants before she can describe it herself."

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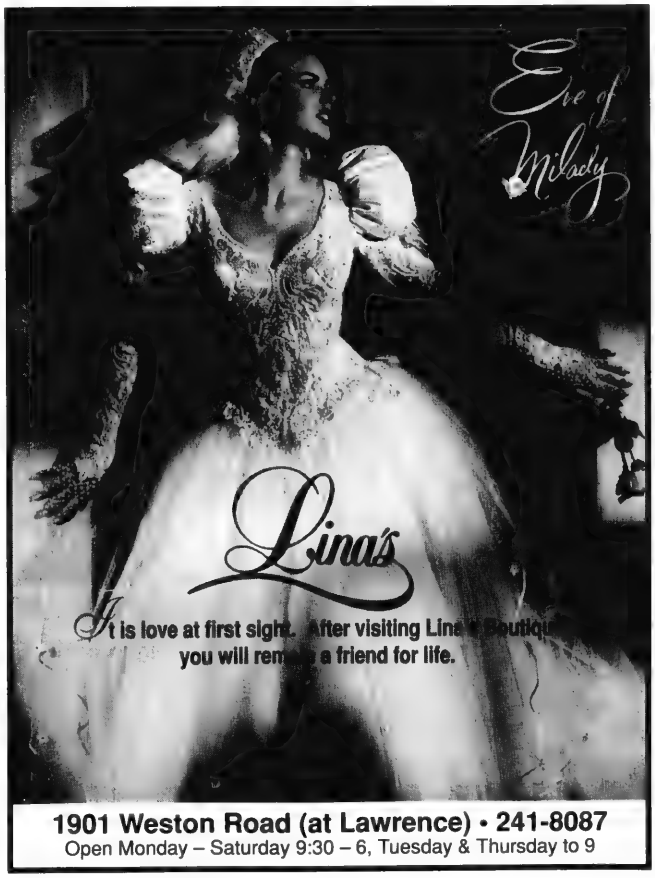

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Classy's 75th birthday marked by great savings

Classy Formal Wear has been dressing Canadian men in high-fashion, quality tuxedos and formal wear since Marcus Hecht first founded the "one-store" operation in 1919.

Through the continued efforts of Marcus' son and grandson, Joe and Stephen Hecht, the company has been able to carry on the original philosophies and policies into the '90s.

Customers can rent or buy their tuxedos and formal wear accessories at any one of the 39 Classy stores across Canada.

Classy has three locations in Montreal, one each in Laval, LaSalle, Brossard, Pointe Claire and Quebec City. There are 11 locations to choose from in Ontario, including one at Square One Mall in Mississauga, two in Scarborough and three Toronto stores located at Yonge Street, Yorkdale Shopping Mall and Dufferin Mall.

This new year of 1994 doesn't represent just another year for Canada's only formal wear rental chain. Rather it marks an exceptional anniversary year for Classy and their customers who have supported them over the years.

To kick off their 75th birthday celebration, Classy has decided to start the year off with a bang and give their customers a Classy birthday gift they'll never forget.

From now until Feb. 27, you can reserve any tuxedo rental of your choice in advance for only $69 even if your event is in July or even December, 1994. It is the perfect opportunity for grooms, ushers, and especially high school and university graduates to take advantage of this spectacular birthday savings special.

The $69 fee includes everything from the tuxedo to the cummerbund, tie or bow-tie, shirt, suspenders and jewelry.

Slightly fashion forward

Another 75th anniversary surprise is the introduction of Classy's private label — The Signature Collection.

According to the vice-president of marketing, Harold Simpkins, "the tuxedos in The Signature Collection are all slightly fashion forward garments that are available in basic black and have been tailored from fine Italian wool by MARZOTTO."

The Signature Collection is available in three European styles: the three button notch-lapel; the six button double breasted peak-lapel; and the six button double breasted shawl-collar.

Every tuxedo found in a Classy store is unique and exclusive to them. For example, the Yves Saint Laurent collection is under exclusive Canadian licence to Classy and this gives them the right to decide which stores will be able to sell the line other than their own stores.

Classy has grown over the past 75 years because they have changed with the times and Classy has always been a proven creator of trends in men's formal wear fashions in Canada.

"We pay close attention to the changes in men's regular suits because they virtually have an effect on the formal wear market two to three years down the road," says Simpkins. "We also tour the men's wear shows in Europe and the United States, in order to keep up with the variations in styles from year to year, so that we can offer a variety for our customers to choose from."

There has been a significant change in the '90s, compared to the styles of the '80s. The 1980s showed a popular demand for patterns in the actual materials of the tuxedos and grey became an increasingly popular color for men. However, the 1990s has created a shift in the demand for more contemporary styles, a basic black look and a skyrocketing demand for fashionable vests.

Just like in 1919, Classy still takes great pride in the quality of every tuxedo they rent and sell. That's why in 1994, they have a team that strictly controls the quality of the materials purchased to make their garments and they continuously oversee the manufacturing by their subcontractors.

Daring brocade vests

In 1994, you can look forward to renting a wonderful selection of patterned cummerbunds and matching bow-ties in various shades of burgandy, grey, black, red and brown. Or, the slightly more daring fashion-conscious man can choose from a number of colorful solid combinations or colorfully patterned vests and matching bow-ties. The brocade vests are sure to make a man stand out in a crowd.

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Puttin' on the Glitz with Toronto's Party Pros

"We're thrilled with the way this event has evolved", says a smiling Rick Levine, who along with Lynn Cohen and Saul Chapman will share the responsibilities of coordinating the major community event at Temple Sinai which will see over thirty party service companies coming together to present their products and services in a unique format. "Any person who has had the experience of planning a party can truly appreciate the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes and knows what sort of commitment and organization is required. Many people feel overwhelmed after taking on all these party planning responsibilities themselves." On Tuesday, January 25th, ***We're Having A Party*** is where the public can meet the people who will make the difference, for a second consecutive year in a row.

"The idea of organizing a function and combining all of our creative energies struck us as an exciting and novel way to reach the public while at the same time making it fun for those shopping the party market", declares Lynn Cohen, one of Toronto's busiest bridal and party consultants. "The event was such an overwhelming success last year, we decided to enjoy it all over again. Unlike the many conventional trade shows we've all attended, this *party* displays the talents and efforts of the collective energy as well as individuals involved. The guests will be sampling products and services in a unique atmosphere giving them a perfect opportunity to make decisions based on what they see, hear and taste for themselves."

"We were fortunate to get several wonderful people involved from the beginning such as **Saul Chapman**, the caterer at **Temple Sinai**, **Lynn Cohen** and **Jennifer Sharpe**, experienced bridal and party consultants, who have provided the planning expertise that this kind of project requires", says **Rick Levine**, a twenty year veteran of the music and party scene. "Our community has a great number of very talented people involved in the party services industry. In order to have focus while at the same time offering a variety, it was decided we stage an event that would showcase a medley of vendors within each category. That's why you'll see more than one orchestra, florist or photographer for example. We expect people at all the various stages of their party planning voyage to find this presentation very beneficial. With the free admission and the many give a ways planned our event should be the talk of the town."

"Everyone attending will see the total picture and at the same time each company at the event will highlight their own unique creative abilities. People will be able to obtain assistance in coordinating all the various components of a party from start to finish", states Lynn Cohen, as she holds up a few samples. The public can see beautiful invitations, paper products, baskets and novelty items, by Gilda Lefton of **Stationery Plus** or **Invitations by Michelle Hoppe**.

The **Candy Man / Kosher Natural,** will offer their famous candy tables and favours while **Happy Days** will display their custom centre pieces and unique party decor. The rental of a popcorn, candy floss or donut making machine can be arranged through either company.

The Travel Network, located at 1920 Avenue Rd. is on hand to provide information on travel and honeymoon destinations. Decorations, floral arrangements and set ups are being coordinated by four excellent companies: Susanne Carlascio and Elaine Birnbaum of **Greenleaves and Petals** , Renie Hotz of **Hullaballoon** , Karen Taylor of **Greene and Wilde** and Jean Louis Fortin of **June Flowers** and Joanne Schwarz of **Table Wraps**. The catering, of course at the Temple, will be handled by top party caterer Saul Chapman of **Chapman's Catering**, who is planning some delicious delicacies for everyone to sample.

"No Wedding Bar/Bat Mitzvah would be complete without music and this party promises to be spectacular", enthuses Lynn Cohen. Two of Toronto's most versatile orchestras, The **Rick Levine Band** and The **Shelley Miller Band** will alternately showcase at the event offering potential clients the opportunity to listen and dance to their music first hand. The **Karen Silver Duo** will offer a compact musical display and **Mister Disc Jockey** will provide additional sounds for your listening pleasure.

"As we all know a primary concern of any event is looking good," says Lynn Cohen. **Estee Levine** and **Francine Birken** shall demonstrate their individual approaches in make-up for that special occasion and share tips on everyday make-up and skin care. A preview of the latest jewellery collections of **Jordan Stuart Goldsmiths** from their store in the Fairview Mall and Paul Woszczyna of **Independent Jewellers** will explain why diamonds are considered to be a girl's best friend. Everyone will get a close look at **Ritché's** exquisite bridal gowns, attendant's fashions and evening wear as the models circulate throughout the party. Nationally renown **Freeman Formalwear** provides a look at the latest styles in gentlemen and young men's formal attire. According to Rick Levine, "my orchestra members perform in tuxedos and we've always found Freeman to provide excellent service and a first class product".

Established photographer **Hudson Taylor**, whose studio has recently relocated to a charming building on 12 Birch Ave. in midtown Toronto will be on hand to display his works, as will popular photographer **Mark Stern** whose studio is on Steeles Ave. Videographers Richard Saunders of **Redstone Pictures** and Abe Salzman of **Video Affairs** will greet the public and record the event for posterity. **Lorac Wine** will display and be pleased to answer any questions you may have on the use and traditions of Kosher Wine. One of Toronto's best known retailers, **Bronson's China and Gifts** whose store is located at the corner of Yonge and Steeles, will be there to display many of the lovely gifts from their exclusive Bridal Registry. A current edition of the venerable planning and etiquette authority **The Wedding Guide** will be available free to all future brides in attendance with an opportunity to register their name in a contest for marvellous prizes and gifts.

"This group is representative of our entire industry...as professionals we pride ourselves on hard work and excellence. Hopefully the guests who attend our party", concludes Levine, "are able to make some new contacts, see some old friends, and experience something of value to help make their next party a real success."

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Hotel offers one-stop shopping for brides

The elegant Sutton Place Grande Hotel-Le Meridien Toronto, located in the heart of the city, offers the bride-to-be one-stop shopping for her wedding.

Two beautiful ballrooms in the hotel are available for the ceremony and the dinner-dance. A luxurious honeymoon suite and comfortable accommodation for out-of-town guests are only steps away from the ballrooms.

Lisa Fratepietro, the hotel's catering manager, will be happy to recommend florists, decorators, photographers and entertainers such as bands and DJs.

If anyone in the bridal party has any questions, Fratepietro is there to help. In the past she has been asked where in the ballroom the chupah ought to be placed, how to set up a receiving line and how to introduce the bride and groom into the room.

Fratepietro also works closely with consultants. She said consultants attend nearly half of the weddings at the Sutton Place. "My role is as involved or as removed as the client wishes me to be," she says.

The Sutton Place has been patronized by the Jewish community for many years and is a favorite spot for weddings. Although there is no kosher kitchen, the hotel can provide kosher meals prepared by COR-approved caterers, for those few individuals who request it. "We recognize that the Jewish community has special dietary requirements and we cater to them," Fratepietro said.

The hotel's kitchen prepares an incredible variety of delicious food, everything from appetizers to desserts.

The hotel's two very distinctive ballrooms are perfect for weddings.

In the Queen Victoria ballroom, ornate crystal chandeliers and a restored original oil painting of the lady herself give this spectacular ballroom room a flavor of refinement long since past. The Queen Victoria ballroom may be partitioned into two sections and can accommodate up to three hundred guests.

Stop 33, for simchas of up to 260, is a favorite for weddings and other social functions because of its floor-to-ceiling, panoramic view of Toronto skyline.

The hotel's facilities and catering services are available for bar and bat mitzvahs, engagement and anniversary parties or any of your other special occasions.

The Sutton Place Grande Hotel-Le Meridien Toronto includes 13 meeting and banquet rooms, the renowned Sanssouci restaurant, a beauty salon, a health and fitness club, and a business centre.

Luxury suites are individually decorated and furnished with antiques, porcelain collectibles and art pertaining to various operas, such as Don Carlos, Evita and La Boheme.

Guest rooms come equipped with an in-room safe, mini-bar, plush bathrobe, hairdryer and luxury bathroom amenities. Each room has two telephones with voice-mail.

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DiNardo's winning combo provides gourmet foods and beautiful settings

Add well-presented gourmet food, served by professional personnel to an elegant Georgian mansion, and the winning combination is Di Nardo's, a banquet facility in Aurora, one mile north of Richmond Hill.

Guests arriving at Di Nardo's are immediately attracted by the fully landscaped courtyard adorned by trees, flowerbeds and an interlocking walkway. With all parking contained behind the building, the elegance of the entrance is not marred. A licence to serve drinks outside allows guests to wander the spacious, immaculately-kept grounds while sipping their favorite drinks.

Comfortable bridal suite

The interior of the mansion, designed by well-known Toronto interior designer David Margulis, is spacious, airy and homey. Rising from the black and white marble floor of the lobby is a 120 foot, open-treed, spiral staircase, hand-done in wrought-iron. A small lobby on the second floor has double French doors opening onto a balcony that overlooks three-acre estate homes. A perfect setting for those romantic wedding pictures.

Brides getting married at Di Nardo's are treated well from the moment they enter the mansion. A large, comfortable bridal suite always has a bottle of champagne waiting and, should anyone in the bridal party request a snack before the ceremony, someone is always at hand to serve them.

The main ballroom has a 24-foot-high ceiling and is capable of seating 500 people. The room, done in pastel designer tones is reminiscent of a royal ballroom. Arched Palladian windows let in natural light, and there are no pillars or encumbrances.

Service in the dining room is presented by professional, knowledgeable personnel, and waiters are assisted by other waiters which means excellent, quality service. Guests are assured of hot, gourmet food and because there are no pre-printed menus, each party is treated individually. Hosts meet with the caterer, and after assessing the guest list, come up with a menu that is suitable for everyone. Kosher and vegetarian meals are available upon request.

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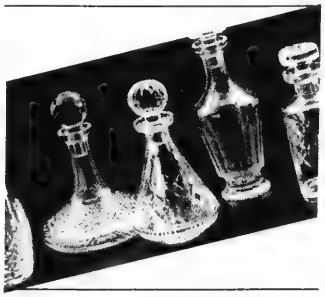
Store's bridal registry offers quality, service and affordable prices

At Bronson's China & Gifts, dedication to service has been a significant factor in creating their reputation for excellence.

"This is a customer-oriented store," says owner Ilene Bronsteter, who has been serving brides for over 14 years now at the spacious location in Thornhill.

Many of her clients have heard about Bronson's through word of mouth, from the glowing recommendations of their friends and relatives.



Bronsteter prides herself on having one of the best bridal registries in the country and she says it caters to any budget.

The friendly staff of Bronson's helps brides pick out their patterns and assists them in co-ordinating their tabletops from the store's huge selection of high-quality dinnerware, flatware, stemware and giftware.

The atmosphere in the store is relaxed and unintimidating. Specializing in catering to brides, the knowledgeable staff are there to supply helpful service.

The huge selection of quality items at Bronson's means the store has something for every bride.

Bronson's offers modern and contemporary designs, as well as traditional patterns from around the world.

The international brand names Bronson's carries include Rosenthal, Mikasa, Noritake, Wedgwood, Fitz & Floyd, Villeroy & Boch and many others. Beautiful handpainted Italian designs are available too.

And, with Bronson's competitive pricing policy, brides always get the best price.

The 7,000-sq. ft. store also offers a full range of kitchen and decorative giftware. Stock is constantly updated, so customers are sure to find the latest in home-decorating items.

Gift wrapping, same-day delivery and telephone orders are a few of Bronson's special services. As their inventory is computerized, service is quick.

Bronson's is located at 2 Steeles Ave. W. and parking is plentiful. Bronson's is open seven days a week for bridal convenience.

Bra Bar stresses personal comfort when shopping for gown undergarments

Wedding gowns and evening dresses are the hardest to fit to be comfortable.

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Bachers register at Bronson's

"I applied for the Bridal Administrator's position at Bronson's because I had heard so many positive comments from my friends and family about Bronson's attention and service to new brides in selecting their registry."
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Samantha Brown knew from her experience as Bridal Administrator for Bronson's, how important customer service is. After getting engaged and registering at Bronson's herself, she was able to experience the attentive and patient customer service firsthand.

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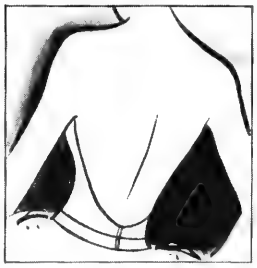

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Established over 13 years ago in Quebec City and Montreal, and with thousands of satisfied clients, the **CLINIQUE DE BEAUTE LYNE RICHARD** has evolved into a leading innovator in the art and science of micro pigment implantation more commonly known as "permanent cosmetic creations."

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The kosher facilities at Paradise are under the strict supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR). The chef at Paradise can create exquisite cuisine from their numerous recipes or accommodate your own creations. The service is first class with French white glove service, and waiters are friendly and attentive.

There are five luxurious ballrooms to choose from with something to please everyone. Paradise recently renovated the Tivoli, Oasis and Palm Rooms and hired award winning designers to create the new look. Glittering customized copper tube chandeliers which come equipped with electronic digital lighting. Pin lighting on tables to accent flower arrangements. Marble fountains and three-color granite flooring with back-lit sand-blasted glass walls.

The Classic Room has smoke machines for special effect. They offer indoor fireworks and laser graphic shows upon request.

The Paradise can create theme nights for any occasion. They will assist in arranging special entertainment, such as Las Vegas dancers, impersonators, Hawaiian nights or tropical themes. Country/Western, Tex-Mex, Roman, Dynasty themes, as well as children's magical shows are no problem for the professionals at Paradise.

The Paradise offers specials for Weddings or simchas booked in the months of January through April. They will decorate the room with balloons free of charge when you book your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or baby naming between January and April of 1994.

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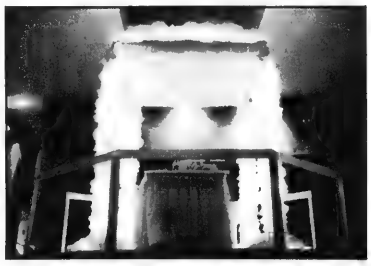

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Lavee Studios specialize in creating fine portraiture

Joe Lavee is the man behind the name Lavee Studios, one of the most respected photographic establishments in Toronto, specializing in fine portraiture. He is a second-generation photographer; he began his career in Montreal, and moved to Toronto in 1977. For as long as Joe can remember, the camera has been an important part of his life.

For many years, Joe has been developing and creating his own unique style. In his long career, he has mastered every aspect of portrait photography, from children and families to executives and celebrities.

His bridal photography is an art form that combines romantic classic with contemporary styles. His specialty is soft portraiture which makes use of sophisticated lenses and lighting techniques, to give the portraits that special glamorous effect.

Lasting memories

At Lavee, you will enjoy complete photographic services which include retouching, enhancement and texturizing of your portraits.

When you come in for your consultation, you will be able to view Joe's work; you will also meet with Joe himself, to discuss your personal needs. You will be assured that he, accompanied by his assistant, will photograph your wedding in person, and remain at the event from beginning to end.

Standards of excellence

Besides being an outstanding portrait photographer. Joe Lavee is accomplished in the field of video. Thus, he trains his videographers to meet his own standards of excellence. Lavee Studios have their own state-of-the-art video production facilities on the premises, where the videotapes are fine-edited.

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Moshe Video/Electroto offers complete wedding photo & video service

"Videos for weddings are now as indispensable as photography," says Moshe Amzallag, owner of Moshe Video & Photo.

The professional photographer, who has been in business for 15 years, should know. With three stores in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, the rapidly expanding business caters to a large segment of the wedding market, offering special knowledge in photographing Orthodox Jewish weddings.

Amzallag suggests booking a photographer two to three months in advance, to ensure the services of his complete team, which consists of two principal still photographers, two people filming videos, and an assistant.

A one-third deposit is required upon booking. Prices range from $800 to $1,200 for still photographs, with the same range for videos, depending on the size of the assignment.

Proofs for both wedding photos and videos are ready in three weeks, thanks to Moshe Video's extensive in-house operation, which includes transfers of film to video, creating excellent prints from video, and a wide range of special effects to enhance the memorable day.

The bridal couple receives 250 proofs, from which they select a minimum of 40 eight by ten prints.

A new trend in wedding photography is the use of black and white shots, with a total of four or five being selected for the final album. Black and white photos have a nostalgic, old world quality about them, says Moshe, and they stand out dramatically from the standard color shots.

Special effects are more in demand than ever, with double exposures, superimpositions of the bride and groom's faces on flowers, glasses or invitations proving popular. Video vignettes telling the story of the bridal couple's lives before and during courtship, recreated through fade-outs and old photos, are currently popular. In consultation with the couple, Moshe chooses music to suit the theme of each video, which runs two to two-and-a-half hours.

Beautifully decorated albums are an important feature of the total picture, and Moshe's offers bridal couples a choice of leather, leatherette, silk or velvet in white or ivory (blue is available for bar mitzvahs).

Also known as Electroto, the company offers a full range of services in video and film, with a speciality in transferring old films to video. Customers can also rent an editing room for their own use, in company with a technician or alone, to create their own videos.

The company provides transcoding and duplication services for up to 60 transfers at a time, with any machine in the world. They make and sell their own cassettes, and rent and repair any type of video and related equipment.

Moshe Video has locations in Montreal at 4637 Van Horne, telephone (514) 341-6194; in Toronto, 3889 Bathurst, telephone (416) 638-3734; and in Ottawa, 1619 Carling, telephone (613) 729-3382.

Fashionable silk accessories jazz up men's attire

Santostefano offers men of all age groups a world of fashionable silk accessories that are sure to compliment and jazz up all your suits, separates, co-ordinates and casual attire.

The store, located at 138 Cumberland has been open a little over a year now and their success can be attributed to their wide variety of fashionable silk ties, bow ties, cummerbunds, pocket squares, scarves, boxing shorts, casual and dressy shirts, matching shirts and ties, robes, pyjamas and even women's silk scarves.

Everything in the store is manufactured and designed by their team in Italy, from the silk itself to the extraordinary designs and patterns used. Their garments and accessories can only be found in their Santostefano stores in Toronto, Montreal, Brazil and Torino.

Feel great

When you purchase an item at Santostefano, you can be sure that you won't bump into someone on the street, at work, or even at a wedding and be embarrassed to see them wearing the same shirt, tie, bowtie or cummerbund as you, because every item is manufactured in limited quantities. This allows you the opportunity to be unique.

"It is important for people to know that we specialize in silk products that make you look and feel great and that we truly have something for everyone's taste," says Jason Gontier, a Santostefano sales consultant.

Marble-pattern

Prices range from $55 to $125 for ties and bowties and include a fabulous selection of colors and designs including marble-patterned ties and bowties (with and without rhinestones), pleated bowties, California ties and pins.

"Some of the patterns have been designed with super-imposed images and bright colors, making them special and one of a kind — like our patchwork ties," says sales consultant Sarah Gaon. "But we also carry a full selection of solid colors and conservative patterns for those men who want them.

You can also choose from a variety of sets, including matching suspender, pocket square and either a tie or bowtie set for only $295.

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It's the event of the year that brides from across Ontario wait for. This week Ritché is having their annual Bridal Super Sale with over 1,000 wedding gowns reduced up to 80 per cent off retail prices. Hundreds of brand new gowns from sizes 4 to 44 are arriving just for the sale.

In the tradition of Ritché, the gowns are of the greatest variety: silks, satins, tulles and organzas in a range of styles from elaborate, traditional to simple elegance.

There are two reasons for the popularity of this annual sale. First is the incredible savings on top-quality designer gowns.

Second is the service and reputation of Ritché — a family-run business for over 40 years. Full service is provided for all brides after the sale at either location — 1662 Avenue Road (south of 401) or 423 Richmond St. W. (at Spadina). Brides can return for all the attention they deserve and receive the expertise of the finest alteration department.

Those brides who cannot make it to the sale should visit one of the stores. They feature the largest selection of designer gowns available. And of course, there are spectacular Ritché gowns. You can choose one of Mr. Ritché's original designs of imported fabrics or have him custom design one especially for you.

After more than forty years of creating custom gowns and serving Canadian brides, Ritché is renowned for style, selection and personalized service. The stores carry bridal gowns to suit any budget, and always have special promotion gowns for year-round savings.

The Avenue Road store has an entire floor of beautiful mothers' dresses, evening wear, and party dresses. This month many new bridesmaid and flowergirl styles are arriving for 1994 weddings. From top to bottom the entire wedding party is well-apparelled at Ritché.

The Ritché Super Sale is at the Holiday Inn-Yorkdale — 3450 Dufferin Street (across from Yorkdale Shopping Plaza). See the ad for sale hours.

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Stuart also shoots bar and bat mitzvahs and family, children's and executive portraits, always providing the same conscientious and personal service.

Over the past five years, Stuart's photographs have captured the special moments in the lives of many people. His training includes a Bachelor of Applied Arts in photographic arts from Ryerson. References are available upon request.

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The trend setters continue on ...

If you're planning a party or a special event, The Shelley Miller Band is definitely the right choice if you want to keep your guests entertained with fun, laughter and music all night long.

With over 25 years of experience in the music industry, Shelley will continue to lead the original band members, with the exception of partner Saul Helman who has decided to pursue other career interests.

The band consists of Shelley as manager, bandleader and bass player, and features his talented wife Sharon Smith-Miller, Jim Gillard and Robin Langdon as lead vocalists, along with other vocalist/musicians on drums, guitar, keyboards and saxophone.

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"Whether it's a wedding, bar mitzvah, anniversary, engagement, birthday or a corporate function, we know and understand just how important these special events are for both you and your guests," says Shelley.

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He will also inform the camera crew when something important or special is about to happen — like the horah or the bride dancing with her father — so they can capture the moment on video.

Shelley says: "We try to encourage family and friends to sing special songs at these parties, but we do appreciate advance notice, so that we can rehearse with them prior to the event. We really enjoy making everyone's dreams come true.

"It is important to see and hear for yourself what you are about to buy. That's why we offer our clients the opportunity to come to one of the events we are playing at, while keeping in mind that the music is customized to meet the desires and needs of each party."

If you are unable to attend one of the parties the band is playing for, Shelley will arrange to have a demonstration tape cassette for you to listen to when he meets with you to discuss the planning of your party.

For more information on how you can make your party the most successful event of the year, call Shelley Miller at 481-1034.

Top service, great prices found at Lingerie Lines

The owners of Lingerie Lines, 126 Cartwright Ave., (across Dufferin from Yorkdale), are committed to personal service, good prices and a large variety of underwear, sleepwear, socks and hoisery.

Since the store opened more than three months ago, Ivonne and Danny Ben-Tsur's philosophy has been that their customers' needs is their prime concern. "We carry sizes from 32A right up to 52DD and we are always willing to order something if we don't have it in stock. We really do offer something for everyone," says Ivonne.They even carry your favorite Buffalo lingerie shop merchandise.

Personal, attentive service is important when you buy lingerie and no one knows that better than the people at Lingerie Lines. "There is always coffee brewing and when someone comes in we take all the time she needs to choose what she wants and be fitted properly. If the customer is looking for a present, we can ask a few questions and help choose the proper gift. We stand behind all our merchandise and are always willing to exchange for a different item," Ivonne says.

Sexy gowns

Danny and Ivonne know how important it is for someone buying lingerie to have the use of private, comfortable change rooms, and in designing the store, they chose curtains that go from floor to ceiling, cozy chairs and proper mirrors. "Being comfortable is such an important part of the shopping experience, and we do our best to put our customers at ease," says Ivonne.

One-piece garments

Variety at Lingerie Lines is staggering, and with everything from teddies, camisoles, sexy gowns, flannel nighties and terry robes to shimmering stockings and even aerobics wear, there is something for every taste and every budget. "We carry such lines Natori lingerie, Hue socks and stockings and a number of very popular American lines. The colors are vibrant reds, pastel pinks, basic black and everything in between. Choosing from the vast number of items may be the only problem our customers have," she says.

Brides are important at Lingerie Lines and items such as the merry widow, a one-piece garment worn underneath a gown comes in a variety of styles and in sizes right up to 46DD. "Lacy, sexy negligee sets and gowns are great for a romantic honeymoon," Ivonne says.

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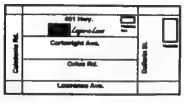

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It is our belief that the equipment is only as good as the people who operate it. Redstone's staff is headed by Richard Saunders. Each member of Redstone's staff shoots and edits so that the final product will maintain the spirit and joy of your celebration. This personal attention insures that your video will be unlike any other and will reflect your family's taste and values. Redstone is proud to encourage you to participate in the production of your video in order to add a "personal touch."

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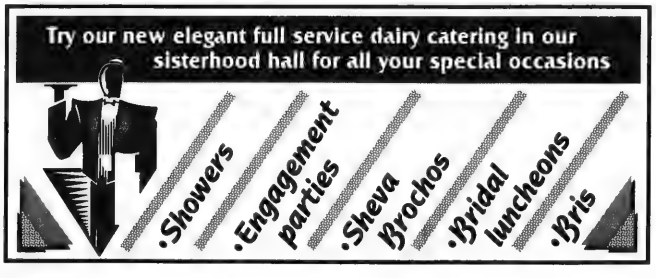
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Salon has gowns for plus-size brides

Jackqueline Hope, president of Big, Bold and Beautiful, has proven that fashion needn't be sacrificed for size.

Hope, herself a glamorous plus size, began Big, Bold and Beautiful — a salon for women size 16 to 30 +, after a humiliating search for a wedding gown.

"Buying a wedding gown is one of the most exciting times for a woman and it's possibly one of the most expensive dress she will buy in her life. A bride should be treated very special."

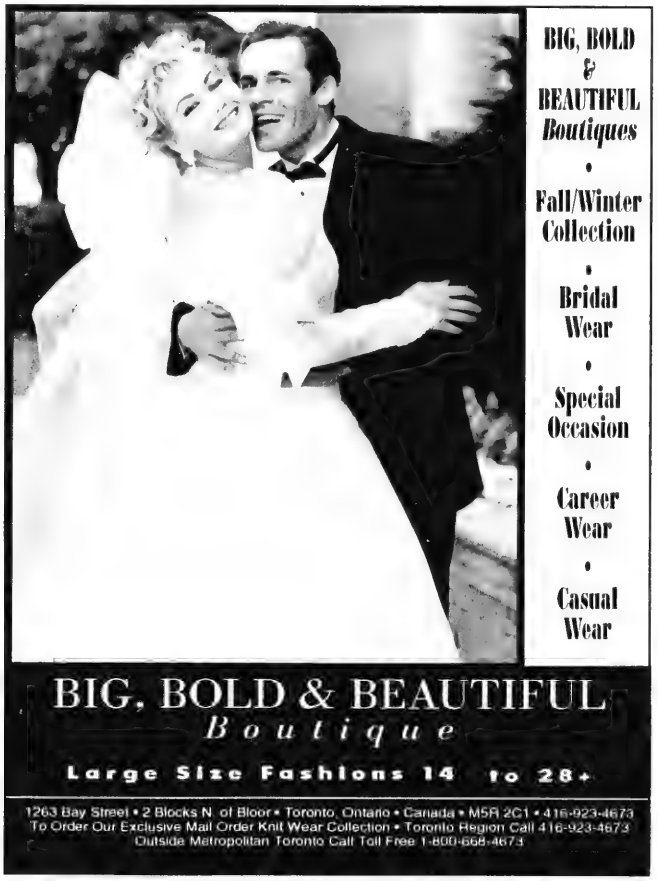
Styling is the key when designing a plus-size gown and no one knows better than Hope what flatters a bride and what just won't work.

"The most popular style is a waist that drops to a V in the front. It really slims the hip line, makes the bodice look longer and proportions the figure better.

"With their round, fleshy shoulders, neck and chest, plus-size women look very pretty in V-neck or off-the-shoulder styles."

She says brides coming into her salon are afforded luxuries not available at other bridal shops — for plus sizes.

"When I looked for my gown all I could do was hold small-size dresses up in front of me and guess how they would fit. At Big, Bold and Beautiful, however, women have the opportunity to try on several gowns and they have access to personal consultations with knowledgeable staff, private change rooms, a relaxed atmosphere and best of all, the ability to try on a dress that zips up in the back."



A La Carte Photography: a new way to buy

Although A La Carte Photography is a new company, its owner, George Evashuk, has photographed weddings since 1979.

"I launched A La Carte Photography so that brides, grooms and their families would have a new way of purchasing classical and modern styles of photography," he says.

"I noticed that couples often were not satisfied with ordinary 'package photography' and also disliked the high pressure sales tactics that bumped them up to costlier packages. With the a la carte approach, my clients buy only what they want and need. High pressure sales have no place in A La Carte Photography.

"I saw a niche I could fill that satisfies a common need and so far the response has been everything I hoped for. It is exciting to see this concept being accepted by today's consumers."

Besides photographing weddings, George is also a commercial photographer, photojournalist and portrait photographer. He believes this depth of experience is necessary for a modern wedding photographer to provide a couple with the pictures they want.

"I'm especially glad to see the renaissance of black-and-white portraiture," George says.

"What most people don't realize is that the dyes used in color prints are organic materials and will decompose. In other words, all color prints are going to fade eventually. I provide an archivally processed black-and-white print that should not exhibit any noticeable fading for over a century."

The eternityline is what George calls his archival prints. "What's the use of spending a lot of money on color portraits of your wedding, if they're going to fade away in 15 years or so?

"The Eternityline is also an excellent medium for portraits of bar mitzvah boys and bat mitzvah girls and other milestone events," George says.

He does shoot weddings in color but also creates original black and white portraits of the couple.

"A lot of guys get black-and-white prints made from color negatives but none of them have the range and quality that you get with original black-and-white film."

The Reportage style of wedding photography is also something George offers. He shoots black and white or color in a pure candid style. One of his sample albums shows the groom shaving in the bathroom, the guys trying to figure out how the buttons and suspenders work on their tuxedos, and the bride who slipped away from all the activity to spend a quiet moment in her parents' bedroom. Nothing is posed.

"The Reportage style is an addition to the classical look I try to create," George says.

Having seen various styles come and go, George believes there is an enduring place for a classical style that has a timeless character, especially for his portraits.

"A beautifully posed and lit portrait of the bride and groom with emotion, drama and impact will hold its appeal long after one gets tired of looking at yourself superimposed in a brandy glass, don't you think?"

George Evashuk

But there is more to wedding photography than pictures. A La Carte Photography is, after all, a business.

"The business of A La Carte Photography is to create satisfied clients and the means to do this is with superior service," he says.

"My market research shows that the priority couples use in choosing a photographer is confidence, quality, then service. Price is actually the fourth consideration," George says. "There will always be photographers cheaper than me and plenty who are more expensive, too.

"I strive to give my clients the kind of service I believe they deserve for placing their confidence in me. If the personal service I provide in combination with the best photography I can do means that my clients come back to me later for family portraits or refer me to their friends, then to me that's a mark of earned success. And I will cherish it."

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Beverly Hills Caterers makes "California dreamin'" a Toronto reality: you've never had glatt kosher so good!

When Raphy Amar brought his sterling reputation and wealth of experience from L.A. to Chopstix and Beverly Hills Caterers, he was confident that he could inject new life into the Chopstix kitchen and put a fresh face on simcha menus.

The response, however, so far exceeded his expectations that he now finds himself "shvitzing" to fill the rush of orders that have poured in since he came on board.

Beverly Hills Caterers will produce your affair at fine hotels like the Toronto Airport Marriott

Through the pages of the *Canadian Jewish News*, Raphy invited the Toronto Jewish community to sample his exciting new dining concepts with the slogan "REDISCOVER CHOPSTIX."

Rediscover it they did. A flood of familiar faces, together with a lot of newcomers, came out to see what this California boy was made of. Was he the "real deal" or was he just "California dreamin'?"

The California influence

They discovered that he had much more to offer than his wit, charm and a California tan. An international buffet consisting of Chinese, Moroccan, and Italian dishes was an instant hit and has become a Chopstix mainstay. Another runaway success is the revamped regular menu, which now includes the lighter fare typical of California cuisine: fabulous salads fashioned from every fruit and vegetable under the sun, splendid pasta dishes, and a wide assortment of tasty low-cholesterol and macrobiotic dishes that are becoming *de rigueur* in an increasingly health-conscious world.

A salad isn't just a salad

Salads are a specialty. A variety of lettuces including arrugala and raidiccio, together with the appropriate light vinaigrettes, can make salad a highlight of the meal as opposed to an afterthought. The California influence reaches right through the menu to the desserts, where light and lovely creations prove that what's good can be good for you too.

All this and more is now available for your simchas. Give Raphy the keys to your wedding and he'll bring it home beautifully without denting the budget.

With the creative flair that earned him accolades as the exclusive caterer to Beth Jacob (L.A.'s largest orthodox synagogue), Raphy will create a menu that will surprise and delight everyone.

"Any caterer can play it safe and go with the status quo," says Raphy. "We prefer to create an original menu for every customer. Our job is not just to prepare food correctly and tastefully, but to make each simcha an original dining experience that everyone will remember for years."

In Los Angeles, where he catered to the broadest cross-section of L.A.'s Jewish community, he was always on fire to impress guests with new and intriguing menus–especially since movie stars were often in attendance at his functions. But a true chef "will go all out for everyone, not just the rich and famous," says Raphy. "At your simcha, you are the star. Whether you're rich or poor, you deserve the best, and that's exactly what we'll give you. Our motto is "be a guest at your own simcha."

The public's response has been so gratifying that Raphy would like to personally thank his customers, neighbours, and friends for "welcoming me to the city and making me feel at home. They have given a new meaning to the word 'menschkeit'".

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Raphy emphasizes that even if you don't want to try something totally new, he and his staff can give almost any traditional dish a new twist to enhance it without changing its essential character.

Speaking of staff, Raphy prides himself on employing "only the best people, and we make everything fresh in our own kitchen. Nothing is brought in from outside." This total control, he feels, is essential to ensure that only the best goes on your table.

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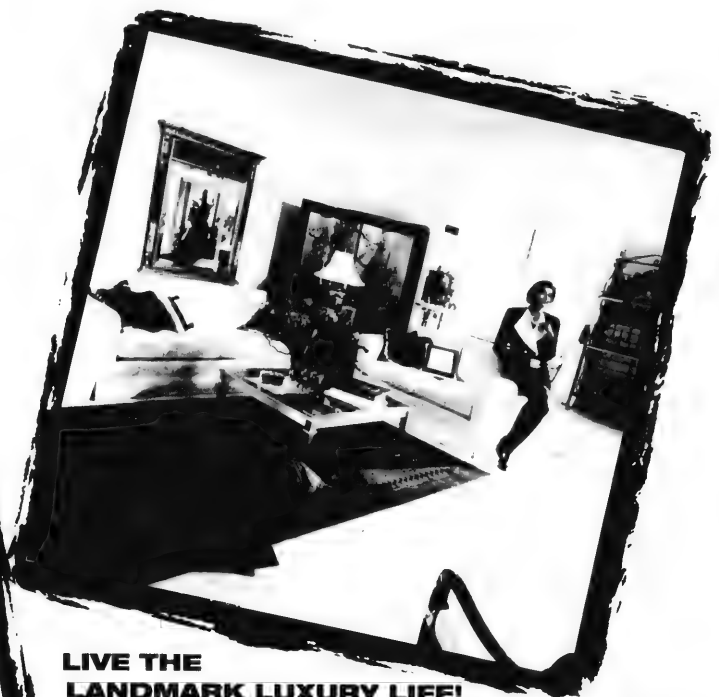

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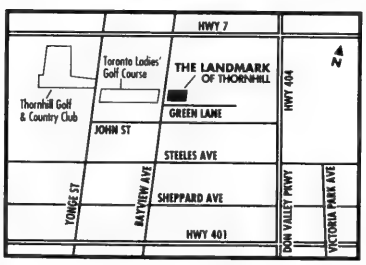

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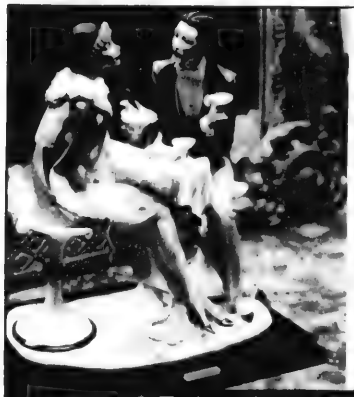

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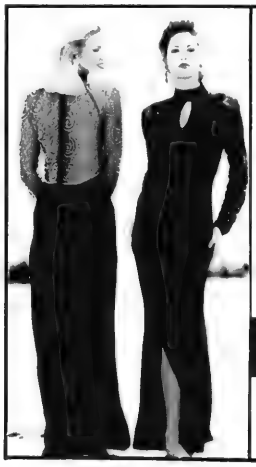

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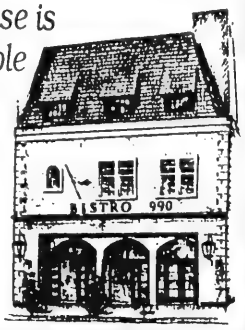

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Israel, PLO resume talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While Israelis and Palestinians have agreed to resume their talks, the two sides are offering widely varying estimates of how long it will take to reach an agreement.

Breaking a 10-day deadlock in their talks, Israeli and PLO negotiators said five negotiators from each side will meet daily, beginning this past Monday, at the Sinai border town of Taba until they resolve all the issues facing them.

But how long that will take depends on who is making the estimate.

Israeli ministers, after a briefing by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday, predicted it would take up to two months of intensive talks to resolve the two sides' differences.

"There are literally hundreds of issues to be dealt with," one cabinet source said.

But Nabil Sha'ath, the chief PLO negotiator in Taba, told reporters the negotiations could be completed in two to three weeks.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a member of the Israeli negotiating team in Cairo before the talks deadlocked, dismissed Sha'ath's estimate as wishful thinking.

"If he turns out to be right, I'll be the first to applaud," Sarid said. "But better to be realistic than overoptimistic."

Considerably more is at stake than which estimate will turn out to be right.

Six or eight more weeks of negotiations might mean that the two sides could miss their next deadline — April 13 — when, according to the self-rule accord the two sides signed last September, Israel is scheduled to complete troop withdrawals from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

Moreover, protracted Israeli-Palestinian negotiations could upset the carefully laid U.S. plans to reactivate in the coming weeks the Israeli-Syrian negotiations, which have been stalled for months.

U.S. President Bill Clinton is scheduled to meet in Geneva on Jan. 16 with Syrian President Hafez Assad, who for many years was regarded in Washington as an inveterate hard-liner and a supporter of regional and international terrorism.

The United States is not yet ready to embrace Assad. But the meeting between the two leaders is regarded by both sides as a potential turning point.

Syria, bereft of a superpower backer after the fall of the Soviet Union, is anxious to win the favor of the American government.

The United States is determined to follow an Israeli-PLO accord with an Israeli-Syrian pact that would hold out the promise of long-term stability in the Middle East.

The big question, Rabin was reported as telling the cabinet, is whether the Syrian leader will speak clearly with Clinton about his concept of peace with Israel.

Settlements do not enhance security, Rabin tells Congress

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin described Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza as a security burden, but reiterated his promise not to uproot any settlement during the five-year interim period of Palestinian self-rule.

The prime minister was addressing the Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive at a meeting in his office last week.

Rabin said the existence of Jewish settlements in densely-populated Arab areas "does not contribute to Israel's security. The opposite is true.

"The main mission of the Israel Defence Forces in the territories is to fight terrorism. But unfortunately more than a third of our forces cannot act offensively against terrorism because they have to spend their time at settlements, escorting 600 groups of students to and from school," Rabin said.

"Stories that the government is limiting IDF activities in the territories are lies," charged the prime minister. "In fact, we have changed the laws so as to allow the IDF more freedom to act against terrorism."

Twice in his speech, Rabin portrayed Jewish settlements as economically unviable. He called the settlements in Judea and Samaria "bedroom communities," whose residents sleep in the terroritories but work in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

He charged that the 5,000 Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip "cannot run their lives without employing up to 1,500 Palestinians." The government, he added, recently allowed the settlers in Gush Katif to employ an additional 500 farm laborers from Thailand "because no Israeli would agree to work for the wages that the settlers pay."

Rabin reiterated his opposition to "pouring money into settlements," maintaining that they do not enhance Israel's security.

But he was adamant about keeping all settlements in place during the course of the five-year interim agreement.

He noted that the residents of Dugit, a small fishing village in the Gaza Strip, recently asked the government to re-locate their settlement. Rabin said he had turned down the request because he did not wish to create a precedent of uprooting settlements.

The prime minister did not refer directly to the fate of the settlements in the long term, but said he would not like to repeat the precedent of the Camp David peace accord, in which Israel returned all lands captured from Egypt.

He reiterated his commitment to a united Jerusalem, noting that this is one of the conditions of the Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians.

Rabin said he hoped that Jericho — and not Jerusalem — would one day be the centre of the Palestinian administration. He noted that in the Camp David provisions for Palestinian autonomy, Bethlehem was suggested as an administrative centre.

"But I prefer Jericho," said Rabin, "because it is farther from Jerusalem and farther from Israeli towns and settlements."

Rabin hinted that Israel's readiness to implement the September peace agreement in all of Judea and Samaria would depend on the PLO's ability to exert its authority in the Gaza Strip.

"Before we continue, we would like to see how Arafat will manage in Gaza. We are committed to continue, but in phases. What happens in Gaza will serve as a test of the PLO's ability to maintain law and order."

He also said that "if something goes wrong," an agreement with the Palestinians could be "changed" more easily than an agreement with another Arab country.

"The Palestinians represent less of a threat to the future of Israel than anyone else in the Middle East," declared Rabin, noting that 85 per cent of Israel's defence budget goes towards preparing Israel to win a war against Arab and Islamic countries in the region.

"We don't need F-15 and Phantom jets against the Palestinians. They are not a threat to the very existence of Israel."

Rabin said Hezbollah forces in Lebanon were far more capable and better equipped than all the Palestinian terror groups combined.

Regarding negotiations with Syria, the prime minister said Israel would not sign an interim agreement with Damascus that falls short of a peace accord.

Unless Syria agrees to a peace treaty with Israel — as opposed to a non-belligerency agreement — "there will be no withdrawal [from the Golan Heights] at all," said Rabin, reiterating that the extent of the IDFs withdrawal would depend on the nature of peace proposed by Syria.

The prime minister acknowledged his concern over the lessening of support for the accord on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides.

"But I am determined to go on as long as I have a majority in the Knesset," he said.

Sharon may seek Israel's top office

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Likud MK Ariel Sharon may run for prime minister in the next elections, he announced last week.

Sharon, who was in Toronto this week for a community address in support of Jewish settlers in the territories, told Israel television just prior to leaving that he had not made up his mind but that the possibility of his running exists.

The next elections, scheduled for November, 1996, will be the first to feature a direct vote for prime minister. If Sharon runs, he will bring to at least three the number of right-wing challengers to Labor.

Apart from Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, Tsomet's Raphael Eitan has also declared his candidacy.

Sharon has been unrelenting in his attacks on Netanyahu. He began last week with caustic comments about Netanyahu's leadership and continued with a demand for a new party primary, an undisguised bid to replace Netanyahu.

Until such a primary, Sharon suggested, a team ought to run the party.

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Sixteen-year old Steven Berenstein plays the guitar for his parents, Barry and Sybil Berenstein.

Berensteins retain hope in fighting Tourette's

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Like many of us, Sybil Berenstein read an interesting article in a magazine some ten years ago, cut it out and tucked it away for reference. Little did she know that that article would be the first step in helping her son Steven cope with Tourette Syndrome.

Tourette Syndrome is a neurological or neurochemical disorder, characterized by tics — involuntary, rapid, sudden movements that occur repeatedly in the exact same way. Tics may be motor, such as eye blinking or facial grimacing; or vocal, such as throat clearing, barking noises, or sniffling. Often, several occur simultaneously.

There may also be more complex tics, such as biting oneself, jumping, or performing tasks in a ritualistic way. Symptoms one tends to think of with Tourette Syndrome, although by no means are they universal, are coprolalia (vocalizing socially unacceptable words) or echolalia (repeating a sound, word or phrase).

These tics may happen many times a day, nearly every day or intermittently. There is a periodic change in the number, frequency, type and location of tics, and a waxing and waning of severity. Symptoms can disappear for weeks or months at a time, and then reappear.

"Involuntary" is not a totally accurate description, explained Barry Berenstein, Steven's father. There is some measure of control, particularly when the person is very involved in some other task.

However, the urge to perform these tics doesn't go away. Sybil compared it to an itch — you can try not to scratch, or not to think about it, but eventually you just have to scratch it.

Another complicating factor is that Tourette is sometimes associated with other disorders, such as obsessive compulsive traits, hyperactivity and/or attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, behavioral problems (not surprising for children who have to cope with their sometimes bizarre symptoms in what may be a less than sympathetic environment) or sleep disorders.

There is no cure, although there may be a remission of symptoms.

Because the symptoms, when mild, resemble nervous habits, some people never are diagnosed, and may go through life not knowing they have Tourette.

The Berensteins, however, partly as a result of the article Sybil had read, and partly because Steven's tics were becoming worse, realized there was a definite problem, and began the long effort to help their son, who is now 16.

"If it hadn't been for that article, we wouldn't have known [he had Tourette] and we would have been on his case all the time," Sybil said.

Steven was taken to doctors, pediatricians and neurologists, and finally to Dr. Arthur Shapiro in New York, who had done much of the pioneering work in dealing with this disorder.

Eventually, he was put on medication, which helped control his symptoms.

Medication is not the final answer, however. There is no particular drug for Tourette Syndrome, so physicians use symptom-related drugs designed for other ailments such as Parkinson's Disease. Unfortunately, a drug for one symptom may interact badly with another drug, or while controlling one tic, may cause another to increase in frequency or severity.

The drugs themselves also have side effects.

It is a constant balancing act to control dosage, type of drug and frequency of medication.

But there are other problems associated with Tourette Syndrome, and the Berensteins have coped with many of them.

Teachers and school administrators may not believe that the children have a genuine problem, and may decide that they could control their actions if they just tried hard enough. This puts extra stress on the children, which, in a vicious circle effect, makes the tics worse.

The Berensteins felt that the double load at a Hebrew Day School worsened Steven's condition, so they moved him to a public school.

As his symptoms worsened and became more and more noticeable, fellow students teased him cruelly and, often encouraged by their parents, refused to play with him.

Eventually, Steven was sent to a small school in Madison, Conn., where he flourished. Part of the cost was borne by the Ontario health insurance system.

But with the recent cutbacks in out-of-country OHIP benefits, that option became impossible, and Steven returned here, where he attends Metro Prep, an alternative school in Toronto. Coping with the situation was difficult for the whole family, including Steven's two sisters, Tara, 21 and Ilana, 19.

The Berensteins became involved with the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada (Barry is now national president, while Sybil is president of the Toronto Chapter). They have been involved in fundraising, counselling and being counselled, education and support groups.

Symptoms begin at young age

"We compared ideas, we networked, we learned how to cope. We didn't just sit and wait for something good to happen," Sybil said.

Dr. Paul Sandor, director of the Tourette Syndrome Clinic at the Toronto Hospital, Western Division, explained that symptoms typically become worse with psychological stress or excitement, and begin at a young age, perhaps six or seven, wax and wane over time.

There is a good deal of research being done now on Tourette Syndrome, particularly on genetic and drug aspects and family dysfunction. A new topic of research, Sandor said, is the effect of biofeedback on symptoms.

Parents who are concerned that their child might have Tourette should talk to their family doctor and arrange for a referral to a specialist or to his clinic, Sandor recommended.

The Berensteins are working hard to support the services of the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada and to encourage research. But, as it always does in families, it comes down to what Sybil Berenstein dreams for Steven: "I want to see my child living a normal life."

For more information on Tourette Syndrome, call 968-2009.

'94 UJA campaign reports best results

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal is projecting a $40.5 million campaign total for 1994. That would make it the best campaign year yet.

Last year, UJA raised $38.4 million.

The new Challenge Fund is being credited for the 1993 record results. The fund matches gift increases, which campaign workers said this year came from those in the hi-tech, investment, food and hospitality and entertainment divisions. The Challenge Fund's share of the final tally will be about $4 million.

"This year's response shows why Toronto's Jewish community is so special," said campaign director Mark Gryfe. "Despite troubled economic conditions, contributors realize that Jewish needs don't just disappear. In fact, in the current climate, they have increased considerably."

Half of UJA's net proceeds are sent to Israel and half are designated for community use, like subsidies for parents at Jewish day schools and financial assistance, through the Jewish Family & Child Service, for families facing economic difficulty.

In Israel, UJA funding supports the Jewish Agency. Last year, the Jewish Agency rescued 800 Jews living in Sarajevo and brought them to Israel. The Agency has also set up a comprehensive aliyah network in the former Soviet Union and other trouble spots.

Although campaign activities have wound down, UJA is still taking donations: $12 million in cash contributions came through in December alone.

The 1994 campaign is being chaired by Lawrence Bloomberg and Lawrence Fein. UJA fundraising efforts are supported by 30,000 contributors and 2,000 volunteers.

University friends mark 50th

MONTREAL — The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a nostalgic evening May 18 on the theme From Generation to Generation.

Appropriately, the chair is Carol Koffler, whose late parents Louis and Adele Bloom were among that small group of mostly Montrealers who founded the Friends here in 1944. Today, she and her husband Reuven continue the family tradition of support for "the university of the Jewish people," which turns 75 this year. They were actually married at Hebrew University by its vice-president Bernard Cherrick, an ordained rabbi, and their son Daniel studied there.

Serving as honorary adviser for the affair is Neri Bloomfield, who along with her late husband Bernard, have been major benefactors of the university. She now sits on its board of governors. Her late parents Lazar and Marguerite Margulis were also among the founding Friends group, whose first president was the late Allan Bronfman.

Allan's son Edward Bronfman is honorary chair of the event. Robert Kleinman will emcee.

The Canadian Friends was only the second such organization, and followed the initiative of a British group formed to raise funds and, above all, make the community more aware of Hebrew University.

Started in Montreal, the Friends rapidly grew into a truly national organization thanks largely to its partnership with Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, which functioned as the women's division.

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Jewish immigration experts to review Refugee Board

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The federal government has tapped two prominent Jewish immigration experts to come up with suggestions on how the Immigration and Refugee Board can be improved and streamlined.

The announcement came not long after Ottawa appointed Michael Schelew, an ardent refugee advocate and chair of B'nai Brith Canada's committee for Syrian Jewry, to a seven-year term as deputy chair of the board.

In the meantime, Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), and Toronto immigration lawyer Lorne Waldman have until March 14 of this year to report to Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi on how the board, set up in 1989 to decide who enters Canada as a bone fide refugee, can be shorn up.

Waldman, a longtime vocal proponent of board reform, and Davis have been asked to look at three specific areas of the board's work: the so-called post-determination refugee claimants in Canada class, the humanitarian and compassionate review process and appeals of board decisions.

As things now stand, there is no appeal of board decisions based on the facts of a case, Davis told *The CJN*. She said she and Waldman will examine whether there is a "an efficient and fair way" to design an appeal based on facts.

Davis said less than one per cent of refugee claimants are accepted under Canada's humanitarian and compassionate review process, a review of claimants denied convention refugee status. She hinted she would like to see that number increase.

Michael Schelew

As well, the two-person commission will review ways in which visitors to Canada would be able to stay here if their native land is affected by sudden and unforeseen events, such as natural disasters or political upheaval.

Waldman has also been active in Canadian Jewish Congress's law and social action committee, which has produced several briefs on policies as they affect Jewish immigration.

The Immigration and Refugee Board has in the past few years come under fire, partly for the behavior of some of its appointees in deciding the fate of refugee claimants.

"As you are aware," Marchi wrote Davis and Waldman last week, "I am committed to a review of all aspects of the immigration program, and consultations on all aspects of immigration will be initiated shortly."

The minister asked for specific solutions that would reduce the need for his direct intervention in cases.

The study's overall thrust, Davis explained, will be the need to examine the plight of those who go before the board and are determined not to fit the definition of convention refugee, or one defined by the United Nations.

JIAS was also consulted recently in the naming of Schelew as the board's deputy chair.

His appointment was part of an overall house-cleaning at the board by Marchi, who named replacements for 28 Tory appointments — holdovers from the previous administrations.

All the new appointees have extensive backgrounds in refugee law and related issues.

The new appointments do not necessarily mean the board will become more liberal in its decisions, Schelew, 42, told *The CJN*.

"We will want to ensure that genuine refugees get the protection they deserve. The government cares about genuine refugees. I want [the board] to be perceived as being there to protect them," said Schelew, a former head of the Canadian section (English-speaking) of Amnesty International and a past president of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

B.C. shul to decide level of women's participation

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Congregation Emanu-El, the 130-year-old synagogue here which is the oldest one in continuous use in Canada, will take a vote of its congregants in March to decide if there should be full participation in religious activities by women.

At present, egalitarian services are held frequently in which men and women participate and women are given aliyahs as well as doing the reading from the Torah. Women often conduct the services when the rabbi is out of town.

April Katz, president of the congregation, says in a letter to members that the board of directors is recommending "full and equal participation of Jewish men and women in all aspects of Jewish spiritual life." She points out that there is a contradiction between counting women in the minyan, as is the practice of Emanu-El, "and yet not allowing full rights and responsibilities that derive from being part of the minyan."

Emanu-El is a Conservative congregation and Katz says the law committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, the governing body of Conservative rabbis, has given legitimacy through legal interpretation to full participation by women in religious services. She adds that there is full religious participation by women "in the majority" of Conservative movement synagogues today, and notes also that the Jewish Theological Seminary of America ordains women as rabbis.

Katz stresses that girls and boys here get the same training at the Hebrew school operated by the synagogue, and "a growing number of young women are trained during bat mitzvah preparation to take leadership roles in the service."

She says "there is a weekly need for skilled participation in leadership roles in the service which can in part be met by encouraging full participation by all our youth. The future of our community and of the Jewish people depends on the pride, commitment and knowledge of today's youth, regardless of gender."

A series of community meetings will be held during the next few weeks to discuss the situation and a decision will be made at a special general meeting on March 10.

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Order of Canada announces honorees

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress and history professor at York University, was appointed a member of the Order of Canada last week, as was Vancouver philanthropist Joe Segal, head of Kingswood Capital Corporation. They were among a half dozen Canadian Jews so honored.

"The accomplishments of these outstanding citizens are as diverse and as inspiring as the geography of the land," said Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn in his tribute to the 80 honorees.

The Order was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavor.

Abella, who was named in the education category, was "very honored and gratified," he told the *CJN*. A noted expert on Canadian Jewry, Abella co-authored *None is Too Many*, an examination of Canada's policy of refusing to accept Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, and authored *A Coat of Many Colors*, a history of Jews in Canada.

When interviewed last year in the *CJN*, Abella spoke of the importance of the Canadian Jewish community's playing a role in Canadian society on all issues. "I think I'd like it to be said that I made a difference," he said.

Segal, who was named in the business category, spends at least 40 hours a week supporting and advising community organizations. His assistance ranges from free rent for the Make a Wish Foundation, an organization for terminally ill children, to million-dollar gifts.

Segal, who was born in Vegreville, Alta., left school at age 15 and worked on building the Alaska Highway. He parlayed a small retail clothing store into a chain of 70 stores, which later merged with Zellers. When the Hudson's Bay Co. bought Zellers, Segal became the largest private shareholder of The Bay.

He left retailing in 1979 to form Kingswood. Some of his companies included Mr. Jax Fashions and Collegiate Sports.

A past president of Schara Tzedeck Congregation and of the Talmud Torah School Foundation, Segal was Israel Bonds Man of the Year in 1981 and the driving force behind the Hebrew Assistance Association to help financially distressed people. Last year, he was elected chancellor of Simon Fraser University.

Dr. Judith Hammerling Gold of Halifax was named in the health care category. The first Canadian to serve as president of the American College of Psychiatrists, she was also the first female president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association and the first woman to head a medical specialist association in Canada. She is a former chair of the board of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax.

"Through her involvement in professional organizations, she consistently encourages opportunities for women and students of disadvantaged minorities in higher education," said a release from Hnatyshyn's office.

Other members of the Canadian Jewish community being honored include Saul Cherniak of Winnipeg (in the politics category). Cherniak, a long-time NDP cabinet minister and member of the legislative assembly, who served as deputy premier of Manitoba, was instrumental in establishing the Security Intelligence Review Committee in 1984. His father, Alter Cherniak, was known as a leader in Yiddishist circles.

Montrealers Edith Della Pergola, who co-founded the Opera Studio at McGill University, and Arnold Steinberg, an executive with the former Steinberg grocery chain, were honored in the arts/music and voluntary service categories respectively. Steinberg is noted for his commitment to medical research as chair of the McGill University-Montreal Children's Hospital Research Institute.

With files from Maurice Lucow in Vancouver and Joel Jacobson in Halifax.

Irving Abella

Ungerman elected to Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (Staff/JTA) — Colorful Canadian boxing promoter and manager Irving Ungerman is among 12 new inductees into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame for 1994.

Ungerman joins eight Americans and three others from around the world who were elected last to the prestigious Hall of Fame, located on the campus of the Wingate Institute of Physical Education and Sport in Netanya, Israel.

"To me, it's a tremendous honor to have been chosen," Ungerman told *The CJN*. "There are people like Sandy Koufax in there."

Ungerman, 70, is no stranger to accolades. In 1975, he was the first person inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame and he has served as honoree at the Toronto Jewish Community Centre's annual sports celebrity dinner.

One of Maccabi Canada's key fundraisers, Ungerman has also thrown his support behind other charitable causes, like the Reena Foundation, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Salvation Army.

But it is the manly art of pugilism that is his greatest claim to fame. From 1962-77, Ungerman served as manager for then Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo and promoted memorable world title fights in the mid-1960s between Chuvalo and Muhammad Ali, and Chuvalo and Ernie Terrell.

Later, he managed boxer Clyde Gray, Canadian and Commonwealth champion, and in recent years, he obtained the exclusive Canadian rights to present closed circuit television coverage of top boxing matches.

More than 200 Jewish athletes, coaches and sports personalities representing 18 countries have so far been inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Irving Ungerman

The eight Americans elected for 1994 are Olympic basketball gold medalist and pioneer sports broadcaster Sam Balter; NBA Hall of Fame basketball star Max Friedman; world featherweight and junior welterweight boxing champion Benny Bass; two-time Minnesota All-America quarterback Sigmund Harris; and U.S. Olympic head coaches Allen Rosenberg (rowing) and William Bachrach (swimming).

The four international honorees elected are South African rugby star Wilf Rosenberg; Czechoslovak world table tennis champion Traute Kleinova; Hungarian Olympic wrestling champion Karoly Karpati, and Ungerman.

The Hall of Fame also presents special Pillar of Achievement honors each year to recognize extraordinary contributions to the world of sports.

The 1994 Pillar of Achievement honors went to Fred Lebow, longtime director of the New York City Marathon, and Ben Olan, a sports writer for the Associated Press for 40 years.

Joe Siegman, a Maccabiah athlete and former chairman of the Hall of Fame, said the project to build a Jewish sports hall of fame began in 1977, when he and some friends attempted to name as many Jewish athletes as they could.

When they decided to hold a dinner "to raise awareness for the Macabbiah," many famous Jewish sports heroes attended, Siegman said, and right after that the idea for a Jewish sports hall of fame "took a life of its own."

Siegman said the main purpose of the Hall of Fame was to "draw attention that Jews do contribute to sports."

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Salomon gets top Maccabi position

MONTREAL — Montreal businessman Roy Salomon was recently named national president of Maccabi Canada, succeeding Sid Greenberg of Toronto.

Salomon, 57, first became involved in Maccabi Canada in 1969 as a basketball team member. "When we marched into Ramat Gan Stadium for the opening ceremonies with 50,000 Jewish people looking on, [I thought] that for thousands of years people had tried to destroy us but here we were in Israel," said Salomon. "It was a very emotional experience and this feeling continues at every opening ceremony."

Salomon said the Maccabiah Games are more than an athletic event. "Every young Jewish athlete returns with a deeper sense of his or her Jewishness and intense positive feelings for Israel," he said. "We have received numerous letters from participants describing how their Jewish feelings and their love for Israel were intensified, and the bonds strengthened, thanks to this experience."

Salomon was national athletic committee chair of Maccabi Canada from 1981 to 1985 and captained the Canadian team in 1985. He most recently was executive vice-president of Maccabi Canada.

Roy Salomon

Maccabi Canada is one of 50 participating countries in the Maccabi World Union. Last July, Maccabi Canada's contingent of 200 athletes won 26 gold medals, 30 silver and 29 bronze. It was the 14th year for the Games, held every four years in Israel.

Salomon is involved in other areas of Jewish communal life as a member of Federation CJA's Combined Jewish Appeal team and through the Montreal YM-YWHA, where he is an officer and founding chair of the annual YM-YWHA Health and Heart Month. He also founded the sports Hall of Fame in 1979.

"We want to strengthen the ties between Maccabi Canada and the Y's and JCCs throughout Canada. Maccabi Canada depends on the Jewish Community Centres to be the development arm . . . to be a place where competitions and training programs can be offered to youngsters," he said.

In addition to the Israeli Maccabiah, more than 1,000 youth compete in the Pan American Maccabi Games. Another 3,000 participate in the semi-annual JCC North America Maccabi Youth Games, and thousands more in regional Maccabi Games.

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Pratt & Whitney wins Israeli engine contract

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Pratt & Whitney Canada has been awarded a major contract to produce the engines for a new state-of-the-art executive jet being developed by Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI).

The Astra Galaxy corporate jet, to be completed by 1996, is designed to fly from eight to 19 passengers on nonstop trans-Atlantic flights.

IAI says the Astra Galaxy will be able to fly non-stop from Paris to New York at speeds not yet attained by any other long-range executive jet on the market.

There are still many details of the contract to be worked out with IAI, Pratt & Whitney Canada spokesperson France Poulin told *The CJN* from the company's Montreal headquarters last week.

The motors will be modified versions of Pratt & Whitney's PW305 turbo-fan engines, Poulin said, and may be produced at the company's Mississauga, Ont. plant.

The deal was praised by Ontario Premier Bob Rae, who was leading a business mission to Israel.

"This is great news for us. It means jobs," Rae said in Jerusalem.

The Russian Yakovlev Design Bureau is to supply the fuselage for the planes, IAI added.

"No engine selection for a business aircraft has been made with such care and deliberation," announced Shmuel Alkon, Corporate Vice President and General Manager of IAIs Aircraft Division. "The Pratt & Whitney engine offers the configurations and capabilities that allow us to optimize the Galaxy design."

The value of the deal was not made public since the companies are still negotiating details.

Pratt & Whitney and IAI have a long history of collaboration. Israel Aircraft Industries refurbishes the engines of Pratt & Whitney's civilian and military aircraft, including its F15s and Skyhawks.

The Canadian company was supposed to produce the engines for the Lavie fighter plane, a major IAI project that was subsequently cancelled.

The new Galaxy aircraft is to be marketed and supported by IAI's subsidiary, Astra Jet Corporation, headquartered in Princeton, N.J. The company now supports an international fleet of over 450 Astra and Westwind business aircraft.

— *With files from Ron Csillag in Toronto.*

Heritage Front's Droege gets his day in court

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The white supremacist Heritage Front is constantly on the hunt for new members and entices young people to join its ranks through rallies, racial rock concerts and media events, a Toronto court was told last week.

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said he heard Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege discussing the organizations' activities on a radio interview this past summer that aired in Montreal.

Farber was testifying as an expert witness before a Provincial Court in a case in which Droege is facing charges of breaching terms of his bail.

The conditions of his release bar him from associating with the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator or the Mountain Church. He was released from jail pending trial on assault charges stemming from a June street brawl in the College and Bathurst area of Toronto in which members of the Heritage Front clashed with anti-racist protesters. That case is scheduled to come before a different court later in the month.

Farber, who was recognized by the trial judge as an expert on the Heritage Front and hate groups, said the Front should not be mistaken for a fringe organization, but is an extremist group with links to neo-Nazis worldwide.

Farber told the *CJN* that Droege's lawyer introduced his client's criminal record into the court. That record includes U.S. convictions for attempting to take over the Caribbean island of Dominica, for air piracy (carrying a weapon on board a plane) and cocaine possession.

Testifying in his own behalf, Droege said that at the time he gave the radio interview in Montreal, he did not believe he was violating terms of his bail.

The trial adjourned for several days and is scheduled to resume this week.

Farber said the case is significant in that it marks the first time a Jewish professional active in investigating hate groups was recognized as an expert by an Ontario court.

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, addressing Canadian Jewish Congress leaders last week in Jerusalem, is flanked by CJC president Irving Abella (right) and Judge Israel Finestein, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who sat in on the meeting. [Mike Cohen photo]

Congress backs peace moves

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The Canadian Jewish Congress wound up its national executive meetings in Israel last week declaring its support for the Rabin government's peace initiative.

During the week-long visit to Israel, the delegation, led by CJC President Irving Abella, met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, as well as other Israeli leaders, academics, military experts and business people.

The delegation of 50 Canadians also toured the West Bank, where they spoke to Palestinian representatives and Jewish settlers.

Rabin told the CJC that no Jewish settlement would be uprooted during the interim phase of the agreement.

He also declared that Israel would not consider any withdrawal on the Golan Heights for anything short of full peace with Syria (see story, page 1).

Explaining the background to the latest crisis in negotiations with the Palestinians, Peres told the delegation that the PLO "would like to bring the interim agreement to the level of an independent state. This is something we will never agree to — for the time being."

In response to a question about whether Israel would insist on the right to pursue terrorists into areas under Palestinian self-rule, Peres replied: "If someone tries to kill us, no agreement will stop us from defending ourselves."

Asked whether Israel would welcome a visit by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, the foreign minister expressed little enthusiasm. "I don't feel lonely in Jerusalem," he said.

Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein praised the role Canada has played as host of the multilateral talks on refugees. He said he hoped Canada would "keep the right of [Palestinian] return — which is suicidal for Israel — off the agenda, and continue concentrating on admittedly small ways to help refugees in distress."

During their week in Israel, the CJC also met with Finance Minister Avraham Shochat, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Likud Member of Knesset David Levy, Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector and Ontario Premier Bob Rae, who was leading a business delegation on a trip to the Middle East.

While touring the West Bank, the CJC spoke with Palestinians in Ramallah and Jewish settlers in Beit El.

"We heard the case of the settlers presented passionately," remarked Abella. "But if Israelis have a chance for real peace — and I stress "real" — then I don't think the settlers will stand in their way."

Abella added that while the Israeli opposition to the government peace initiative is "very vocal, it has not provided any alternative.

"What we learned during our visit is that there is still commitment on the part of both the Israeli and Palestinian sides to see the agreement through. The signing of the Declaration of Principles gave us an exhilarating sense of possibility. Since then, the exhilaration has gone, but the possibility remains."

The CJN president said discussions in Israel confirmed the changing nature of Canada-Israel relations.

"The relationship is moving from the political to the economic realm. There is more emphasis now on trade deals than on influencing United Nations resolutions.

"I think that Canadian Jews will have to look for other ways to work for Israel besides the traditional ways of political lobbying and charity. Investment is the wave of the future. That is what Israelis want most from us."

New group opposes deal with Arafat

JERUSALEM (JTA) — At a time when many groups opposed to the Israel-PLO accord are struggling to get their views across to the public in Israel and abroad, one women's organization is conveying its message loud and clear.

Known as Women for Israel's Tomorrow, the group has proven adept at attracting media coverage at a time when events and demonstrations linked to the pact between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat constantly vie for air time and headlines.

Inaugurated eight months ago by some 30 Jerusalem women who were opposed to territorial concessions to the Palestinians, the group has sprouted into an organization with 1,000 dues-paying members.

Thousands of sympathizers and supporters have also lined up behind the organization.

According to Ruth Matar, a founder and chair of Women for Israel's Tomorrow, the vast majority of the group's members live within Israel's pre-1967 borders.

"We're not settlers," she said. "We're ordinary Israelis who oppose the agreement between Rabin and Arafat."

This fact is important, Matar asserted, "because we represent the views of a growing number of Israelis."

Quoting recent opinion polls, which indicate that the majority of Israelis no longer support the accord, she said, "The tide of public opinion in Israel is turning, and our voice needs to be heard."

Matar said she and several like-minded friends, many of them originally from English-speaking countries, launched the organization "partly as an answer to the media's coverage of anti-government demonstrators."

"The media in Israel has traditionally portrayed anyone who demonstrates against concessions to the Arabs as settlers and right-wing fanatics," she said.

"That was especially true after Rabin and Arafat signed the agreement and hundreds of thousands of Israelis came out to demonstrate against it," she said. "There were at least 200,000 people at the largest rally, but Israel Television reported it as tens of thousands.

"The TV and newspapers also said that the vast majority of the demonstrators were settlers or religious people. That simply wasn't true," she said.

Matar, who emigrated from New York in 1977, said: "Israelis are eager to hear what we have to say. We're not anti-peace; we want a real peace that will not threaten the State of Israel.

"As wives, mothers, grandmothers, we have a special interest in attaining a real peace," she said.

The group has dubbed itself the Women in Green. Its members wear Kelly-green hats to demonstrate that they are opposed to returning to the so-called Green Line, Israel's borders before the Six-Day War.

Their nickname is a play on the name of the left-wing group Women in Black, whose members have been demonstrating every week since the start six years ago of the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, against Israel's occupation of the territories.

Since May 1993, members of Women for Israel's Tomorrow have staged weekly demonstrations, ranging from small vigils to large rallies throughout the country.

With chapters in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, as well as in smaller communities such as Ra'anana and Petach Tikvah, the organizers are able to mobilize members in a particular region within a matter of hours.

The image of the group as being composed of mothers and grandmothers has often worked in the organization's favor, said Ruth Gregor, a 34-year-old member.

"Israelis are interested to see that women from all walks of life, especially those in their 60s and 70s, have come out to demonstrate," she said during a recent demonstration in front of the Foreign Ministry.

"Let's face it," she said with a laugh, "this is not your typical population of demonstrators."

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Condition of Sephardi Jewry focus of GA panel discussion

The articles on this page previously appeared in French. They have been abridged.

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Sephardim of North America were not exactly pampered at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Montreal last November. Of some 350 lectures, discussion workshops and round table sessions listed in the program, only one was devoted exclusively to Sephardi concerns.

The condition of Sephardic Jewry — perspectives from Canada, Morocco and Israel, was the central theme of this forum organized in close collaboration with Federation CJA of Montreal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution committee (JDC). Four guest speakers participated in the panel discussion moderated by Federation CJA executive vice president Steven Drysdale.

The first was Joseph Gabay, the president of the Communaute Sepharde du Quebec (CSQ). He sketched a brief history of the Sephardic community established in Quebec in the late '50s.

"In spite of the fact that, since 1976, it has been an integral part of the institutional network of the Montreal Jewish community, the CSQ has never been considered a branch of [the Federation]. On the contrary," Gabay insisted, "it has always strongly claimed the status of an entirely distinct community."

In his opinion, the current leadership of Federation CJA has shown itself to be receptive and more and more open-minded with regard to the official representatives of Sephardic Jewry in Quebec. "Today," he said, "the Sephardim feel they can consider themselves full-fledged members of the organized Jewish community of Montreal."

Avinoam Brog, director of the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem, a private institute whose primary mandate is to work actively towards rapprochement between Jews and Israeli Arabs, as well as between the various ethnic groups making up Israeli society today, was the second panelist.

According to Brog, who specializes in issues involved in the integration of ethnic minorities into Israeli society, "the Sephardic problem in Israel has eased somewhat, but it has not completely disappeared."

"However," Brog noted, "the Sephardim of Israel have not yet made the grade. At the level of their socio-economic integration, there is still a great deal of work to do. It's at this level that the Sephardim of the Diaspora can play a leading role.

"The Israeli government can do virtually nothing more for those Sephardim who today make up the majority of residents of Israel's poorest cities. Their only alternative: go into business. You should help your Sephardic brothers, sisters and cousins in those cities to launch economic projects and selective investments," he suggested in a perceptibly condescending tone. The suggestion, which took the audience aback, provoked some snickering.

The third speaker was Simon Levy, secretary of the Jewish Community of Morocco. Levy reminded the 50 or so people who attended the panel that "Moroccan Jews have always been able to live as Jews with no constraint."

He believes that Moroccan Jewry does not represent only the approximately 10,000 Jews still living in Morocco. "Moroccan Jewry currently represents approximately 900,000 Moroccan Jews settled in the four corners of the globe. Their true roots are still in Morocco. One thing is certain, of two millennia of history on the hospitable soil of this country, a Judeo-Moroccan memory endures and has never been extinguished."

Following the presentations, Joseph Benarroch, president of the Federation Sepharade du Canada, who was visibly offended by some of Brog's allegations, was quick to respond that he had the distinct feeling he had "gone back 30 years into the past."

His tone grave, he told Brog, "This is all very unfortunate. If I understand correctly, nothing has changed in the approach to, and the way in which, certain Israeli spokespersons analyze the thorny question of how to integrate the Sephardim into Israeli society. However, I do not believe that those who are negotiating peace with the Palestinians and the Arab countries today, and who are going to cash in on the eventual economic dividends which may flow from this as yet hypothetical reconciliation, are the Sephardi residents of Dimona or the other development towns in the south of Israel. They, they will continue to struggle at the bottom of the ladder. . . ."

Benarroch urged the organizers of the G.A., as well as the executive of the Council of Jewish Federations, to reactivate a task force currently disbanded created at the 1979 G.A. in Montreal as soon as possible, in order to "examine seriously the real socio-economic problems which afflict the Sephardim of Israel and to propose some concrete solutions."

Rabin pays tribute to Morocco's Hassan II

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin paid a moving tribute to King Hassan II of Morocco during a press conference at the 62nd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations of North America in November.

Rabin said that the Alawite monarch has always played a discreet yet leading role in the many attempts to bring about an Arab-Israeli rapprochement. This was more than likely one of the reasons for the totally unexpected lightning visit to Morocco by Rabin and his minister of foreign affairs, Shimon Peres, on Sept. 14, the day after Israel and the PLO signed the Declaration of Principles.

In October 1976, during his first tenure as prime minister, Rabin spoke secretly with Hassan II for the first time. Wearing dark glasses and a voluminous wig, the Israeli leader stayed in Morocco for 48 hours and discussed the war then raging in the Sahara with the king.

During his Montreal press conference, Rabin also emphasized that the great tolerance and respect shown by the Moroccan monarch towards the Jewish community still living in the Muslim country serves as an unprecedented example, unequalled in other Arab countries.

Asked if the purpose of his recent surprise trip was to pave the way for a possible establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Morocco, Rabin responded that it is "undeniable that normalization of our diplomatic relations with Morocco will not happen tomorrow. We are used to being patient. What is important is that we have always maintained excellent relations with the Moroccan authorities."

Although officially, there are neither diplomatic relations nor economic ties between the two countries, it is no secret that since the early 1980s, several thousand Israelis born in Morocco have been visiting their native land every year without hindrance. Moreover, Israeli experts are now working as advisers or technicians in Moroccan agriculture.

On Sept. 16, the highly respected French daily *Le Monde* reported that Koor Industries, the most powerful Israeli industrial conglomerate, which is controlled by the Histadrut, the central Labor trade union organization, holds numerous hidden interests in Morocco. After a secret trip last April, Koor executive director Benny Gabon reportedly received the support of Moroccan authorities to build a small-scale industrial complex somewhere in the south of the country. Furthermore, according to the *Le Monde* report, at the beginning of 1993, an Israeli farm produce company, Coop-Tzafon, received authorization from the Moroccan Ministry of Commerce to import a certain amount of Moroccan merchandise. In total, *Le Monde* reported, the economic exchange between the Jewish state and Morocco is about $100 million (U.S.) a year.

There are other ties between the two countries, on a human level. One of King Hassan's closest personal advisers is a brilliant Jewish Moroccan techocrat, Andre Azoulay, former chairman of the board of the powerful French financial group Paribas and founder of the World Union of Moroccan Judaism.

On Nov. 11, Serge Berdugo, president of the Jewish Community of Morocco, was named minister of tourism by King Hassan II.

Berdugo was supposed to participate in a panel discussion on the future of Sephardism at the General Assembly. His appointment forced him to cancel, and he was replaced at the last minute by one of his closest colleagues, Simon Levy, secretary of the Jewish Community of Morocco.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — In an escalation of American Jewish opposition to Israel's peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization, bombs were left last week outside the Manhattan buildings that house the offices of Americans for Peace Now (APN) and the New Israel Fund.

Both organizations have long supported compromise with the Palestinians and have been virulently attacked by American Jews on the other end of the political spectrum.

The bomb outside the APN office was discovered by a building security guard, who called police. A half-hour later, an unknown caller notified police of the second bomb.

A police robot successfully defused the first device, but the bomb in front of the New Israel Fund exploded. It caused no damage, according to a police spokesman.

The spokesman said both bombs were low-level explosives in thermos-type containers, which were capable of causing serious injury or property damage. Both had timing devices.

According to the police, both bombs had handwritten notes that criticized the Israeli government for being too liberal. The notes were signed by multiple organizations, which the police would not identify.

According to one source, a note said that "the civil war has begun."

The incidents are being investigated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York City Police Department.

A spokesman for the Israeli consulate in New York denounced the attack.

"The Israeli consulate vehemently condemns acts of violence or intimidation aimed at derailing the peace process. We remain confident that U.S. authorities will do their utmost to identify and prosecute the culprits to the fullest extent of the law," said the spokesman.

"The Israeli government will continue its efforts to achieve peace undeterred by such acts," he said.

APN has previously received bomb threats.

Both Jewish organizations were advised by the FBI not to comment on the case.

Nevertheless, the New Israel Fund issued a statement last week calling on the Jewish community "from all sides of the political spectrum" to condemn terrorist violence.

The NIF said it and APN were targeted by a "right-wing extremist Jewish organization opposed to peace in the Middle East."

Settlers meet with Rabin in bid to clarify their status

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Angry residents of a Jordan Valley settlement met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Thursday, demanding to know what their status will be once they are surrounded on three sides by an autonomous Palestinian region.

The 27 families of Na'ama, located about three miles north of the West Bank town of Jericho, have held a series of protests in recent days, blocking roads with burning tires and cars.

They claim the government is abandoning them by entering into a self-rule agreement with the PLO because it will make the settlement an island within PLO-controlled land.

The residents had been reassured earlier in the week by Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur that they would remain connected to the rest of the country and that the nearby highway would be under the full control of Israeli security forces.

On Monday, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu told the settlers of Na'ama that any future government led by Likud would not be bound by the Palestinian self-rule accord signed last September in Washington.

Rabin told the settlers he would guarantee that the Jordan Valley would always remain Israel's eastern security border.

He also promised to increase security and economic aid for the agricultural settlement.

But he did not back down from Israel's peace initiatives, telling the group that the self-rule accord with the PLO presented Israel with an opportunity to achieve coexistence and peace.

In an incident in Jerusalem last week that underscored the challenges facing Israel, an Israeli soldier was stabbed in the city's French Hill neighborhood. The soldier received moderate wounds.

His assailant, a member of the rejectionist Islamic Jihad movement from the Gaza Strip, fled the scene with the soldier's weapon, but was later shot and killed by border police.

Two pamphlets found on him called for Palestinians to oppose the self-rule accord.

Arab countries continuing boycott of Israel: WJC

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Citing statistics compiled by the United States Commerce Department, the World Jewish Congress charged last week that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have not abided by their pledges to stop participating in the Arab boycott of companies doing business with Israel.

The WJC said that Commerce Department figures show Kuwait made over 700 boycott-related requests to U.S. companies since June, when the Arab emirate announced it would stop its participation of the so-called secondary boycott of companies here and abroad doing business with the Jewish state.

WJC issued a statement urging Washington "to take immediate measures so that both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia live up to their pledges to put an end to their shameful compliance with the Arab blacklist."

The U.S. State Department said last spring that both countries had pledged to end their participation in the secondary boycott of Israel, which harms U.S. and other companies doing business with Israel.

Under U.S. law, if a participating country requests an American company to provide boycott-related information, the company must report such requests to the U.S. government.

In 1993, there were 8,660 such requests, mostly from Arab countries, reported by American companies, the WJC said.

Of the 8,660 requests, 2,011 were from Kuwait and 1,605 from Saudi Arabia, the group reported.

Efforts to end the primary Arab boycott of Israel and the secondary boycott of companies doing business with the Jewish state have taken on new urgency here in recent months.

U.S. officials from President Bill Clinton on down have spoken out against the boycott, with many calling it an anachronism that hurts the Middle East peace process.

In Canada, Prime Minister Jean Chretien has said Ottawa should pursue "normal" trade relations with Mideast countries.

But Arab countries have been reluctant to part with the longtime boycott, which has been in effect since before the 1948 founding of Israel.

The issue of Kuwait's participation in the secondary boycott has been a particularly sensitive one for some American officials because Washington came readily to Kuwait's defence against Iraq in the Persian Gulf War and many American lives were lost during the Gulf War.

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פון שמואל אייכענבוים (פּאַריז)

דעם 3-טן און 4-טן אָקטאָבער, 1993, זענען די נאָכפאָלגנדיקע טעג, זיינען פֿאָרגעקומען אין מאָסקווע דראַמאַטישע עשעניש, וואָס ווילן זיכער בלענדן גרויסע עולמות. עס איז רוסלאַנד און אויך איבער דער וועלט. די מעדיע האָט געמאָלדן און געווזן די גסיסה-צאַפלען פון דער קאָמוניסטישער באַוועגונג אין רוסלאַנד. דאָס האָט געבראַכט צו אַ פּולקומען סוף די ממשלה פון דער קאָמוניסטישער פּאַרטיי.

76 יאָר, ווייניקער איין חודש, זיינען אַריבער, זינט די באָלשעוויקעס, מיט לענינען בראש, האָבן פֿאַרכאַפּט די מאַכט אין פּעטערסבורג, רוסלאַנד. זיי האָבן פונאַנדערגעריסן דעם דעמאָקראַטיקן -- צום עדשטן מאָל אין דער רוסישער געשיכטע -- דעמאָקראַטישן דערווייטלטן פּאַרלאַמענט, די „קאָנסטיטוצייע" נעלע פֿאַרזאַמלונג", און איינגעשטעלט דעם קאָמוניסטישן רעזשים.

זיי האָבן פֿאַרשווינדט די אויסגעטרוימטע אידעאַלן פון סאָציאַליזם, פּאַר וועלכע די איידלסטע און פֿייאיקסטע מענטשן פון כּמעט אַלע דורות, איינגעשלאָסן די יידישע נביאים, האָבן גענקאָמפּט און זיך אפילו מקריב געווען. ביים סוף פון די אַכציקער יאָרן איז די קאָמוניסטישע באַוועגונג געווען געצוואונגען צו דערקלערן פּאַר דער וועלט, אַז זי איז באַנקראָט.

צום גרויסן באַדויערן איז צווישן די קרבנות, במשך די איבער זיבן צענדליקער יאָרן, געווען אַ גרויסע צאָל יידן. אפילו אַ סך פון די שרייבערס, קינסטלערס, וויסנשאפטסלייט און ערלעכע אומשולדיקע מענטשן, וועלכע האָבן זיך איבערגעגעבן מיט לייב-און-לעבן די קאָמוניסטישע אידעאַלן. זיי האָבן באַצאָלט מיט זייערע אייגענע לעבנס אויפן מזבח פון קאָמוניזם.

סיזיינען שוין אַריבער מער ווי 40 יאָר, ווי סטאַלין האָט פֿרובירט אַרויסצורייסן מיטן ווּאָרצל די יידישע קולטור, די רעליגיעזע, די וועלטלעכע און צום סוף געוואָלט פיזיש פֿאַרניכטן אַלע, וואָס איז יידיש. אויך אַנדערע נאַציעס אין דער פֿאַרשפּרייטער סאָוועטישע קאָמוניסטישער אימפּעריע האָבן פֿאַרלוירן אַ סך קרבנות פּאַר דעם דאָזיקן אידעאַל. און דאָס אַלע איז געטאָן געוואָרן אין נאָמען פון סאָציאַליזם און קאָמוניזם, פּאַרן כלומרשטן וואויל־זיין פון אַרבעטער-מענטש.

עס האָבן אַנגעהויבן אויפצוועקן ווערן די פֿאַרברענטע, און די וועלט בכלל און זייערע אייגענע סאָוועטישע בירגער בפרט, האָבן ענדלעך דערקענט דעם אמתּן פנים פון קאָמוניסטישן רעזשים, וואָס איז אויף זיי אַרויפגעצוואונגען געווארן. און זיי האָבן אַנגעהויבן זייער רעוואָלט. צומערשט אויסער די גרענצן פון סאָוועטן-פֿאַרבאַנד און שפּעטער אינעווייניק. צום סוף איז די קאָמוניסטישע פּאַרטיי גענוון געצוואונגען איבערצוגעבן איר פולע הערשאפט צו מער דעמאָקראַטישע כוחות אין לאַנד.

עס איז אַבער, אפילו ביים היינטיקן טאָג, נאָך דאָ אַ גרעסערע צאָל נאָכפאָלגערס פון קאָמוניזם, וועלכע שטרעבן נאָך אַלע צורעקצוברענגען דעם קאָמוניזם צו דער מאַכט.

דאָס איז טאַקע געשען דעם לעצטן אָקטאָבער, ווען אַ גרופּע פֿאַרעקשנטע קאָמוניסטן האָבן רעוואָלטירט קעגן פרעזידענט באָריס יעלצין. ער האָט מיט כוח און קאָנאָנען-פֿייער זיי פֿאַראָגט פון אָקופירטן מאָסקווער פּאַרלאַמענט, פונקט ווי זיינען פֿאַרטיי חברים האָבן פֿאַריאָגט די קאָנסטיטוציאָנעלע פּאַרזאַמלונג מיט קנאַפּע 76 יאָר צורעק. אין 1917, בשעת דער „אָקטאָבער" איבערקערענען האָבן די רוסישע מאַטראָסן געגעבן דעם סיגנאַל מיט זייערע קאָנאָנען. אין אָקטאָבער, 1993, האָבן די רוסישע טאָנקיסטן אויסגענוצט דעם חשבון.

די וועלט האָפט, אַז דאָס איז טאַקע געווען דער סוף פון דער קאָמוניסטישער הערשאפט. פון לענינס אידייען וועט מער נישט בלייבן, ווי אַ פֿאַרלאָזענע, פּאַר קיינעם נישט-נוצלעכע באַלאַזאַמירטע מומיע אויפן „קראַסנאַיאַ פּלאָשטשאַט" (רויטן פּלאַץ).

אין פרקי אבות (ב׳ ז׳) ווערט געזאָגט: . . . „וסוף מְטַיְּפֵךְ יְטוּפוּךָ" . . .

Uzi Narkiss offers prescription for WZO

NEW YORK (JTA) — As Uzi Narkiss winds up 27 years with the World Zionist Organization, and a two-year stint heading its American office here, the retired general thinks it's time for the organization to change.

Narkiss believes that as the WZO moves toward its 1997 centenary, the organization founded to implement Theodor Herzl's vision of a Jewish state must shed some of its political structure and gear itself to ensuring a connection between Israel and the Diaspora.

"The State of Israel without the Diaspora is not the same Israel, and the Diaspora without Israel is not the same Diaspora," Narkiss said in a recent interview with JTA, as he prepared his new post as chairman of Israel's Coins and Medals Authority.

But the two communities could well drift apart, said Narkiss, and not only because of declining Jewish identity in the Diaspora.

Narkiss fears that in another decade, as Israel finds itself the largest single Jewish community in the world, it could grow less interested in Jews outside its borders.

Adding to his fear is the possibility that Israel's reaching peace with its neighbors could lead Israel to "become more interested with its Arab neighbors than with the Jews."

"I am very concerned that Israel will not turn, G-d forbid, Canaanite," said Narkiss, referring to an anti-Diaspora ideology that sought to create an Israeli identity rooted in the Middle East and separate from Judaism.

In the years just before and after the founding of the State of Israel, a group of intellectuals sought common cause with Arabs in forming a new culture. They were often disparaged as "Canaanites," pagans who lived in the land before being conquered by the biblical Israelites.

"The WZO has to take on itself, as its main goal, that Israel not turn into Canaan, and that the peace process not come between Israel and the Diaspora," he said.

Helping the Diaspora remain connected to Israel may be the easiest challenge.

"It's very possible that Israel will get much more involved in the Jewish community, sending more teachers to the Diaspora, ensuring that every Bar Mitzvah child will visit Israel," said Narkiss.

"All of these can be the mission of the WZO."

But how to help the Israelis is a more complicated question.

"The Jewishness (of Israelis) is that we live in Israel, go to the army, make a circumcision and say Kaddish," said Narkiss.

"If all the borders are open, the Jewish nature of the state will be diluted. It's something we have to think about. There's no solution yet."

He cites his own grandchildren as an example of the Israel-Diaspora gap.

"It's hard to get them to listen to what I say — if it's not about computer games — when I say there are young Jews in America.

"They want to go to America, but for Disneyland. They want to go to Paris, for EuroDisney. But it doesn't interest them that there are young Jews around the world," he said.

If the WZO is going to take on the bold task of reversing this apathy, said Narkiss, it cannot continue business as usual.

Uzi Narkiss

Its organizational structure, based on nearly a century of Zionist history, has to change, he believes.

One example: Currently, the WZO operates along divisions based on the type of program being operated, not the region being served.

As a result, representatives promoting aliyah report to a different boss in Jerusalem than do their colleagues, at the next desk in New York, who are promoting student programs.

The frequent result is confusion.

Narkiss wants divisions to serve the different regions in the Diaspora: Europe, North America, South America.

(The WZO's sister organization, the Jewish Agency, has already begun moving toward a geographic orientation. A unit for the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe operates directly under the agency's chief executive, overseeing the work of the different functional divisions.)

Narkiss has added his voice to those calling for a new means of deciding on representation in the WZO.

The WZO calls itself the only democratic institution in Jewish life because its representatives are elected, on party lines, by all members of Zionist organizations.

In the United States and Canada, these organizations include Hadassah, the Canadian Zionist Federation, Zionist Organization of America and Americans for Progressive Israel as well as Zionist groups linked with the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements.

Yad Vashem honors Wehrmacht officer

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The late Wehrmacht Maj. Max Liedtke was recognized as Righteous Among the Nations last week by Yad Vashem, becoming the highest-ranking German officer so honored.

Liedtke is the only officer on record to order his soldiers to use their weapons against SS men if they tried to deport Jews working under his command.

The incident took place on July 26, 1942, in Przemysl, Poland, where Liedtke, then 46, commanded the local garrison. When deportations began, he took more than 80 Jews into his headquarters to protect them. The confrontation with SS troops took place at a bridge over the San River and resulted in the SS pulling back.

Rather than being shot or demoted, Liedtke was sent to the Russian front, where he was captured, later dying in a camp in the Urals in January 1955.

Liedtke's medal was accepted by his son Goetz, 68, a retired customs official who lives in Pocking, Bavaria.

Before being posted to Poland, Liedtke was town commandant of Piraeus, Greece, where he stood out for his humane treatment of the population.

Two of Liedtke's three sons were killed during the war and Goetz, then 17, was wounded. He has written a book about his father.

Sarajevo Jews start yarmulke business

ROME (JTA) — A group of elderly Jewish refugees from Sarajevo, living in temporary housing on the Croatian coast, has started a handmade yarmulke business to earn money and save for whatever future befalls them.

About 20 refugees recently formed the Menorah Club, a Jewish handicrafts workshop.

Club members knit handmade yarmulkes, which they sell for 10 Deutschmarks (about $6) apiece, plus postage. The refugees receive five Deutschmarks per yarmulke, with the rest of the money going for materials as well as for other community expenses.

Most of the kipot are blue with a metallic thread border, but other color combinations are available on request.

"The Menorah Club is working non-stop," said Lenka Montiljo Bilalagic. "Our members are delighted because we are busy, we are useful, we can earn for our future."

The project was started under the encouragement of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to help what a JDC representative called "enterprising and deserving refugees from Sarajevo" help themselves put something of their lives back together.

The JDC distributed 400 of the yarmulkes at its annual meeting in December, and Jewish organizations in Toulouse, France, this week placed an order for 200.

The Grey Panthers, a club of middle-aged Jewish men in Split, Croatia, also placed an order for 20 yarmulkes.

"If these items catch on," a JDC representative said, "we may extend Menorah to the Svarc (Jewish) Old Age Home in Zagreb, which has so far welcomed about 18 elderly refugees among its 78 residents."

Individuals or organizations wanting to place bulk orders should contact Montiljo Bilalagic, c/o The Jewish Community of Split, Zidovski prolaz 1, 58000 Split, Croatia. Tel/fax: 385/58.45.672.

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Spielberg's critics missed the point

By TOM TUGEND
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Heroism or Expediency?
Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — There is a brief quotation from *Exodus Rabbah* on my bulletin board, in which G-d warns Moses and Aaron that "My children are obstinate, ill-tempered and troublesome."

Steven Spielberg is no Moses. But something like those words must go through his mind when, among the reams of nationwide acclaim for *Schindler's List*, he comes across a number of harsh reviews — some bordering on the vitriolic — precisely by critics who identify themselves as ardent Jews.

None of the critics lived through the Holocaust or were among the rescued "Schindler Jews," who have confirmed the fidelity of the film to their own experiences and to the basic fact that Oskar Schindler risked his neck and drained his fortune to shield "his" Jews.

Some of the reservations, such as those of Frank Rich of *The New York Times*, are appropriately within the province of a critic.

Rich, and others, object that none of the Jewish characters in the film are fully developed and "blur into abstraction, becoming another depersonalized statistic of mass death."

What is troublesome are attacks on the movie because it does not bear out the reviewer's own vision of a proper Holocaust film and because the hero is not only a German, but a Nazi party member to boot.

(The tone of such criticism is reminiscent of the reception 45 years ago of *Gentleman's Agreement*, when some purists denounced the first Hollywood film to deal seriously with American anti-Semitism because the hero was a gentile posing as a Jew.)

Jonathan Kirsch, in his review of *Schindler's List* in the *Los Angeles Jewish Journal*, asks why Spielberg chose to make a Holocaust film in which the hero is a Nazi, however good-hearted.

"I wished Spielberg had found his way to, for example, tell the story of the Bielski partisans, rather than *Schindler's List*," he wrote.

Similarly, Rabbi Eli Hecht, writing in last Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*, dwells at length on Schindler's well-known womanizing, his ostentation and his use of forced Jewish labor in his factory. Hecht concludes that the German's designation as a righteous person comes close to blasphemy.

The charge will come as a surprise to the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, not known for pro-Nazi proclivities, which has honored Schindler as Righteous Among the Nations.

Kirsch and Hecht miss two points that more sophisticated analysts of the Holocaust and the deeds of Christian rescuers have amply noted.

Such scholars as Eva Fogelman and Nechama Tec, who have interviewed hundreds of Christians who saved Jews in Poland and France, have concluded that it was impossible to categorize rescuers by their background, politics and motivations.

Unlikely as it may seem, the researchers found numerous instances in which outspoken anti-Semites, many affiliated with Jew-baiting movements, in fact saved hundreds of Jews.

A second point goes to the objection that the horror of the Holocaust is diminished by praising the goodness of a few rather than condemning the cruelty and indifference of the many.

Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Los Angeles, who started the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers, has noted that perhaps only through a knowledge of individual acts of Christian heroism can most Christians face the vastness of Christian guilt during the Holocaust.

Indeed, said Schulweis, "whoever hears or reads the accounts of the rescued must realize that there are no heroes without villains, that the small light in the cave reveals more vividly the dark designs of the predators."

"If anything, to experience immense evil through the eyes of the good enables those fearful of entering the cave to take the first brave steps," he said.

In fairness, both Kirsch's and Hecht's criticisms go well beyond the figure of Schindler, but they come at it from opposite directions.

Kirsch seems to think that the film does not show the true extent of the Holocaust's horror and Jewish suffering. Hecht objects vehemently to any films or museums that show "Jews as victims over and over again."

Both views are defensible, but they simplify the immense complexity of the Holocaust. The Shoah retains its hold on the human and artistic imagination because it contained immense evil and remarkable goodness, incredible carnage and chance survival.

Schindler's List deals with one small part of the tragedy, and does so with dignity and truthfulness.

PLO asks Australia for funds

SYDNEY (JTA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has asked the government of Australia to finance its office here, claiming an acute shortage of funds.

Ali Kazak, the PLO's Australia representative, said his office might be forced to close because of the cutoff last June of funds that had been supplied by the organization's Tunis headquarters.

A government spokesman said Kazak's request will be examined, but noted that there appeared to be little the government could do to assist the PLO.

He said the government has in the past made financial concessions to diplomatic missions here, but the gestures are generally made on a reciprocal basis.

Along with the request to the Australian government, Kazak has circulated a letter to "friends and supporters" of the PLO, requesting donations of up to $3,500 (U.S.) to help clear debts, pay staff and contribute to the local office's operating costs.

Kazak claimed his appeal came at the direction of "President" Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, who had asked him "to call on all our friends and supporters to help alleviate our current difficulties, which we hope will be temporary" and were due to "the savage economic war Israel is conducting against the Palestinian people."

Greg Sheridan, foreign editor of the daily newspaper *The Australian*, has called on the government to reject out-of-hand Kazak's call for assistance.

"It would be preposterous, and morally offensive, for Canberra (the Australian capital) to give it any financial assistance whatsoever, whether money or cheap premises," Sheridan said.

The News in Brief

Ross Supporter Retires from UNB

FREDERICTON — Matin Yaqzan, the University of New Brunswick mathematics professor whose campus newspaper column on date rape landed him in hot water, has taken early retirement, effective Jan. 1. Reports from New Brunswick indicate Yaqzan will receive a full pension and three years' pay. Yaqzan ignited a firestorm of controversy when he wrote an opinion piece in the university's student newspaper, claiming that if a "promiscuous girl" becomes the victim of an "unwanted sexual experience," she should demand monetary compensation for being "inconvenienced" and not "express moral outrage." Yaqzan was a longtime supporter of Malcolm Ross, the former Moncton teacher who authored several books attacking Jews. Yaqzan also wrote a number letters in which he called Jews revenge-seekers, compared Jewish organizations to the Mafia and said Israeli actions in Lebanon were comparable to Nazi brutalities.

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Keegstra Appeals Again

CALGARY — Jim Keegstra, the former Eckville, Alta. teacher twice convicted of promoting hatred against Jews, is appealing his second conviction to the Alberta Court of Appeal. Prosecutors in the case have launched a cross-appeal in which they argue that the $3,000 fine handed Keegstra was inadequate given the severity of the offence, said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. The appeal is to be heard on Feb. 2. Keegstra is a former high school social studies teacher who taught that Jews were evil and responsible for wars, revolutions and hardships. After losing his job as a teacher, he was convicted in 1985 of promoting hatred. The Supreme Court of Canada eventually upheld the constitutionality of the anti-hate law, but a new trial was ordered because of errors by the judge. Keegstra was again convicted, but he is now appealing that verdict.

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Holocaust Denier Appeals

CALGARY — The Alberta Court of Appeal will also consider the case of Mark Kreutzer, who was convicted two years ago of assaulting a teacher in front of a Calgary school. Kreutzer had been handing out Holocaust-denial material to students, who then complained to a teacher. The teacher confronted Kreutzer and told him to leave the school property. A scuffle ensued and assault charges, followed by a conviction, resulted. Kreutzer's lawyer at trial was Doug Christie, who gained national notoriety for his defence of Keegstra, Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel and other neo-Nazis.

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U.S. Support for Plan Still Strong

JERUSALEM — Despite some Israeli perceptions to the contrary, there has been no "real diminution" of U.S. Jewish support for the Middle East peace process, according to a top American Jewish organizational leader. There is only a "growing concern and apprehension about violence and terror," Lester Pollack, chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said in an address here. He said that the concern about security is partly due to distortions by the news media. He accused the media of not focusing enough on the "positive achievements of the peace process," such as the recent diplomatic accord with the Vatican.

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Palestinian Parents Sue Israel

TEL AVIV — The parents of five Palestinian children in the Gaza Strip who were killed in recent years by Israeli soldiers have filed a lawsuit against the Israeli government seeking $360,000 in damages. In an action filed last week in the Tel Aviv District Court, the parents maintained that, under international law, Israel's role in Gaza is that of an "occupying power," and that the government was responsible for the welfare of Gaza's inhabitants, especially for their personal security. The children named in the suit were between 3 and 12 years old when they were killed by shots fired by Israeli soldiers in Gaza's Shati refugee camp. According to documents filed in court, witnesses maintained that the children had not been taking part in hostile activities when they were shot, but had been bystanders or were merely passing by on their way to school. No date has been set for the start of legal proceedings.

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More Chernobyl Kids Arrive

KFAR CHABAD — Another flight carrying children from contaminated areas around the Chernobyl nuclear reactor arrived in Israel last week. It was the tenth flight of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Medical Relief Program, which brings children to Israel for medical treatment. All of the 6- to 12-year-old children on the latest flight are from the Belarussian cities of Gomel and Mozyr, two communities in which alarming increases of thyroid cancer have been reported in children. The Chabad program has to date brought to Israel nearly 1,000 children from contaminated regions in Belarus and Ukraine.

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Arson Likely Cause of Shul Fire

MOSCOW — There are new indications, though no hard proof, that arson may have been the cause of the recent fire at the Marina Roscha Synagogue in Moscow. But leaders of the synagogue, which is run by the Chabad movement, apparently have chosen not to press for an investigation. That decision reportedly was made after Moscow city authorities hinted that if an inquiry were requested, officials would withdraw their offer to facilitate the synagogue's rebuilding.

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London Cemetery Attacks

LONDON — London police are investigating two anti-Semitic acts of vandalism that have taken place within a month at an East London Jewish cemetery. In the latest incident, vandals broke into the East Ham cemetery last week and spray-painted Nazi slogans on its inside walls and a swastika and anti-Semitic obscenities on three graves of Jews who died in World War II. "Nazis rule" and "Hitler 6 million, Jews 1" were painted in 2-foot-high letters on the walls near the sanctuary. Last month, vandals desecrated five graves at the cemetery. No perpetrators have been found. A police spokesman said he did not think it was the work of an organized neo-Nazi group.

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Most ex-Soviets Feel Like Outsiders

JERUSALEM — Most new immigrants from the former Soviet Union feel like outsiders in Israeli society, according to a new survey. The survey, conducted for the Jewish Agency, questioned almost 800 adults, half of whom came to Israel in 1991 and half in 1992. Eighty-two per cent of respondents said they would like to feel that they are part of Israeli society, but only eight per cent report feeling this way. Sixty per cent said they feel like outsiders. Most of those who reported feeling integrated into Israeli society were those who spoke Hebrew or were students. The immigrants said that socially, they mixed almost exclusively with other immigrants from their countries of origin. A full 77 per cent of the 1992 arrivals reported they had never or very seldom mixed with those who have been in Israel for a long time. That number dropped to 61 per cent among those who came the year before.

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Israel Files Complaint Against Reuters

TEL AVIV — Israel's chief military censor has filed a complaint with the Reuter news agency and its television subsidiary for broadcasting pictures of an Israel Defence Force anti-terrorist unit beating up Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Pictures of the Shimshon undercover unit, disguised in Arab garb, were transmitted by Reuters on Sunday, when the unit clashed with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The pictures were seen immediately throughout the world. An army spokesman claimed the pictures endangered state security by exposing the identity of several members of the undercover unit and its operating procedures. The censor later informed Reuters that any further breaches of Israel's censorship policies would result in "severe measures."

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Herut 'Takeover' at French JNF

PARIS — The French branch of the Jewish National Fund underwent something resembling an unfriendly takeover last month. At the annual assembly of Keren Keyemeth LeIsrael of France, some 200 new members showed up, hoping to elect their own slate of candidates to KKL's National Committee. The new members, who belonged to the rightist Herut movement, outnumbered the rest of the gathering two to one. After much shouting and heckling, Herut members got what they wanted: the right to vote, and they won an overwhelming victory. The victorious slate consisted mainly members of Herut-France and its two youth organizations, Betar and Tagar.

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Enlarge Airport: Rabin

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has instructed Israel's transport minister to expedite plans for enlarging Ben-Gurion Airport so the facility will be able to handle 10 million passengers a year by century's end. The present facilities can handle only 4 million travelers annually. Expansion plans include constructing a new terminal and runway extension.

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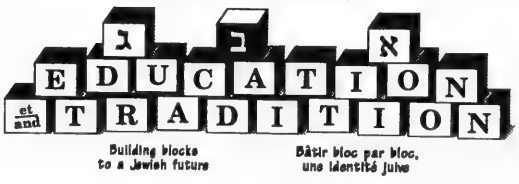

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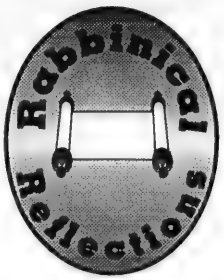

By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

Robert Hughes has exposed the threat of political correctness in his recently published book entitled *The Culture of Complaint*. Perhaps because he is a transplanted Australian now residing in New York, he has the perspective of an outsider to offer a powerful dose of social criticism that applies equally well to the Canadian experience.

His thesis is simple: political correctness is a dangerous movement towards cultural separatism that is undoing the fabric of society and is bringing free thought to a stop. Some examples he cites are worth considering.

The civil rights, feminist, and gay liberation movements of the last several decades have created a "culture of complaint" wherein groups claiming victim status demand redress, entitlements and apologies from a society that complainers view as oppressive, insidious, white and male.

Afro-centrist extremists have taken to rewriting history, making a series of outlandish claims, including one that credits the building of the pyramids to black Egyptians using telekinesis. All of this to purportedly provide a black perspective on history and science.

In the name of cultural diversity and acceptance of minority rights, these outlandish claims are accepted unchallenged. They are not subject to the same rigorous intellectual tests as other claims because to do so would be viewed as racist. As a result, open debate fails and truth suffers.

Distortion of history

Moreover, Hughes challenges such works like Kirkpatrick Sale's *The Conquest of Paradise* which portrays Columbus as responsible for the devastation of Native American cultures. Hughes insists that such books merely replace one historical myth, namely Columbus as the noble discoverer, with an equally fallacious one, namely Columbus as the malevolent conqueror. This is not even historical revisionism; it is historical distortion. Hughes admonishes us: "you cannot remake the past in the name of affirmative action."

Blind acceptance of the grievances presented by groups on the left and on the right have transformed a diversified nation — which is good — into a nation of victimized factions — which is not. Our task as Jews is to scrutinize every argument and debate every issue. After all, it is the Torah itself that instructs us to search out the truth; "to investigate and inquire and search thoroughly" (Deuteronomy 13:15; 17:4). If the arguments are sound and the facts are correct, then our support ought to follow. But the uncritical embrace of a cause, no matter how just it may appear to be, will ultimately serve no good.

It is probably with this idea in mind that the author of the Sefer Ha-Hinukh, first published in 1523, explains (Law No. 77) it is contrary to the Torah to follow after the opinions of others no matter their stature or their number merely because they are in the majority.

Sheepishly following after the popular opinions of the day is not the Jewish way. Rather, any opinion that Jews embrace must be rooted in truth and demonstrably correct. Not only judges but every Jew is duty bound to carefully evaluate the facts and come to a conclusion based on solid reasoning and compelling arguments.

It may not be popular to be counted among those who are not politically correct. But popularity has never been a Jewish objective.

Irish Jewish leaders meet PLO chief Arafat

LONDON (JTA) — The chief rabbi of Ireland and the head of the Jewish Representative Council of Ireland met late last month with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Dublin.

Rabbi Simon Harris, who took up his post four months ago, used the occasion to lash out at what he called "the moral bankruptcy" of most Orthodox rabbis for criticizing Israel's accord with the PLO.

A group of British Orthodox rabbis signed a statement blasting the Israel-PLO accord signed in September and a meeting leaders of the Board of Deputies of British Jews held with Arafat in mid-December.

Rabbi Harris said he respected the nearly 60 British rabbis who had acted "out of conscience, but as Zionists" in signing a statement opposing the Board of Deputies' decision to meet with the PLO chief.

The Board of Deputies held a widely publicized meeting with Arafat in London. That meeting, led by Israel Finestein, head of the Board of

'Twitch of peace'

Deputies, was also attended by Israel's ambassador to Britain.

Rabbi Harris, who was accompanied by the Ireland Jewish council leader, Martin Simmons, in meeting with Arafat, said: "In spite of Mr. Arafat's past acts of unspeakable evil, if he shows any twitch of peace, we should meet him. I applaud the Israeli government for the courageous steps it has taken."

He said he met with Arafat "as a Zionist, as a spiritual representative of Jews in the republic, and also mindful of the more than 1,000 Irish Jews who have made aliyah."

Rabbi Harris and Simmons reportedly pressed Arafat for a "blanket public condemnation" of terrorism against Jews in Israel and abroad, an end to the Arab boycott against Israel and a change in the PLO charter, which calls for Israel's destruction.

Arafat has claimed that clause in the charter has been rendered obsolete. But he told Rabbi Harris and Simmons that amending the clause would require a meeting of the Palestine National Council.

Asked why he did not call such a meeting, he reportedly said, "It is very hard to arrange a meeting in Algiers at the present moment," in apparent reference to the strong criticism of the chairman within the PLO.

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Front Line

Israel-PLO crisis shifts attention to Syrian front

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The recent crisis in the Israel-PLO negotiations unveiled the differences motivating the two parties four months ago, when both entered the road to pacification and earned worldwide applause for their daring.

Their quite incompatible interpretations of the Oslo agreement were underplayed in order to produce the document itself. It was hoped by both sides that the psychological breakthrough would be strong enough to produce progress despite the fact that the text of the celebrated agreement was not a precise prescription for success.

The main theme of the Oslo Delcaration of Principles was graduality. Every single phase of implementation had to be seen working before the next was to be confronted. Each phase had to generate confidence between parties locked in a conflict in which prejudices and illusions counted more than common sense.

What prompted Arafat to precipitate the crisis? One explanation is that he, the former terrorist chief then self-proclaimed president of Palestine and now an airborne world figure, finds it degrading to adjust to a period of probation as the administrator and policeman of Gaza and Jericho, closely watched by Israel's army. He who could by now have started handling the autonomy which was to lead to independence, prefers to sit it out in Tunis and press for symbols of statehood which Oslo had not provided for. He may extract some ambiguous ones but his brinkmanship is dangerous. Even unbiased observers now doubt his reliability. Some of his advisors as well as Egyptians and Jordanians who know what is at stake have tried to bring him down to earth.

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Meanwhile the stumbling negotiations are seriously eroding the initial faith in the accord. Arab fundamentalist attacks were expected to increase after Oslo, but it was hoped, rather naively, that Arafat loyalists will control the violence. The PLO abstains from terrorism but is not prepared to risk confrontation with Hamas. The Palestinian police force is still not in place. Nor can one expect even the moderate elements within the local PLO to maintain popular trust in the process while Israeli security operations are carried out with the same vigour and results as before the famous handshake in Washington.

In Israel — in addition to political and ideological opposition to the peace process — attention focuses on the settlements whose future is insecure despite official talk. The government tries to calm the apprehensions of the settlers by quoting the provisions of the Oslo agreement which leave the settlements untouched during the five-year interim period and stipulates that Israel security is to guarantee the safety of the settlers. This formula is not reassuring. The issue is in fact the real Achilles heel of the whole agreement.

Despite its enormous efforts, the Israeli government cannot guarantee absolute safety to every Jewish inhabitant of the territories. This is felt in Gaza or in places like Hebron where a handful of fanatic Jewish settlers insist on remaining in the heart of a fundamentalist Arab town. It is also problematic in other areas inhabited by ordinary Jewish settlers who do not seek confrontation. To protect settlers' children on their way to school requires 500 military convoys a day.

The unpopular truth is that peaceful coexistence in the territories, plastered as they are with over 100 settlements big and small, is unthinkable given the nature of extremism on both sides. The future of the settlements must be clearly defined, however poltically uncomfortable the issue may be.

From an Arab perspective too, Israel's intentions are clouded by much ambiguity. If it is true that the Rabin government has curbed the huge flow of financial investment in building settlements, it must also be admitted that the active resistance and circumvention of this new policy by the extremist leadership of the settlements is not decisively challenged by the same government.

The present crisis between Israel and the PLO will be patched up, but others are to follow unless both sides know what to expect from each other.

The crisis has helped shift attention from the tiresome dealings with the PLO to the Syrian and Lebanese sectors, when Syrian president Hafez Assad meets U.S. president Bill Clinton in Geneva on Jan. 16.

The gestation of this first encounter was long and complicated. Syria figures high on the U.S. list of "terrorist countries" and is still subjected to economic restrictions even after its formal participation in the alliance against Iraq during the Gulf War. Deprived of Soviet support, Assad now needs Clinton more than the U.S. needs him. But he also knows he could make an important contribution to the peace process with Israel, which Clinton is very eager to advance.

If Assad comes forward in Geneva with a plausible definition of the quality of peace and security he is prepared to offer in exchange for an Israeli recognition of Syrian sovereignty on the Golan, the now anemic negotiations between the two countries are likely to take off accompanied by vigorous U.S. activism. Here too the principle of graduality is likely to pave the road to a comprehensive solution to embrace both Syria and Lebanon.

If so, the Israeli-PLO sector will lose its present primacy (though not its importance) and give Arafat some time to reflect upon his tactics. Rabin is likely to come out of the crisis politically stronger for his stand on essentials, freer to deal with the implications of a clear Syrian offer. Thus a meaningful meeting in Geneva could well change the mechanism of regional peacemaking and broaden its prospects.

Century-old conflict can't be settled in a few months

By MISHA LOUVISH

Israelis were shocked by the recent murderous attack on Jews in the territories, and it is completely comprehensible that the pain and anger should be felt most keenly by those who have made their homes in the West Bank.

No man should be held accountable for what he does in his grief, the sages said, but that shouldn't be taken as an excuse for the hysterical, irrational and violent reactions of the extremists among the settlers. Indiscriminate retaliation against ordinary Arabs is not only immortal, it is futile. Indeed, it is liable to be counterproductive.

It is in the nature of feuds and vendettas to be self-perpetuating, and there isn't the slightest reason to believe that Hamas or Islamic Jihad fanatics will be discouraged by the burning of Arab cars of the wrecking of Arab classrooms. Such actions are only liable to intensify hatred and encourage recruitment to the terrorist organizations.

It is not surprising that the settlers should also be venting their anger against Yitzhak Rabin's Labor-left government, which has begun to carry out its election promises by negotiating for an interim autonomy regime for the Palestinians, with the ultimate aim of a permanent agreement based on the repartition of the country. The settlers were aided and encouraged by Likud-dominated governments to build more than 100 settlements in the area for the express purpose of making such a solution impossible.

But when they denounce the prime minister as a traitor and deny the legitimacy of his policy, which has been approved by the electorate and the Knesset, they shouldn't whine about "delegitimization" when he gives them the rough edge of his tongue in reply.

Nor have they any right to accuse the government of failing in its duty every time a Jew is murdered by an Arab. Before demanding that the government stop all Arab violence, they should first demand the police stop all crime and the Transport Ministry put an end to the slaughter on the roads.

So long as there is no peace between Jews in their homeland and the Arabs under their rule, there will be some Arabs who fight against that rule by murdering Jews.

The army and the police must take every possible precaution, but they will not eradicate the killings.

It is childish to argue that since we now have an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization, we can expect all violence to cease forthwith.

We have a declaration of principles, which is a great breakthrough because it involves recognition of Israel by the PLO, the de facto annulment of the PLO covenant and an undertaking to stop violence. But there isn't yet even agreement on all the details of the autonomy regime.

What Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres have done is start a process which, if all goes well, may lead to peace in the end.

It is bound to take time; a century-old conflict cannot be settled in a few months. What matters is the direction: are we moving toward peace, or away from peace?

The Muslim fundamentalists and the rejectionist groups in the PLO are killing Israeli soldiers and civilians for the express purpose of derailing the peace process and harnessing their people to the old objective, disclaimed by Arafat and the majority behind him, of destroying the "Zionist entity."

Of course, citizens of Israel are entitled to oppose government policy, but they have to face the alternative. If they succeed in stopping the present negotiations, there is no immediate prospect of another peace process, and no one will be better pleased than the enemies of peace. *(JPFS)*

Dresden's experiment with neo-Nazis unsuccessful

By SHAUL BEN-HAIM

> *'Israel should not be the therapeutic couch for the unsolved problems of Germany.'*

The intention may have been honorable, if naive, but the attempt failed miserably.

The idea was to convince a group of eastern German neo-Nazis that the Holocaust did, in fact, take place by introducing them to "living" Jews in Israel.

It was assumed that, like most eastern Germans, the youngsters with the cropped blond hair didn't even know any Jews — although this didn't prevent them from expressing their xenophobia and anti-Semitism by smearing swastikas on overturned gravestones.

The group, which visited Israel last autumn, consisted of self-confessed neo-Nazis and a sprinkling of Russian Jews who have settled in Germany.

"You have such a wonderful country here, why do Jews want to be in Germany?" one of the "skins" asked the guide who toured Israel with them for 10 days. The young Israeli was unsure how to respond. "I didn't say anything, but deep inside me I knew that he had a point," he said afterwards.

The initiator of the project was Dresden city official Marita Schieferdecker-Adolph, a young, vivacious woman in charge of relations between foreigners and natives of Dresden. She viewed the field trip to Israel as a pilot project. If it succeeded, she intended to use the same method to get the Germans to accept and coexist with other foreigners like Vietnamese or Ghanaians. Applying the tactics of New York street-gang social workers, she set out to obtain the confidence of known neo-Nazis.

It was a battle of wits. The relationship between tour leader and neo-Nazis was at best ambiguous. The young and idealistic official was no match for the neo-Nazis, who represented 65 percent of the participants. They used threats and violent body language to force their views upon the group. They imposed an aura of seclusion and secrecy. Nobody was supposed to reveal who they were, and to what organizations they belonged. Nobody was supposed to pry on them during the visit.

In Jerusalem, they behaved as they did in Dresden, treating everybody as a potential foe. Their aggression masked their uncertainty and sense of inferiority.

Schieferdecker-Adolph tried to defend her charges. "I have seen signs that the problems are getting to them, that they are thinking about them," she said. "Recently, one of them commented: 'What is it with a nation that is persecuted for 2,000 years? Isn't it a sign that something is wrong with them ... ?' "

Clearly, the tour leader had no better comprehension of the problems she was trying to tackle than her charges. If she herself didn't understand that the phrasing of that question was unadulterated anti-Semitism, her experiment was doomed to failure.

"Israel should not be the therapeutic couch for the unsolved problems of Germany," observed Yael Yenner, the German-language guide of Yad Vashem, who took the group around. Until her conversion to Judaism and her aliyah three years ago, Yenner was a juvenile-court judge in Hanover.

"The last time I dealt with right-wing extremists was 14 years ago," she said. "I had hoped I should never be forced to deal with their likes again. And now they seem to be following me to Israel."

Yenner didn't mask her distaste for the new generation of neo-Nazis. When they tried to intimidate her, she retorted: "If you want to leave, the door is open. Here, your rules of the game don't count."

Official Israel — the consulate-general in Berlin as well as the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem — did well to keep its distance from the experiment. Dresden paid for the entire venture and employed travel experts for the organizing. Anything else would have raised the question of why the state of Israel didn't prevent known members of neo-Nazi organizations from entering the country.

The existing law covering the entry of German tourists to Israel deals exclusively with Germans over the age of 65. They need a visa, and they are requested to state what they did during the war. German teenagers don't even need a visa. In view of the growing number of young Nazis in Germany, it might be wise to consider amending the law. *(JPFS)*

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A milestone

Israel's historic agreement with the Vatican to establish diplomatic relations represents a turning point in the often rancorous relationship between the Jewish people and the Roman Catholic church. After centuries of hatred, fear and mistrust, a new era of reconciliation, which may yet blossom into normalization, has finally dawned.

Seventeen months in the making, the accord is actually the result of almost three decades of incremental developments for which Jews and Christians of goodwill have assiduously worked.

The healing process began with the 1965 Second Vatican Council, which repudiated the repugnant idea of collective Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus and called for Christian-Jewish dialogue. This, in turn, paved the way for the first-ever visit by a pope to a synagogue and his condemnation of anti-Semitism; the ground-breaking proclamation by the Vatican that theological obstacles for establishing formal links with Israel had vanished; and, most recently, the meeting between Pope John Paul II and Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi, Yisrael Meir Lau.

Observers agree that the 1991 Madrid peace process — which set into motion bilateral Israeli talks with the Palestinians and subsequently brought about last September's Israel-PLO pact on limited Palestinian self-rule and mutual recognition — spurred the Vatican to begin serious negotiations with Israel.

Israel and the Vatican have always maintained high-level contacts, but until now the Holy See resisted formal diplomatic ties with the Jewish state. In large part, the Vatican's coolness was a function of the unresolved Palestinian question, the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. However, once Israel and the PLO signed a declaration of principles (which, unfortunately, has not been implemented as yet), a major political hurdle was cleared, and the Vatican could no longer justify its politically aloof attitude toward Israel.

It goes without saying that the agreement will not erase bitter memories of infamous papal bulls which humiliated and marginalized Jews. Neither will it expunge the anguish of the Vatican's virtual silence and inaction during the Holocaust. And one must wonder why the 15-point document, which was signed in Jerusalem, makes no mention of Israel's capital. Does the omission mean that the Vatican is still committed to the outmoded notion of "internationalizing" Jerusalem? We certainly hope not.

At the end of the day, these misgivings are outweighed by the Vatican's belated decision to officially recognize Israel, as well as its pledge to combat anti-Semitism. In the troubled annals of Jewish-Christian relations, this agreement should be seen for what it is — a milestone.

Irresponsible act

Between 1967, when it broke off diplomatic relations with Israel, and 1991, when a quasi-democracy was restored, the former Soviet Union pursued an implacable anti-Israel policy.

As a result of that policy, billions of dollars worth of armaments were supplied by Moscow to the so-called Arab confrontation states and, in the case of Egypt and Syria, thousands of "civilian" specialists helped direct Arab war objectives against Israel.

Since Mikhail Gorbachev and his successor Boris Yeltsin, the perception has been that the ideological blinders have been removed from Soviet political planning and have been replaced — at least up to now — by a far more mellow, pragmatic and even democratically-oriented stand on foreign policy.

However, bad habits are sometimes hard to shake, even when ideology has disappeared.

This is the only way to explain the disquieting news that last summer, Russian cargo planes were used to transport special truck chassis from North Korea to Syria. These chassis are integral components needed for missile launchers.

American intelligence sources, says the *New York Times* (Dec. 12), indicate that the truck chassis were taken to Nasariya for use in Syria's Scud missile program. American President Bill Clinton tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade Russian president Yeltsin to stop the shipments. Having failed in this endeavor, the American president hushed up the episode.

It is not the job of an American president to shore up the political fortunes of a foreign leader at the cost of damaging a long- time ally in the Middle East. Syria, moreover, will come into the peace talks when it considers that the involvement will best serve its own interests. Persuasion does not work on dictators like Hafez el Asad.

Russia, moreover, has done little for its image by replacing ideology with opportunism of an odious kind. The Scud missiles which it helped Iraq to perfect wreaked havoc on Israel during the Gulf War, and recent reports indicate that American intercept technology was virtually useless in stopping the Scuds. Placing those same weapons in the hands of Syria is an act of utter irresponsibility.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 6 issue, our typographical error in a letter from Michael Wilschanski resulted in a reference to a majority government in Israel when the letter writer said minority.

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JEWISH FAMILY LIFE

I am a young Jewish teenager. I attend a Hebrew high school and I am proud of my Jewish heritage, history and roots. Unfortunately, I cannot speak for many other Jewish teenagers, my age, throughout North America.

I strongly believe that without a formal Jewish education, Jews will continue to assimilate in ever increasing numbers. Therefore, it is the responsibility of every Jewish parent to provide their children with a Jewish education. The alarmingly increasing rate of intermarriage threatens the entire Jewish community by cultural assimilation, intermarriage and some say, extinction.

Many young Jews today question their Jewish identity, reasons for honoring Jewish traditions, and remaining in mainstream Jewish society. They feel their lives are complete without a spiritual Jewish existence. Thus, blending into modern society, becoming lost and forgotten Jews. This path will eventually lead to Jewish self destruction.

Jewish education and family life is the only way to ensure children remain Jewish. Parents can not rely solely on teachers and educators to instil Jewish values; children must see and feel Judaism every day. Being effective role models, in a positive Jewish atmosphere, helps parents ensure their children will want to maintain their Jewish identity.

The task of survival is difficult but not impossible. The Jewish community must work together, making survival a priority. Then, perhaps, the new generation of young Jewish people will be able to maintain, and be proud of, their Jewish identity in the time of rapid assimilation.

Jennifer Kotzer
Toronto

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JUNK MAIL BUSINESS

Debbie Lightstone presents a slanted picture of the junk mail business in her article "Behind a piece of junk mail . . ." (Dec. 2).

She accuses consumers of "trashing" the "painstaking" work of direct marketing firms. Unfortunately, she does not acknowledge the equally demanding efforts required to produce the paper upon which junk mail is printed, nor the effects these often unwanted publicationss have on the environment. She also fails to mention that junk mail often outnumbers required/requested correspondence, and damages legitimized mail.

Many distributors acknowledge consumers have the right to refuse junk mail, and have co-operated with The Recycling Council of Ontario to delete names and addresses from mailing lists. However, Ms. Lighthouse did not choose to commend these admirable and responsible actions. Instead, she placed favorable emphasis on the sophisticated "forward sortation areas" of a company which is not willing to co-operate with these consumers — Canada Post.

Responsible journalism might have included both sides of the picture. Information on the right to refuse junk mail, lobbying distributors to be more responsible to consumers, and the effects of junk mail on the environment, would have provided some balance to Ms. Lightstone's article endorsing the junkmail industry.

Fern Westernoff
Toronto

Editors note: Lightstone covered a seminar that was presented by the Retail Council of Canada. The article does not reflect Lightstone's opinion; it reports the presentation that was given.

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'I AM A JEWISH CANADIAN'

Re: The use of the term "Jewish Canadians."

The article titled "Communities rapid growth tied to intermarriage increase" (Dec. 16), except for once, studiously avoids the terms Canadian Jews and Jewish Canadians. It even starts one sentence with "Almost as many Jews as Canadians."

The secular press also avoids the term Jewish Canadians. To me, this leaves the impression that Jews are separate from the rest of Canadians, and that Catholic Canadians and Protestant Canadians and Muslim Canadians and Hindu Canadians etc. are the "real" Canadians but that we Jews are just living in Canada.

I think that this wording is detrimental to our interests. For myself, I am very pleased to be a Jewish Canadian, someone who is proud both of his religion and of his country, and who believes that there is no conflict between the two positions.

Jonathan Usher
Toronto

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JEWS IN CANADA

Re Dec. 16 article titled "Communities rapid growth tied to intermarriage increase."

In the article statistics are shown several times comparing data about Jews and Canadians, eg., "Almost as many Jews as Canadians . . ." and "Jews are three times more likely than Canadians. . . ." I consider these wordings as incorrect and harmful.

The wording in your article implies that the Jews living in Canada are not Canadians. Since most Jews feel strongly about our differences in religion and/or ethnicity, a better wording would be Jewish Canadians versus other Canadians, or Jews versus other Canadians. This would not diminish our Jewishness, but would indicate that we are an integral part of Canadian society.

George Salamon
Brampton

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HELP THE HOMELESS

I chanced upon the letter regarding the homeless shelter after my family and I had returned from working at one of the seven churches mentioned in the letter (*CJN* Dec. 2).

The sentiments were exactly what we had voiced. It is a disgrace. Why is there nothing like this being done in the Jewish community?

If the churches can open their doors and come to the aid of the needy with a united, open, human and compassionate response, why can't our synagogues?

The 80 men and women from various backgrounds, including Jews, were not only fed, given shower facilities, a bed and some breakfast, they were shown some human kindness and caring.

I believe by being inactive and overlooking this tragic but realistic problem, we are depriving not only adults, but more importantly our children, of a unique opportunity to do something concrete and essential for the truly needy people of Toronto. Our kids could most likely handle it better than some parents.

I have done much volunatry work over the year. All have been rich and rewarding experiences, but my evening spent serving the homeless was the most gratifying and humbling experience of them all.

The numbers of street people and homeless wil keep rising with the realities of our economy. Will we stand and be counted? We must stop being insular and stretch our tzedakah to all human beings in need.

Jan Fine
Toronto

Israelis worried about uncertainties of the future

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I wrote this column on the day when the pull-out of Israel from Gaza and Jericho was to have started. For someone returning from Israel the delay could not come as a surprise.

I visited Israel late last year and everywhere I went I initiated a discussion on peace prospects. Only occasionally did Israelis wish to know whether I had any opinions on the matter and what they were.

The people to whom I had occasion to speak ranged over a good deal of the social landscape. None of them was an active politician, but some had been in politics or government careers in the past — former ambassadors or employees of the Department of Foreign Affairs, or professional analysts.

Then there were the "average" people, whose orientation ranged from the left to the right. And finally, I had three in-depth conversations: with drivers who took us from Haifa to Jerusalem, from Jerusalem to Beersheva, and from there to Ben-Gurion Airport. We had hour-long talks, and I found the three men who sat at the wheel to be forthcoming, good thinkers — and worried.

There was a consensus among all those with whom I spoke on two things: One, the pre-agreement status quo was not working and had become intolerable. Two, the peace process that had started was irreversible. Once begun it could not be turned back.

Rabbi Plaut

But how far will the process go? Here the division of opinions became clear — and the usual political alignments did not seem to apply.

Thus, a former Israeli ambassador who had always been on the Labor side of the spectrum and who was firmly in favor of the process itself, said flatly: "This one will not work." Another, always on the Likud side, was more cautious: "I don't like it," he said, "but we'll have to live with it one way or another."

There was one overriding sentiment: everyone was worried. The future was uncharted and there was no way of telling which way the ball would roll: would there be an orderly arrangement or would there be chaos? After that came the familiar Israeli shrug — a mixture of hope fuelled by a sense of eternal confidence: yihyeh tov, it'll be alright in the end.

But the anxiety which exists is not readily seen in the every day which the tourists observe. They will see the sights and people *en masse* without having a chance to look below the surface. And the surface is bright and glistening: the economy is booming, unemployment has receded drastically, and the new immigrants are beginning to find their place.

The Russians who yesterday were close to despair because their enormous influx — all coming at one time — was impossible to absorb properly, have now entered a more orderly process. To be sure, many of these olim do not work at the craft or profession which had been theirs in the former Soviet Union, but they are working — in part a repetition of the German-Jewish immigration of the mid '30s when many professionals became farmers or factory workers. Only now the figures are so much larger and the pressure so much greater. A number of Russian newspapers can be seen on the stands, and Russian is heard everywhere. It seemed that all the personnel who looked after our hotel rooms had come from a Russian background.

Arabs keep a low profile. The only place where I found them was at Haifa University with its large number of Arab students. But if someone had not pointed them out to me I would never have known. They were just part of the crowd.

That, of course, is the hope that lies at the end of the road. Somehow the violence will have to die down, and the process of living next to each other will have to begin. I remember my own youth. I grew up in Germany after World War I, when we were indoctrinated with one major "belief": that the French were our eternal enemies and could never be trusted. But in my own lifetime I have seen a reversal of this doctrine which had seemed so fundamental in my youth. Today Germans and French have an open border between them, and both are advocates of a strong European union.

To be sure, that took some 50 years or more to reach that point. Will it last that long in Israel where the landscape is so much narrower and the opportunities for becoming acquainted are so much greater? That is the hope of many who believe that this will indeed take place sooner or later — and hopefully sooner.

As for the question that was asked of me occasionally: "What do you in the Diaspora think about all this?" I hedged my answer and said: "Of course, we all hope that peace will come to Israel. But we who do not live here cannot tell you what chances you should take. What we can tell you is that we are part of you. We always have been and we always will be."

Jewish lawyer to assume diplomatic post in Morocco

By HILLEL KUTTLER

Former Israeli resident Marc Ginsberg is moving back to the region he once called home.

But the American-born, Israeli-raised Washington lawyer won't be joining his family in Jerusalem or Kibbutz Misgav Am.

Ginsberg, an international trade attorney, is heading for Morocco. He will become the next American ambassador there.

"This was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream," he said. "I always wanted to be a foreign service officer. Then here comes something like this at the ripe old age of 42, particularly going to a Middle Eastern country, an Arab country, with my upbringing."

The State Department does not classify U.S. envoys by religion and could not say whether Ginsberg is the first Jewish ambassador to an Arab country.

Middle East analysts here believe his appointment probably would have been inconceivable but for strides in the peace process.

Ginsberg's unconventional path, from Brooklyn to Haifa to Washington to Rabat, began in 1959, when his father died.

Needing a summer-long respite from the tragedy, Harriet Ginsberg signed up her four boys in an Orthodox summer camp in New York and went to Israel for the first time, having neither friends nor family there.

She liked the place so much, she scooped the kids up at summer's end and brought them to Israel.

Although Ginsberg intended to study architecture at the Technion, he decided instead to return to the United States and enrolled at American University in Washington, D.C. He later completed a law degree at Georgetown University in the American capital.

Foreign-affairs positions in the Senate and State Department - he was involved in the SALT II treaty and the Camp David Accord - led to Ginsberg's appointment by then-president Jimmy Carter as liaison to the Jewish community during what he called a "a very rough time" in Carter's relations with Jews.

It was after Carter lost the White House later that year that Ginsberg stumbled onto Bill Clinton, then rebounding from his own ouster after one term as Arkansas' governor. The two shared an office at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in Washington and evaluated their futures.

"We talked a lot," Ginsberg said. "I admired him a lot for going back to Arkansas, because he'd just been rejected by the voters of his state."

Ginsberg joined a Washington law firm and immersed himself in local politics, eventually inaugurating Clinton's campaign organization in Maryland in 1991.

When Clinton won the Democratic nomination, Ginsberg became deputy press secretary for foreign affairs. But he turned down White House jobs after the election and returned to his firm.

Ginsberg, who is married with two children, is intent on applying his international trade experience to expand Morocco's export potential, as Morocco weans itself off the $40 million U.S. assistance that has dropped to zero.

"The U.S. has the opportunity to transition the relationship with Morocco from the Cold War to the post-Cold War, and that's going to be my marching orders, to make that happen," he said.

The new posting won't prevent Ginsberg from travelling to Israel frequently to visit his family. His mother Harriet, now 76, and his younger brother, Michael, live on Kibbutz Misgav Am. Ginsberg's twin, Larry, lives in Jerusalem.

At a family reunion in Kiryat Shmona two years ago, the Ginsberg brothers pondered their past. "None of us would have ever traded it for anything else," Ginsberg said. "Those were some of the most relatively peaceful times in Israeli history."

But Ginsberg has no confusion as to his identity and loyalties.

"I care passionately about the United States. This is my country," he responded sternly to a question on the likely reception in Rabat of an Israeli-raised American envoy.

"I became more of an American living in Israel than an Israeli. This person is one of the luckiest persons alive to be a citizen of this country. And Israel is the adopted country of my family. I pride myself over the years in being able to talk to Arabs, to reach out to them, without the baggage of my resume." *(JPFS)*

It's a dog's life in the Israeli court system

By CARL ALPERT

Israel's courts are famous not only for their administration of justice, but for the way they reflect the human drama of life in Israel. For example:

A Dog's Day In Court. Yehudit Guslaker appeared in court to answer a charge made against her by her poodle to the effect that she mistreated it, beat it and made its life miserable. The accusation was written in Hebrew, but was signed with the dog's paw prints. Guslaker charged that the dog had been put up to it by her husband, with whom she was engaged in marital litigation.

Was the Snake an Accomplice? Three Arab housebreakers from Gaza devised a novel warning system to alert them to returning home owners while the men were "at work." They deposited a snake at the entrance to the house, knowing that if the owners did return they would shout in excitement upon seeing the snake, and thus warn the thieves. However, the latter failed to take into consideration a burglar alarm which led to their being caught.

A Grave Concern. After four years in litigation, the Supreme Court ruled that parents of a deceased man had the right to have their names entered on their son's tombstone, indicating parentage, but didn't have the right to remove the stone which the widow had put up, nor to erase the new family name which their son had chosen.

> *'I only took a bus to the airport.'*

Men Have Rights Too. The plaintiff, an unmarried religious man, charged that some time ago he met a woman who told him she was unwed, and the two developed a romantic attachment. After some time, however, he discovered that she was married. He demanded damages of 5,000 shekels because she had caused him to commit adultery, a heinous sin. He had endured grievous mental suffering. The judge's ruling: The complaint sounded more like an attempt at revenge, after she had broken off their relationship, but he awarded damages of 550 shekels.

The Public Right to Know. The Rondoplast Company, manufacturers of insulation materials, petitioned the court to stop publication of a consumer guide which criticized its products. According to the company, the report gave the impression that findings were based on laboratory tests instead of the questionnaires used. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Drora Pilpel ruled in favor of the consumer organization.

"I Only Took a Bus to the Airport." A 31-year-old resident of Kiryat Yam told the Magistrate's Court in Haifa that he had promised his parents he would pick them up at the airport. His own car was in the garage, so he took a bus to the airport. The charge: He took it without the consent of the bus company.

Can You Beat This One? A 3-year-old boy, acting through his lawyer, filed suit in Jerusalem District Court against his mother and her insurance company for injuries which he sustained when she was involved in an automobile accident. At the time, he was a fetus and the defects revealed when he was born seven months later were attributed to that accident. The boy lives happily with his parents, but had to bring suit against his mother in the companion suit against the insurance company.

Christian Intolerance, She Charges. A Muslim girl in the village of Um el-Fahm, who enrolled at a Christian school in Nazareth, was told she could not wear the Islamic headcovering at school. The Israel Civil Liberties Union took up her case on the grounds that the school violated her freedom of religion.

And the Soldiers Rejoiced. Belly dancer Barry Simon was found guilty of income tax violations in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Judge Chaya Chefetz sentenced her to three months of public service in lieu of prison. Barry is to carry out the service by performing before soldiers and at hospitals and homes for the aged.

They Look Alike, Too. Two sisters who took the matriculation exams had their exams nullified for copying when it was found their replies were identical. Their defence: they had studied with the same teacher, read the same books and had gone over the material together. They went to court, and the final ruling was in their favor on the grounds of reasonable doubt.

Features

Emigration trend in Bryansk

Sheldon Kirshner investigates the Jewish cultural revival in Bryansk, a provincial Russian city.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Closed to foreigners until glasnost and perestroika, Bryansk is a cloistered place, far from the bustle of Moscow or St. Petersburg.

Even today, following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the demise of communism, it seems insulated from the winds of change sweeping over Russia.

Approximately 340 kilometres southwest of Moscow, near the newly-independent states of Belarus and Ukraine, Bryansk is a model Soviet city — gray, stolid and utterly boring, with no apparent redeeming features.

It has a big-city population of 500,000, but the appearance of a backwoods burg. The streets are wide, windy and sterile. The finer buildings are neo-Stalinesque piles which are meant to intimidate rather than impress. The interminable apartment blocks are drab and depressing. The best hotel in town — hard by an exquisite, onion-domed Russian Orthodox church which somehow eluded destruction during the Communist era — is bleak and hardly any better than a Salvation Army hostel.

In Bryansk, the consumer revolution which has just begun to trickle down to the masses in cities like Moscow and St. Petersburg is barely in evidence. There are no flashy foreign cars, no BMWs or Mercedes gliding by boxy Ladas. Colorful outdoor billboards flogging Western cigarettes, liquor, soft drinks and jeans are practically non-existent. Kiosk capitalism, with its siren call to private enterprise, has yet to emerge. Longer queues form at shops and bakeries. Fashion remains the domain of imported glossy magazines.

For decades, because it was a hub of sensitive defence industries, Bryansk was off-limits to foreign passport holders. But what tourist would want to visit Bryansk today?

Before the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Bryansk was outside the Pale of Settlement and, therefore, relatively few Jews were permitted to darken its precincts. The community, however, grew modestly. By the turn of the 19th century, Bryansk was home to slightly more than 1,000 Jews.

On the eve of World War II, several thousand Jews lived here. Bryansk was captured by the German army in October 1941, four months after the wehrmacht had invaded the Soviet Union. Jews who had not managed to flee were rounded up and murdered in freshly-dug pits. It's estimated that upwards of 16,000 Jews, from Bryansk and surrounding towns and villages, were killed in the course of the Holocaust. By 1945, Bryansk itself had all but been levelled.

After the war, the Jewish community experienced a spurt of growth. But today, sapped by constant emigration, Bryansk's Jewish population is down to 4,000, according to Dmitri (Dima) Plotkin, president of the Jewish Centre of Information and Enlightenment and a regional leader of the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad).

By the criteria of Israel's Law of Return, though, as many as 10,000 Jews may be living in Bryansk. Around Bryansk, in towns like Klinzy, Novozivkob and Uneche, there are believed to be some 500 Jewish families.

Probably due to its former status as a closed city, the Jewish cultural and religious revival in Bryansk has been of a modest, unassuming nature. The same is doubtless true of similar cities in Russia.

As Plotkin tells it, the first Jewish activists here were a handful of Hebrew teachers, the majority of whom have since made aliyah. Plotkin, 29, is widely credited with being the main force behind Bryansk's Jewish rebirth, such as it is. By his count, about one-third of Bryansk's Jews take part in the Jewish renaissance.

Plotkin was one of the founders, in 1992, of the Jewish Centre of Information and Enlightenment, which is located at 4 Ploshod Partisan. The organization, as much a funnel of aliyah as a fount of Jewish knowledge, occupies a small three-room flat on the third floor of a non-descript building with no lighting in the stairwells. Inside are a few desks, a scattering of typewriters, Israeli flags and tourist posters, stacked cardboard boxes and a working kitchen.

The Jewish Centre of Information and Enlightenment is the only Jewish organization in Bryansk, and that suits Plotkin. "This way, there is no conflict," he explained, totally oblivious to the Western concept of pluralism.

An engineer by training, Plotkin comes from a fairly assimilated family which, he says, was "neither traditional nor religious." His mother, as well as his grandmother, were members of the Communist party.

Being a product of the Soviet system, Plotkin was not, as is customary under Jewish law, circumcised eight days after his birth. Nor did he have a Bar-Mitzvah. But curious about his faith, he ventured into Bryansk's sole functioning synagogue — a forlorn wooden shack with a simple bimah, chairs and two tables — when he was 18.

Dmitri (Dima) Plotkin and Lina Kokotova, in front of the building that once housed the Choral Synagogue. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Around the same time, Plotkin went to Moscow to learn more about himself. He acquired an acquaintanceship with Judaism and a smattering of Yiddish and Hebrew. At 19, he submitted to circumcision. "I'm the only one in my family who's been circumcised," he said.

The community has two Sunday schools, with about 50 pupils each. They were opened in 1990, in rented classrooms in regular Russian schools. There is no day school as yet.

The community is in dire need of a kindergarten. "We have a waiting list of 50 to 80 kids," he said. But the project is dependent on the generosity of the National Conference of Soviet Jewry in the United States.

Meanwhile, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency of Israel plan to build a bigger community centre, with an ulpan, library and youth club.

Needless to say, Bryansk has no rabbi. But until 1985, the year of his death at 95, services were led by a man steeped in Judaic rites. The synagogue, which has been in the hands of the community since 1945, looks more like an abandoned shed than a shul. Nevertheless, vandals set fire to its door two years ago. Plotkin strongly believes the assailants were anti-Semites.

The Choral Synagogue, built in 1894, was expropriated by the regime in 1927. It was then used as a cinema and a social club. Today, it houses municipal offices.

Plotkin has tried to regain the property, but to no avail. Other Jewish properties, he said, were destroyed during the Nazi occupation.

There is no Jewish cemetery, the only one having been shut in 1945 and its grounds turned over to a school which stands in its place. Nowadays, Jewish burials take place in a section reserved for Jews. Hooligans regularly overturn headstones.

There was a Jewish newspaper, but it foundered after 10 editions. "Ain kesef," said Plotkin.

In Plotkin's view, emigration is the trend of the future, yet he hastens to add that virtually all would-be emigrants have their sights set on countries other than Israel.

"There are more opportunities elsewhere," he said. "Letters we get from former residents of Bryansk in Israel tell a bad story of poor absorption." He personally knows of 10 families who've actuallly returned to Russia from Israel.

Still, most Jews are going to Israel, if only because they cannot meet the increasingly stringent requirements of nations like Canada and the United States.

Emigration, he explained, is a function of anti-Semitism, the threat of political instability and, concomitantly, the desire by parents to ensure a better future for their children.

In Bryansk, anti-Semitism is "a serious problem, like in Moscow or Canada." He cites the vandalism at the cemetery and the random anti-Semitic jibes which occasionally greet Jews on streets and in buses.

Referring to the October putsch in Moscow, which might have touched off a civil war had it not been summarily crushed by troops loyal to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Plotkin observed: "After these terrible events, many more Jews are looking at emigration."

The fear of an environmental disaster is yet another factor spurring emigration. As Plotkin succinctly put it, "Chernobyl is only 200 kilometres away."

Emigration from Bryansk and environs began in the early 1970s, when a few families were permitted to leave. Since 1989, about 3,000 Jews have left. Most have ended up in Israel. Almost all the rest have gone to Germany and the United States. A few have reached Canada via Israel.

To date, a large proportion of the emigrants have been the elderly (who are eligible for social welfare benefits) and the young (who are more likely to find jobs.)

"People aged 45 and up have generally stayed," said Plotkin. "But as a result of the fighting in Moscow, they, too, have begun to show an interest in leaving."

Current emigration levels from the Bryansk area are running at about 10 to 12 families per month.

Plotkin, who's married with three children (1, 3 and 5), intends to emigrate to Israel "as quickly as possible." But in the next breath, he conceded that he has been mulling over the option for the past several years. Certainly, his wife wants to make aliyah. She has relatives in Israel.

Plotkin's assistant, Lina Kokotova, 23, is seriously considering aliyah, although her parents and her brother intend to remain behind. "I think I will feel more at home in Israel," said Kokotova, who considers herself a Zionist.

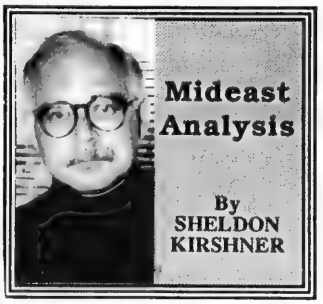
Inna Keepan, a 30-year-old music teacher at the Jewish Sunday school, is planning to move to the United States. "I see no future in Russia," she stated bluntly.

Her colleague, Arkady Orloff, a 30-year-old photographer and Sunday school Jewish history teacher, hopes he can make a new life for himself and his family in Canada.

"I think Canada will be better than Russia." He is aware of Canada's high unemployment rate, but it does not deter him. If necessary, he'll be glad to go to Israel.

For now, Ella Boroditskaya, a 43-year-old music teacher, is staying in Russia. But she will not be surprised if she ultimately emigrates.

"I have visited Israel, and life for new olim is hard and demanding. Russian Jews feel like second-class citizens in Israel. But, for a Jew, it's easier to live in a country like Israel, where no one will call you a zhid."



When Bill Clinton meets Hafez Assad in Geneva on Jan. 16 for the first meeting between an American and a Syrian president since 1990, they will focus on the peace process, but also try to resolve the manifold differences which mar the United States' bilateral relationship with Syria.

Last month, Syria agreed to resume talks with Israel, broken off by Assad in September after the disclosure that the PLO had reached an historic rapprochment with Israel without either his knowledge or approval. Assad believes that the Arabs should work in unison and not sign potentially divisive separate agreements with Israel.

But now that Syria has re-entered the negotiations, which have been dragging on since 1991 without a single practical achievement, the two sides are, in effect, back to square one.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wants Syria to define with precision the elements of a peace treaty before he spells out the exact dimensions of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Since Assad is loath to make the first move, an impasse has developed. And it's exacerbated by Rabin's belief that Israel's accord with the PLO must be consolidated before further progress can be forged on the Syrian track.

The Clinton administration supports Israel's demand for a detailed Syrian exposition on the nature of peace. However, the United States holds that the momentum of Israel's agreement with the PLO should not be squandered by delays. Washington maintains that, without Syria, the Israel-PLO accord cannot be translated into a comprehensive settlement of the long-simmering, often explosive Arab-Israeli conflict.

In his discussions with Assad, Clinton will also make the point that Syria should participate in the multilateral talks on regional co-operation, which began with the Madrid peace process. Syria has boycotted them because of Israel's refusal to commit itself to a total withdrawal from the Golan. Syria's foreign minister has offered Israel "full peace for full withdrawal."

Clinton and Assad

Assad will try to convince Clinton that he should remove Syria from a list of countries implicated in state terrorism. Syria, which has been on the list since 1979, has close ties with such rejectionist groups as Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command and George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Syria, too, has been linked with the attempted bombing of an El Al passenger plane (1986) and with the downing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland (1988).

The Syrians deny links with terrorism. The United States believes that Syria has not been directly involved in international terrorism since 1986, but faults Syria for its support of groups which engage in it.

Although Syria has begun to carry out its promise to issue more exit visas for Syria's Jews, the United States will continue to monitor Syrian compliance. In the aftermath of the demise of the Soviet Union, Syria's chief ally, Assad is interested in improving relations with Washington. Therefore, there is little reason to believe that he will renege on this pledge.

Undoubtedly, Clinton will press Assad to abide by the 1989 Taif agreement, which obliges Syria to pull its estimated 40,000 troops out of Lebanon, a Syrian protectorate. Whether Clinton raises the delicate question of Syrian involvement in the Lebanese drug trade is an open question. High-ranking Syrian officers are widely considered to be key players in the growing, refining and trafficking of narcotics.

Syria's dismal human rights record — which the U.S. State Department and Amnesty International have condemned — may well be on the agenda. Torture and arbitrary arrest are common. Freedom of speech and assembly is unknown.

Assad will probably grumble about Washington's pro-Israel policy. After Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait in 1990, Damascus and Washington temporarily set aside their quarrels so that Syria could join the anti-Iraqi coalition. But since then, Assad has been quite critical of American economic, political and military assistance to Israel, and resentful of Washington's critique of Syria's purchase of ballistic missiles from North Korea and China.

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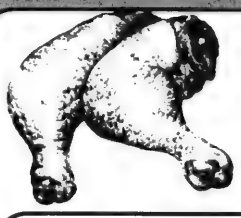

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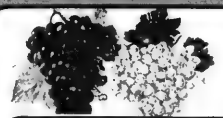

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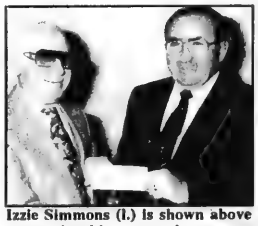
The Apter Ladies Auxiliary held a tea to raise funds for the Soldiers of Israel. Seen here with a generous cheque, are (from left) Paula Starkman, Max Moneta, Chairman for Organizations, Association for Soldiers of Israel, Freda Kandel, Sara Marmurek, Freda Szainwald and Rose Applebaum (in front).

Henry Weinstock(r.), President of the Seniors Club of the Labour Zionist Alliance is pictured above pre-senting a cheque to Max Moneta, Chairman for Organizations, Association for Soldiers of Israel.



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University school year changed for holidays

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — In response to requests from the rabbinate and Jewish staff members, the University of Manitoba's senate has agreed to delay the beginning of the 1994-95 school year to accommodate staff and students observing Rosh Hashanah.

"I am very pleased," says Rabbi Jeffrey Gale, spiritual leader of the Reform Temple Shalom who spearheaded the drive to bring about the change.

According to Rabbi Gale, he received a phone call early last fall from a University of Manitoba professor concerned over plans to begin classes on Rosh Hashanah. The current chair of the Council of Rabbis, Rabbi Gale promised to look into the matter. He wrote a letter to Dr. Arnold Naimark, the (Jewish) president of the university, asking him to consider changing the first day of classes.

"Dr. Naimark's initial response was sympathetic but he couldn't give any guarantees other than that students and staff would be accommodated," Rabbi Gale says. "I took his response to the Council of Rabbis and I went to *The Jewish Post and News*. I tried not to be inflammatory. I worked on the assumption that everyone involved meant well.

Exchange of letters

"I wasn't trying to accuse anyone of anti-Semitism. Rather I wanted to raise the community's awareness of the issue. I would think that Jewish university students and staff would want to be in synagogue for the High Holidays."

After the first exchange of letters, Rabbi Gale received phone calls from two other concerned professors. He reports that the Council of Rabbis' response to Naimark was that although he meant well, his assurances were not good enough.

According to Naimark, he pointed out to the rabbis that only the university senate could change the academic calendar. The issue was brought before the senate in December, he reports, where Rabbi Moshe Stern, a longtime professor at the university, spoke on the issue and was able to sway the senate.

"I am pleased that Rabbi Stern's persuasive approach had a positive effect on the senate and there was agreement to accommodate this concern," Naimark says. "The officials in the Student Records Office are currently trying to alter the original calendar in ways that will create the least disturbance."

Rabbi Gale offers his personal thank-you to Naimark for his efforts in this matter. He further reports the University of Winnipeg followed suit shortly after.

Quebec judge named to province's top court

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

Henry Steinberg, recently appointed to Quebec Court of Appeal, has lifted some of the mystery surrounding the judicial system.

MONTREAL — Henry Steinberg, a new appointee to the Quebec Court of Appeal, describes the job of judging as akin to being a drama critic.

As a judge, he is "an observer of the tragedy and comedy that unfold in the courtroom. I am the audience in the theatre where emotions are displayed, passions are vented and eloquence is cultivated."

And like those reviewers who can make or break a performer, the affable Steinberg calls himself a "narrator of stories and author of judgments."

Steinberg, one of only a handful of Jews to reach the province's highest court, is also one of the few judges in Quebec whose name is recognized by a significant segment of the public.

That's because while sitting on the Quebec Superior Court Steinberg did an unusual thing: he wrote a book, *Backstage at the Palace/ An Irreverent Romp Through the Hall of Justice*, a light-hearted look at life on the bench. It was published simultaneously in French under the title *Les Dessous du Palais*.

Both versions remained on the local bestseller lists for several weeks last year.

Steinberg, a graduate of McGill University, was called to the Quebec Bar in 1962. He practised commercial and real estate law for 23 years before his appointment to Superior Court in 1985, where he presided in both the civil and criminal divisions. His appointment last year to the Court of Appeal was a federal one, made by then Conservative justice minister Pierre Blais.

According to criminal lawyer Raphael Schachter, the choice is an inspired one. "Henry is a remarkable example of somebody who has come up the ranks...He has a quick mind and a wonderful feeling for the human condition. You could say he's a perfect mensch — with a brain."

Barbara Kay, a longtime friend of Steinberg and his wife Janice, describes him as a "natural" for the bench. "He's got great common sense and compassion, along with erudition."

Steinberg said his goal in publishing a humorous memoir — mid-career — was to demystify the judicial system and show that judges are mortals trying, for the most part, to do the best they can. He welcomes public scrutiny, believing citizens will be better served by their courts if they know more about them.

Once the refuge of the criminal and/or wealthy, the courts today hear more cases and are asked to solve ever more diverse problems as Quebec, like the rest of North America, becomes an increasingly litigious society.

"Today, all kinds of people are passing through the courts, They will function much better if they know something about how the judiciary operates," Steinberg said in an interview.

Having one's day in court is often, in reality, at odds with the popular conception.

Without wishing to detract from the respect due to the court, Steinberg thinks that the administration of justice can only be enhanced by making it a little more open, more human — and that goes for judges, too.

While knowledge of the law and experience help, Steinberg acknowledges that ultimately a judge relies on the same sense anyone uses to decide who is telling the truth. "We are just a little more skilled at putting aside our preconceived notions."

He is, however, acutely aware of the profound affect a judge's decision can have on the lives it touches. It can be a lonely, emotionally draining profession, he admits.

"Essentially, the judiciary is people helping people solve disputes in a civilized manner," he says. His hope was that the book would "lift some of the secrecy and admit fresh air" to the process.

Despite the imperfections inherent in a legal system that is run by fallible human beings, Steinberg keeps going because of his conviction that the law "stands between civilized society and anarchy, protecting people from unwarranted intrusion in the pursuit of their personal goals."

Backstage at the Palace (a play on the Montreal courthouse's name Palais de Justice) grew out of a little black book Steinberg kept from the time he became a judge, collecting amusing anecdotes and stories. As his book proves, material was not hard to come by.

Chana Weisberg (left), dean of The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Studies, and Goldie Plotkin, executive director, plan upcoming programs.

'Brainstorming' leads to women's courses

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto's already rich educational scene is getting even better with the founding of an advanced study program for women. Just ask Goldie Plotkin and Chana Weisberg, executive director and dean respectively, of the Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Studies, which is starting its first session Jan. 31.

Weisberg and Plotkin have been involved in running courses, lectures and classes for women for some time.

However, Weisberg told the *CJN*, women she spoke to "felt that there were not enough serious, intellectual courses for women. They wanted something especially for them, not part of someone else's program — something to meet their intellectual, spiritual and emotional needs."

Although they recognize that there are many courses available in Toronto, Plotkin notes, "women can get a feminist perspective across better — men haven't gone through the same experiences women have."

They also felt that, in the modern era, when women receive advanced secular education, religious education must keep pace. As well, they note, women are called upon to assist their children, who are getting more intensive training than was usual in the past.

"Education is the key to Jewish continuity," Weisberg said.

A mere eight months ago, Weisberg and Plotkin began "brainstorming," as Plotkin says. "At the time it was just a dream. But we felt the time was right."

The pair called a parlor meeting-cum-lecture to see if there was a genuine interest, and if they could get support. The result thrilled them — women from the whole spectrum of the community — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and unaffiliated, came out, enjoyed the lecture, and offered financial, advisory, and participatory assistance.

They also, which is more to the point, promised to attend.

The courses will be set up in one hour segments, two per night. The six-week session starting January 31 will begin with "Exploring Classic Jewish texts on Feminine Spirituality," given by Weisberg, using classic texts from the Kabbalah, the Aggadah and elsewhere to explore the lives of great Jewish women in Biblical times.

The second hour will be an introduction to Talmud, given by Dr. Leo Steiner. The last weeks of this particular session will involve a study of part of the tractate Bava Metzia.

Possible topics for future sessions include studies of the Bible or Prophets; hidden codes in Torah and Prophets; Jewish history; practical Halachah; medical ethics; Jewish prayer and meditation; philosophy; Kaballah and the Jewish life cycle.

All courses will be taught by experts in their fields, and some subjects, the pair expect, will go over several sessions.

The institute is designed for women at all levels of education, knowledge and observance. In fact, no previous background or knowledge of Hebrew at all is necessary for either course. Eventually, Weisberg said, some courses will be offered at different levels.

Classes are held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Cost is $30 per course, or $50 for both courses.

For more information, or to register, telephone (905) 889-6066.

Hebrew U friends mark 50th

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Piecing together the history of the organization is difficult because its archives were lost when the Friends moved its national office from Montreal to Toronto in the late 1970s.

The event is not only for those with long memories; Koffler is hoping people of all ages attend, including young people who have attended Hebrew University's program for foreign students or been otherwise connected with its activities.

Over the past decade, some 1,100 Canadians enrolled in the Rothberg Overseas Program.

Certainly, the Canadian Friends has been one of the most successful fundraisers for the university, claiming the title of raising more per capita than any other such society in the world.

Koffler and Bloomfield speak of the remarkable familial feeling that has developed between members of the Friends, a loyalty that has been passed down through the generations.

It has endowed 35 chairs, including those in honor of such well-known people as Bora Laskin, chief justice of the Supreme Court; conductor Zubin Mehta; archeologist Yigal Yadin; and business executives Paul Desmarais and Conrad Black.

Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Israeli Labor party leader Shimon Peres, and New York governor Mario Cuomo are among those who have addressed its dinners in recent years.

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Pollard's life, plight focus of planned film

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel Ellis has joined thousands of others who believe the plight of Jonathan Pollard is the stuff of which movies are made.

Except that Ellis has taken the belief literally.

A 28-year-old self-described businessman and failed candidate in York Centre for the NDP in last fall's federal election, Ellis has embarked on an ambitious project: committing to the silver screen the life and times of Pollard, the former U.S. Navy civilian analyst now serving a life prison term for passing classified information to Israel.

Ellis is concerned that any movie about Pollard will be "Hollywoodized" into a slick, shallow vehicle that will fictionalize, sensationalize or distort the truth.

In other words, Ellis envisions a docudrama, one that will tell the whole story, as he puts it, "correctly."

Ellis, who admits only to "putting deals together" over the past eight years, has hooked up with Sunrise Films Ltd., a Toronto outfit that has produced acclaimed works like *Sam and Me*, *My Secret Identity* and *Danger Bay*.

The Pollard film is still in its infancy — in development, as Ellis puts it — but things are moving. Sterling Siliphant, the Academy Award-winning screenwriter of *In the Heat of the Night*, has been brought on board, Ellis says.

And Ellis has "loose commitments" from some celebrities who have expressed interest in various parts, including the lead.

With that kind of cachet, Ellis is hoping private investors will put up the $70,000 he estimates it will cost to get the project off the ground and before the cameras. Once that happens, he figures the movie will cost a minimum of $5 million.

Israel Ellis

Terrible injustice

And Ellis leaves little doubt about the project's philosophic approach.

"We see what happened [to Pollard] as a terrible injustice," he told *The CJN*. Ellis admits he knew little of the case until about a year ago, when he heard Pollard's personal rabbi, the fiery Avi Weiss of New York, speak at a rally.

"When I heard Rabbi Weiss speak, I saw something much bigger than [Pollard] himself. I saw the case as a blatant and obvious attack on Israel and the Jewish people. I was completely thrown off guard and disturbed, but intrigued at the same time."

Ellis began researching the dossier and like many, became convinced Pollard was being subjected to cruel and unusual punishment because he is Jewish and spied for Israel.

Pollard received a life sentence in 1986 and until last June, was in solitary confinement 23 hours a day. That was for passing data to a supposed friend of the U.S. Ellis is quick to note that those caught spying for enemies of America have received more lenient punishments.

Ellis knows too that events may overtake him. It was recently revealed that Pollard has been engaged to Elaine Zeitz of Toronto for the past three years, while U.S. President Bill Clinton is currently considering his plea for commutation of sentence, amid a furious anti-clemency campaign by the CIA, FBI and the Pentagon, which allege Pollard has shown no remorse and in fact has continued to pass classified information in his letters from prison.

(Zeitz told *The CJN* that Pollard has "totally disavowed" Ellis's project, and she angrily dismissed Ellis as someone who would profit from Pollard's "lifeblood. We have no part or interest in this," she said.)

"What Pollard did took guts," Ellis offers. "He was punished so harshly because he jeopardized the United States' position in the Mideast. He showed the U.S. was denying Israel essential information in order to bring Israel to its knees. You can do a lot of things to the United States, but you can't embarrass it.

"It will take a hell of an outcry to free this man."

If Ellis can get the necessary seed money together over the next two months, he feels the movie can be completed and released in the coming year.

So attached seems Ellis to Pollard's cause that he's already committed a portion of the film's profits to Rabbi Weiss's advocacy group, The Coalition for Jewish Concerns - AMCHA, and to Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard.

But by that time, Ellis is hoping Pollard will need the aid of neither group.

Correction

TORONTO — In the article "BB launches new housing project"(*CJN*, Nov. 18), it was stated incorrectly that B'nai Brith Canada runs the Upper Canada Lodge building at 4266 Bathurst St.

The building is a project developed and maintained solely by B'nai Brith's Upper Canada Lodge. It is part of both the B'nai Brith Canada and B'nai Brith International networks of affordable housing. The *CJN* regrets the error.

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Joyce Eklove to chair CJC regional plenary

TORONTO — Joyce Eklove has been appointed chair of the 28th Plenary of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, to be held March 19 and 20 at the Lipa Green Building.

The announcement was recently made by Congress regional chair Gerda Frieberg, who also reported that the theme of the plenary will be, Koach: From Strength to Strength. Frieberg noted that the Hebrew letters for 28 spell "Koach" (strength).

In addition, the assembly will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Canadian Jewish Congress in 1919.

Montreal-born Eklove, who came to Toronto a decade ago, has been chair of the CJC regional committee for Soviet Jewry and head of the bar/bat mitzvah twinning program of then-USSR youngsters with Canadian counterparts. She is co-chair of the World Jewry and International Affairs committee, portfolio chair of the Women's Campaign of Toronto UJA, and a member of the executive of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Joyce Eklove

During the regional assembly, there will be sessions focusing on Canada, the Jewish community, and Israel, she said. "All of these areas will be viewed through Koach — our sources of strength."

The Ontario Plenary takes place every three years between CJC national assemblies. Chair of the plenary program committee is Mordechai Ben Dat, a Congress regional executive member.

As part of the celebration of CJC's 75th anniversary, the Ontario region will honor its past chairs at the plenary luncheon.

JF&CS BAR MITZVAH

The bar mitzvah of Azariah, a boy in the care of Jewish Family and Child Service, was recently held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. With him is Ari Waldman (left). Azariah's foster family, social workers and extended family were present as he recited the brachot and put on his tefillin.

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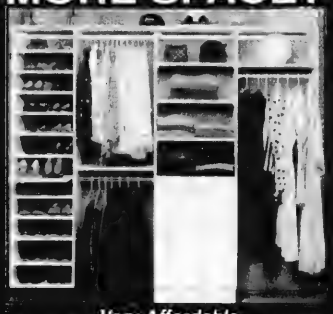

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Organizations and People

Sammy Taft was hatter to the rich and famous

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Sammy Taft

TORONTO — His customers, many of whom became his friends, included Cab Calloway, Bob Hope and Jack Benny. Sammy Taft's Spadina Avenue hat shop was a Toronto institution.

Taft, an institution in his own right, died suddenly of natural causes in North York's Branson Hospital on New Year's Day. He was 80 years old.

Born on Grange Avenue (Dundas and Spadina), Taft attended Ogden Street Public School before beginning his working life peddling men's ties sewn by his mother.

"He had a little red wagon and he loved to go to pool halls," his son Steve told the *CJN*. "He would put the ties on a pool table and would give someone a wink or tell them he would buy them a Coke, and they would pretend to buy ties. Then others would start to come over and buy for real."

Taft soon earned enough to open a little store during the Depression at 298 Spadina Ave., across the road from Shopsy's Delicatessen. Before long he moved across the road to larger premises, where he stayed for five decades before moving the store one last time to Wilson Avenue just west of Bathurst Street. He worked in the store daily until the day before his death.

Taft turned his attention from ties to hats when an acquaintance of his who was in the hat business brought him some extra hats and asked him if he thought he could sell them.

"When he put a hat in his hands," recalls Steve, "it came alive. He could make it talk." In the 1940s, the "Sammy" was a popular men's hat custom designed by Taft and made for him in New York.

But it was Taft's personal attention that ensured customer loyalty. "There was definitely an art," said his daughter Rhoda Levitan. "People would line up and wait. When [customers] came to that store, it was an experience.

"If someone wanted a grey hat or a small brim and he thought they needed something else, he'd say no. He'd work with them and talk to them. He didn't care if 10 other men were waiting. Nobody got rushed."

In fact, said Levitan, her father would turn down sales if someone came in to purchase a gift for someone he had never seen. He preferred to fit a hat himself to suit the recipient's face and head.

An avid sports fan and former mascot for the Ottawa Senators hockey team (in 1927, when he was 13 years old), Taft was recognized in the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame for having brought the term "hat trick" into popular sports usage.

In 1939, the story goes, Chicago Black Hawks rookie Alex Kaleta went to Taft's store to buy a hat for good luck before a game against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Not having enough money, Kaleta told Taft he would return the next day for the hat. "I'll give you the hat for free if you score three goals against the Leafs," Taft told him.

That night Kaleta scored four goals, and Taft extended his offer of a free hat to any NHL player scoring three goals at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Taft's life was the subject of a 1990 play, *Sammy Taft World Famous Hatter*. Taft himself did stand-up comedy on occasion and was known as a perpetual kibbitzer.

A funeral was held at Adath Israel Synagogue, of which Taft was a longtime member. He leaves his wife of 51 years, Belle, children Elaine, of California, Steve, Judy Siegel and Noah, all of Toronto, and Rhoda Levitan, of Ottawa, and nine grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Dorothy Kantor.

Simon was leading labor leader

Harry Simon

TORONTO — Harry Simon, a longtime labor leader in Toronto, died recently at Baycrest Hospital. He was 84.

Simon was "a real hero to many of us, a pioneer of the Jewish Labour movement and a builder of social democracy in this country," wrote Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella in a condolence letter to the family.

He was particularly proud of having served on the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Enquiry Commission in the early 1960s, his son Morris told the *CJN*. Recommendations for a universal health insurance plan contained in his minority report were later adopted by the provincial government.

Simon was also a member of the Enquiry Commission on Hospital Disputes in Ontario and served on the Ontario Council of Health from 1966 to 1972.

Born in a shtetl in Ukraine in 1909, he immigrated to Canada with his parents and two younger brothers in 1923.

He attended school in Toronto, then at 17 began working in a fur factory, a move which led to his long career as a unionist.

By the age of 20, he was the youngest business agent ever elected by a union in Canada (the International Fur Workers Union).

In 1937, in his late twenties, Simon was a provincial candidate for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation party, the predecessor of the New Democratic Party. Ontario premier Bob Rae was among those who eulogized Simon at his funeral.

Following a 12-year stint as Canadian representative for the American Federation of Labor, during which time he organized local unions, he joined the Canadian Labour Congress in 1956. He retired in 1974 after 16 years as Ontario regional director of organization.

Simon's activities in the human rights field included service as vice-chair of the Toronto Labour Committee for Human Rights and as national chair for the Jewish Labour Committee of Canada.

An active member of the Labour Zionist Movement of Canada from the time he joined the left Poale-Zion youth movement in 1926, he served most recently as LZM president. He was also a member of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress and worked actively for Histadrut, the Federation of Labour in Israel.

Simon received the City of Toronto's award of merit for distinguished public service, and was given a place of honour in the Labour Hall of Fame in 1991.

"Harry Simon probably embodied the finest example of a synthesis of concern for human rights in its broadest sense and at the same time an equal concern for the future of Jewish survival and the rebirth of our people in an independent, free and democratic Israel," said Julius Sokoloff of the Labour Zionist Movement at Simon's funeral.

Simon leaves his wife of 63 years, Eva, sons Morris and Norman, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and brothers William and Myer.

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Former IDF parachutist lands position with Habonim Dror

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A published poet and former IDF parachutist, Orit Praag brings a unique perspective to her new position as shlicha (emissary) for Habonim Dror, the Labor Zionist youth movement affiliated with the United Kibbutz Movement.

More pertinent to Praag's new position is her background as a lifelong kibbutznik and her experience as a youth leader, teacher and mother of three boys who are now 9, 7 and 4 years old.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in literature and philosophy from Haifa University, Praag spent a year working for the United Kibbutz Movement newspaper as a writer and researcher.

In 1982 she went to London, England where she ran a "kibbutz club" offering Jewish cultural activities for young Jewish adults, particularly those who had returned from programs in Israel.

Barry Praag, a native Londoner, was one of the members. They married a year after Orit arrived in London, and returned to Israel in 1984 to make their home at Kibbutz Dafna, located at the foot of Mount Hermon.

While in Toronto, Barry is volunteering at the Kibbutz Aliyah Desk and the Labour Zionist Alliance.

Orit sees her role in Toronto as one of an "informal educator" for Habonim Dror, sharing her own connections to Jewish culture and Jewish history. She is also a "voluntary coordinator" for Na'amat, the women's branch of the Labour Zionist Movement. "Na'amat sees Habonim Dror as their future," Praag explained in a recent interview.

Habonim Dror has five chapters and a summer camp, Camp Gesher, in Ontario. The organization also runs a summer program for teens in Israel.

Praag's plans as shlicha include working closely with the Toronto "Ken" (chapter) of Habonim Dror, which has a long history in Toronto. Although the Ken has remained active, programs have not been held as frequently as in its heyday, when weekly activities were the norm. Praag envisions a return to that level of activity.

Orit Praag

During the intensive training that is mandatory for all shlichim, Praag came to believe that one of her main tasks would be to strengthen the connection between Israel and the Diaspora. She has found, however, that "the ties [between Toronto and Israel] are very strong," and she now sees her main function as more of a resource person.

In addition to bringing an Israeli flavor to holiday celebrations and other activities, Praag has put together a 20-minute slide show depicting kibbutz life and is looking forward to "a lot of conversation.

"We have all the latest luxuries on the kibbutz," she said. "I've got a computer, a VCR. We don't have a dishwasher in our house, but my neighbor does. We feel part of the Western world."

She is very gratified to be part of the "new system" of kibbutzim, where children live with their parents. As a child, Praag slept in the kibbutz children's house.

"I'm glad that the system has been changed," Praag said. "Many times when my children cried at night, it felt so good to be near them. It's very important for me that the children grow up with me."

Domestic life and universal women's issues feature in Praag's book of Hebrew poetry, whose title translates as *Chasing After Trivialities*. On her kibbutz, she organized monthly discussion circles on women's issues.

Praag is cautiously optimistic about the peace process. "It took me a long time to understand it," she said, "because for such a long time we were talking about peace in such an abstract way.

"I've got a lot of fears, but I want peace. From the day my [first] child was born, there hasn't been a day I haven't thought about [my sons'] security when they go into the army. A lot of people want change, but reactionary groups always sound louder."

McMaster Jewish students group to host second CUP conference

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — McMaster Jewish Students Association (MJSA) will host the second CUP (Council of University Presidents) Conference of the academic year on Friday, Jan. 14 and Saturday, Jan. 15.

Held twice a year in the fall and winter, the CUP Conference brings together presidents and two or three delegates of Jewish student groups from "smaller campuses," i.e. all campuses except U of T and York University, in Toronto, explains MJSA director, Sheila Freedman.

Students from Western, Queens, Windsor, Waterloo, Guelph, Brock, Lakehead, Laurentian and Trent universities are expected to attend.

The conference is held under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress and organized by Susan Jackson, director, Communications, Service and Youth Action, who will also conduct the conference.

The aims and objectives of the conference, Jackson told Freedman, are to provide "an opportunity for campus leadership from across Ontario to meet, network and program."

The goal, she added, is to strengthen the students' own Jewish identity as well as their leadership skills.

The site of the conference will be Adas Israel Synagogue, and students "will be housed with our students," says Freedman.

On Friday evening there will be a Shabbat dinner provided by Congress, and on Saturday there will be a lunch. Sessions will run throughout the day between services, but attendance at services is optional says Freedman. Also, students will be free to attend services at the Conservative Beth Jacob Synagogue or Reform Temple Anshe Sholom if they wish.

The conference will conclude with a seudah shlishit, to be followed by an elegant, semi-formal dance hosted by the McMaster students at the Jewish Community Centre.

The dance will be open to all Jewish students on nearby campuses. "We hope," says Freedman, "that they will in fact come."

President of the MJSA is Fran Morris, who heads a "very active group" this year, reports Freedman.

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What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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ISRAEL VOLUNTEER AWARENESS

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The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Be an important link for a Russian family, help them discover their Jewish heritage and develop special friendships. For more information call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261.

CLUB FOR TEENS

A new club for girls over 14 is being organized and will meet once a month on a Saturday night for a range of programs including dance, food decorating, drama, Shabbatons, trips to New York, hospital visitation, toy drive, guest speakers and more. Those interested in meeting new friends and having a great time, call 886-0420.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

The Beach Hebrew Institute, a progressive Conservative Synagogue serving the needs of the Beaches and downtown communities, welcomes everyone to weekly Shabbat morning services. The synagogue is located at 109 Kenilworth Ave., just south of Queen Street, two blocks east of Woodbine Avenue. For information about times and other programs, call 694-7942.

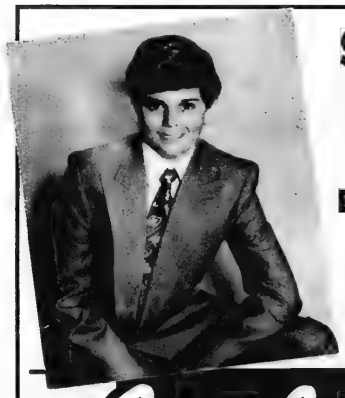
WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The 1994 Women Who Make A Difference Awards, hosted by *Toronto Life Fashion* and The Bay, takes place Wednesday, April 6 at The Bay. The sixth annual awards will recognize the accomplishments of seven of Toronto's most outstanding women. This year's charitable receipent is the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

A nominee must have remarkable success in her chosen field of endeavor and have made a vital contribution to the life of the city. To nominate a candidate, a current biography and covering letter should be sent by Jan. 31 to Susan Elliot, *Toronto Life Fashion*, 59 Front St. E., Toronto, M5E 1B3. Fax, 594-3374.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem recently held a benefit concert for Holocaust studies scholarships featuring Cantor Louis Danto and the Friedman family. Shown left to right are Daniel Friedman, Shoshana Dalia Friedman, Cantor Louis Danto and Israel Friedman.



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BLESSINGS

Grade 2 students Alexandra Sherman and Adam Weissman at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Campus, join in the blessings for learning the Torah.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support group meets on Sunday afternoons in North York. The focus is on sharing experiences and information as well as stress management. For more information, call **Reisa**, 889-7534.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN

The ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust will be meeting Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact of the Holocaust on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Positive Parenting (groups being held in January); When Your Children Intermarry (begins Jan. 28); Widows/Widowers (begins Jan. 17); For Women Only (begins in February). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SPEAK, READ AND WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces registration is open for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginning, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Monday, Jan. 11 to April 25, from 9:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesday, Jan. 18 to April 26, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. Beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions under **Joseph Klinger,** founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching in Toronto. Free introductory lesson for beginners. For consultation and registration, call 787-0197.

NORTH YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE

Feminism, anti-racism and social justice underlie the work of the North York Women's Centre, which is accessible to all women regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability and class. Programs including women's legal clinic, community outreach and safe city project provide a safe, supportive place where women can voice their concerns, share experiences and gain information. All programs free for women receiving social assistance or aged 60 and over. Fees may be reduced or waived. Call 781-0479.

SOLEL HAPPENINGS

Beach party Solel style coming Jan. 22, 8 p.m. to midnight. Bring a blanket, wear shorts and have a ball. Tickets $8 per person, $5 seniors and students. Sisterhood potluck supper, Jan. 29, **Rabbi Larry Englander** will lead a discussion entitled Discovering the Code. Family services will be held Friday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.; regular services, Saturday, Jan. 15, 10:00 a.m. For information leave a message for **Shirley Herman**, 820-5915.

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Four of the 26 participants in the Outreach Education Project of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, get together at the recent kallah in Toronto. They are (from left) Sarah White of Burlington; Larry Pogany of Oakville; Shawn Brown of North Bay; and Jill Weinger of Owen Sound.

Conclave helps teens prepare for Israel

TORONTO — After seeing the impact of a regional Canadian Jewish Congress project on her brothers, Burlington teenager Sarah White could barely wait her turn to participate in the three-year program.

White, 17, was one of 26 Jewish teenagers living in small communities who came together for a recent three-day conclave sponsored by the Outreach Education Project of Congress' Ontario region. The conclave, which focused on Israel, was to help the group prepare for a five-week study tour of Israel this summer. It is the final year of the program.

"I very much wanted to participate in this program because my brothers Sheldon and Mike were transformed by their involvement [in the program]," said Sarah. "Michael became a totally different person — especially after his return from Israel. His outlook on his Jewish heritage and religion was changed."

The recent conference was one of two the project holds each year of the program. White said she learned a lot about Israel from the videos, speakers and discussion groups.

"I did not realize how small an area Israel occupies, and how precarious a situation it is in, surrounded by Arab countries."

Shawn Brown, 16, of North Bay said the Outreach project has "really increased my knowledge about Israel and Judaism. Before, I only knew the basics. Of course, it's also great to be able to meet and share experiences with other guys who are also living in small communities."

Larry Pogany, 14, of Oakville, whose sister Sharon participated in last year's program, said "the best part of the program is meeting Jewish kids from a similar background in small communities. We have bonded together as a group despite this being only our fourth get-together. We are really looking forward to Israel."

Owen Sound teenager Jill Weinger, 16, said she had very little Jewish education before joining the project. "In this program, we have been taught about our history, culture and heritage. We learned how to be proud of who we are, and to respect the people who went before us and made all this possible.

"And we have developed close friends who I know I will be in contact with for the rest of my life. . . . There is a spiritual kind of feeling in this group."

Susan Jackson, whose community services and youth activities department supervises the Outreach Education Project, said the 26 teenagers have become close. "Now that we are two years into the program, the group has jelled into a cohesive unit — one extremely enthusiastic about the forthcoming trip to Israel."

Participants were housed in Toronto homes by volunteer families. Other help was provided by Daniel Fine, Ronda Drash-Shorfer, Risa Leibl, Marc Kemper and project co-ordinator Allison Kemper.

TORONTO SUPPORTERS AID SHAARE ZEDEK

Dr. Michael Kaplan, Shaare Zedek Neonatology Intensive Care Unit, explains a life-saving procedure to visitors from Toronto, Dr. David and Sharon Gordon. The Gordons visited the renowned Centre recently to dedicate a plaque to their grandparents.

What's New

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AT AISH HATORAH

Aish HaTorah Women's Division presents a six-week course beginning Wednesday, Jan. 16, 9:45 a.m. in which **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** will discuss how to achieve joy, serenity and tranquility. $60 per course.

There is something for beginner, intermediate and advanced women on Wednesday evenings beginning 7:45 p.m. Topics include The Hows and Whys of Jewish Living; Triumph and Tears: The Book of Psalms; From Slavery to Ultimate Freedom: The Book of Exodus. Costs $5 per class or $25 for six-week series. Fees are discounted for Village Shul members. All classes are held at The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Call 636-7530 for more information or to register.

C.F.S. WORKSHOP

Jewish Family & Child Service is holding a Fibrositis/Chronic Fatigue series beginning in February. Topics will include loss, realistic expectations, relationships and coping strategies. For further information call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

NCSY SHABBATONS

NCSY's regional junior Shabbaton is planned for Montreal, Jan. 14. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Special first-timer price available. The Regional Senior Shabbaton is Feb. 3-6 in Ottawa and is open to students in grades 9-13. Spend Friday touring the nation's capital from Parliament to museums. For special prices, scholarships and more information, call NCSY, 782-4426.

AT OHR SOMAYACH

Ohr Somayach Thornhill invites women to register for a new course with **Sara Chana Radcliffe**, Instant Relief, Women in De-Stress: A Course in Stress Management. The course runs Mondays beginning Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 613 Clark Ave. W. Cost is $60 and babysitting is available. Late registration will be accepted.

Also at Ohr Somayach, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** will give a series of lectures on Jewish history, Mondays, 8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 17 at 613 Clark Ave. W. For information on both events call 886-5730.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club now meets on Thursdays, 7 p.m., 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Jan. 13 there will be bingo. All Hebrew-speaking people are invited. For information call 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club ongoing programs will continue from Jan. 11 until the spring. In planning are Las Vegas and Arizona trips. Daily outings will begin in future. For information on all activities call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

A Time for Me is a personal growth workshop series for seniors over 55. Meet with others and discover strategies which help to look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The eight-week course begins Feb. 8. Call **Maureen Eisenberg**, 635-2883, ext. 250.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next movie, *Bittersweet*, is on Jan. 19. Courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education begin week of Jan. 10. Call 395-7881 for information on all activities.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club has dissolved after 14 years. Donations have been made to Shaare Zedek Hospital, Israel Soldiers Welfare Fund, Jewish National Fund, Reena Foundation, Ezra Kadima School, United Jewish Appeal, Baycrest Centre and Beth Emeth Library fund. We thank members for their past support. For any information call **Boris** or **Beth Coopersmith, Ruth Swern** or **Pearl Bornstein**, 783-3206.

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef (second from left), spoke at a membership reception of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University in Toronto recently. He discussed both the role of the ambassador in shaping the Canada-Israel agenda and the ramifications of the peace accord in the Middle East. Seen with Shelef are (from left) Rachel Levy, Jeannie Tanenbaum and Elonora Segal.

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Organizations and People

Reisler's music reflects life

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Taken to the Hebrew Orphan Home in Montreal as a child of three, and later shunted between 12 Jewish foster homes until her teens, Annie Reisler, now 62, and living in Toronto, has 20 recorded songs to her credit.

Though she has had no training, and plays the piano with only one finger of her right hand, Reisler has composed pieces reflecting her life experiences which are played on AM and FM radio. A new album, *Twilight Odyssey*, is to be released this month.

When she was 12, she banged out a tune on the piano in her then foster home, but the foster mother said she was making too much noise. She didn't take to music seriously until three years ago when her second husband, Syd Thomas, gave her a keyboard as a birthday gift.

"I'm going to compose songs until I get worn out and have nothing more to say," said Reisler.

A lot of what she has to say comes from a life which saw her and her brother, Ruby, taken to the orphanage from their working-class home because her mother had to go into hospital.

Her father, Bernard Reisler, a house painter, was unable to care for them and a younger sister, Etta. Reisler did not see her father for years at a time and her mother, Bluma, died in hospital in 1968. However, her father did attend her first wedding in Montreal, (a marriage which lasted 18 years). Her father died in 1984 at the age of 85.

Today, Reisler has two children living in Toronto, Shelley Bleikman and Stanley Greenberg, and six grandchildren, Blake and Bond Bleikman, and Beverley, Shaina, David and Michael Greenberg.

One of her songs was inspired when grandson Blake, only two at the time, said, "I love you," to his grandmother.

Seated at her keyboard in a melancholy mood one day, the melody of *Solitude* flowed out through her fingers, and the memories of her orphanage days came tumbling out. This was the song that started her career.

Frank Mills was so impressed with *Solitude* that he wrote a special arrangement of it under the title of *Reminiscing With You* for his new *Homeward* album.

At the recording studio, Reisler's rudimentary notes have to be transcribed by a pianist to a musical scale and a synthesizer-enhanced record then results.

Reisler's *Twilight Odyssey* is obtainable from Music Box Dancer, (416) 475-1848 or IDAC, toll free, 1-800-563-7234.

Annie Reisler

Activist Gold aided Baycrest

TORONTO — Nathan Gold, a leading Toronto clothing manufacturer, retailer and community activist, died in his sleep last month. He was 81.

Born in Lagow, Poland in 1913, Gold came to Canada at age 15 and worked as a sewing machine operator. He established and operated Paradise Waist, a manufacturer of children's and women's wear, until his retirement in 1967.

In that year, he became a partner in Town and Country, the retail chain, until his final retirement in 1989.

Gold helped start the men's service club at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. He chaired Baycrest's admissions committee, served on its board and was Baycrest's Man of the Year in 1963.

Gold was "a man of great strength but quiet. He preferred to work in the background," said friend Sam Ruth, now a consultant to Baycrest.

Gold was also on the board of the Primrose Club and was active in the United Jewish Appeal.

He leaves his wife Eva, two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two granddaughters.

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Beit Rayim marks first year

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

RICHMOND HILL — Members of the former Shaareh Haim Congregation, the only synagogue in Canada to go broke during the recession, have managed to pick up the pieces — to the extent they will celebrate the first anniversary of their reborn shul.

Members of Beit Rayim Synagogue will kick up their heels with dancing, live music, refreshments and comedy on Jan. 22, beginning at 8 p.m., to mark the congregation's first birthday.

The synagogue numbers about 75 family members, a far cry from the 300 families who belonged to Shaareh Haim, but as Beit Rayim executive member Irving Siegel puts it, "it will take time for the community to put its faith back into us."

For many observers, it's a minor miracle Beit Rayim exists at all. When Shaareh Haim folded in June 1992 when a debt restructuring plan fell apart after four months of negotiations, it left a lot of Conservative Jews north of Steeles Avenue disaffected and isolated. Some joined Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Thornhill; others remained unaffiliated.

But the real shocker came when United Synagogue Day School (USDS), which had maintained a campus within Shaareh Haim, purchased the building last March from the mortgage holder, the Royal Bank, which had listed it in a power of sale.

For some synagogue members, the whole affair left a bitter taste. USDS was viewed by many as having waited for the shul to go broke before buying the building out from under the congregation.

But a core membership of Shaareh Haim regrouped as the York Region Conservative Jewish Community (YRCJC). A year ago, they received a new charitable tax number, renamed the shul Beit Rayim (House of Neighbors) and last autumn, affiliated with Beth Sholom Synagogue on Eglinton Avenue, meaning it has access to Beth Sholom's facilities and is led by its rabbi, Irving Brandwein.

Ironically, the congregation never left Shaareh Haim's site, at 9711 Bayview Ave., although at one point, the bank changed the building's locks when it acted on its power of sale.

Slowly, Shaareh Haim's remnants have gotten back onto their feet. Beit Rayim is a "full-service" shul (even though Shabbat services are every two weeks), has a full-time chazzan, Paul Morden, adult Hebrew classes, and regular simchas.

Families pay $800 a year to join, with a portion of that going to Beth Sholom. But Siegel says the affiliation with Beth Sholom is temporary until Beit Rayim hits the "magic number" of between 125 and 150 family members.

For information on the bash, call (905) 770-7639.

Mezuzah alert launched

TORONTO — Warning! Your mezuzah may need immediate attention.

This slogan is part of a Chabad Lubavitch awareness campaign to alert the public that some mezuzot are not kosher.

"Regretably more than 50 per cent of the mezuzot posted are unfit," said Rabbi Mendel Bernstein. "A mezuzah has to be written on parchment by a certified scribe. Unfortunately the marketplace is full of paper and printed copies."

Chabad Lubavitch has declared February Mezuzah Awareness Month. The organization will offer below cost discounts on mezuzot, checkups and free decorative transparent cases.

The mezuzah contains two Torah portions: Shema and Vehaya (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21). A properly written mezuzah has 22 lines and is governed by almost 500 regulations.

In addition to periodic checkups, mezuzot must be posted correctly. Chabad Lubavitch rabbis and volunteers will visit homes and help post mezuzot properly.

For further information and to make arrangements for a checkup please call 731-7000.

Shore quietly helped others

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Max Shore was a man who gave generously of his wealth and his time but shunned the spotlight. Shore passed away on Dec. 22 at the age of 82.

He was motivated by his concern and love for people, according to his son Charles.

Although a generous supporter of Jewish communal organizations and medical facilities and universities in North America and Israel, it was the little things Shore did that touched the hearts of many people.

He would quietly pay the university tuition of needy students or help out individuals in financial need. He visited the Sharon Home, Winnipeg's Jewish seniors home, to see how he could help individual residents.

Born in Romania, Max Shore came to Manitoba with his family while still a youngster. He began his working career in the family grocery store in rural Manitoba. He built his fortune in the garment industry as the founder of Rice Sportswear Ltd. and Knit-Rite Mills.

A strong supporter of Israel, Shore was recognized as a Founder by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Technion University and the Shore Kindergarten in Nazareth. He was also honored with membership in the Prime Minister's Club of Israel and the State of Israel Bond Drive Scroll of Honor.

In 1984, Shore was the Negev Dinner honoree. "He was not sure why he agreed to it," said son Charles. "He never felt the need for public thank-yous."

One of his most important contributions to the Winnipeg Jewish community was the $1 million he gave to start the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. Most recently, he gave an equally generous gift to the Campus Project, a project which his son said was very important to him.

"He supported synagogues and educational institutions throughout North America," said Charles Shore. "He loved to help people."

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Known to television audiences for her role in the taut newsroom drama *E.N.G.*, Toronto actress Theresa Tova has been winning recognition lately in the city's Jewish community as a singer of jazzy nostalgic songs in both English and Yiddish.

Last year, she sang at major events for the Yiddish Film Festival, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, the Jewish Genealogical Society and the Friends of Yiddish. Although production of *E.N.G.* may soon take a hiatus, Tova's career shows no signs of doing the same.

On the horizon are more performances in the Jewish community, involvement in a proposed Yiddish TV channel, and singing gigs around town. Every second Sunday, Tova performs and introduces new talent at the Queen's Bedroom, a club on Markham Street. The evening is called T. Tova: Shooting Stars. (She sings in Yiddish by request.)

The daughter of Polish war refugees, Tova was born in Paris and came to Canada as a child. She grew up in Calgary, spoke Yiddish as her first language, and graduated as Yiddish valedictorian from that city's I.L. Peretz school. Now in her mid-thirties, she is the mother of two children, aged 9 and 7.

"When I went into labor with my children, I couldn't speak English," she recalls. "I couldn't speak anything but Yiddish, my mother tongue. That's how engrained it is."

Tova is proud to speak the Yiddish her parents taught her. "I'm a Polish Jew. I think some people want me to speak a more high-brow Yiddish, but my Yiddish is what it is. I'm my parent's child and that's what I speak."

Won over by her vibrant renditions of *I Am a Border By My Wife, Mein Shtetele Belz* and other Yiddish delights, yearning fans have sent her sheet music for lesser-known tunes like *Hefschel the Thief*. "I've been learning new things," she days. "People always tell me that I'm bringing the music into today's world, I'm going new life to these songs."

Tova appears occasionally at other clubs around town, almost always with good piano accompaniment. Her next feature gig is Jan. 28 at The Treehouse on Church Street.

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Dancer-choreographer Sula Saltzman recalls that her family held a Passover "freedom seder" about 30 years ago with a black minister and his family. She also remembers that her father, a rabbi, went to Alabama with Martin Luther King Jr. at the height of the civil rights demonstrations.

Recently Saltzman, artistic director of Me'irim Dance Company, collaborated with Trinidad-born dancer **Patrick Parson** on *People Like Us*, an exploration of the relationship between Jews and blacks. *People Like Us ventures* into the collective history of persecution and prejudice shared by the two communities. It also delves into the enmities that sometimes erupt between Jews and blacks despite their history of solidarity and commonality. Saltzman and Parsons use dance, poetry and drama as a springboard for the constructive exchange of ideas.

They use stereotypes unabashedly: a stinging comic duet between Shylock and Aunt Jemima provides keen-edged satire. Toronto writer Malca Litovitz injects a biting and bold text and Ballet Creole's musicians fuse the rich sounds of African and Klezmer traditions.

Matinee and evening performances are scheduled at the Studio Theatre of the North York Performing Arts Centre Jan. 18 and 19. The program includes three other works by Saltzman, two of which contain Judaic themes. *Man's Domain* (from *Sephardic Memories*) portrays the expulsion from Spain, and *Yerusha* explores dimensions of Jewish memory to the music of Srul Irving Glick.

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Random Notes: A show of paintings by water colorist Richard Ungar is on display at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave.

Ungar's street scenes and landscapes comes from two distinct series of his paintings, *Jerusalem* and *Leaside*. The show continues until Feb. 1. For times, call Luni at 924-6211.

Evergon, a photographer known for his richly ornamented large-scale polaroids in a "baroque" style, is lecturing in the Music Room at Hart House on Wednesday Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The evening is presented by the Hart House Art Committee and The Hart House Camera Club.

Pre-Beatles romantic crooner Johnny Mathis has enjoyed an astonishing longevity as a singer.

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Mathis appears in concert at Roy Thomson Hall on Monday March 14 at 8 p.m. Chances are, if you're a Mathis fan, you won't mind shelling out $38.50 to $60 for tickets.

The recent Swedish film *Freud Leaving Home* is being show at the Jackman Hall of the Art Gallery of Ontario, Sunday Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. It is the first selection of the Toronto Jewish Film Society's 1994 season.

Devor's studio true godsend

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Don't tell sculptor Ruth Devor you can't get messages from the other world, because she did!

After 14 months of a desperate, unsuccessful search for a studio, Devor awoke one morning last June and the name of another sculptor, Betty Beckerman, popped into her head.

"When I called her home I was shocked to discover that she had died two days earlier and her family was sitting shiva," Devor recalled. "It was almost as if this woman was telling me that her studio was available."

She first resisted the idea of working in another sculptor's space, but, after a few months' more of fruitless search, became convinced it was "bashert" that she take over the lease for the commodious (650 square feet) studio in Thornhill.

"It was bizarre that Betty Beckerman's name came into my mind out of nowhere because I had not spoken to her for four or five years. Her family was astounded when I called. She was an acquaintance, introduced to me by a mutual friend, and we were supposed to go on a trip together to the quarries of the Tuscany area of Italy where Michaelangelo obtained the marble for his sculptures. But her husband became ill and she couldn't go."

The new studio was indeed bashert for Devor, who had sold a home in the Bathurst and St. Clair area after a divorce, and was living "like a gypsy" with friends or relatives, while she tried to find a house with a studio, and when that proved to be too expensive, to find an apartment with a studio nearby.

"I was desperate and this is exactly what I wanted. With a 16-foot ceiling, it is the best studio I have ever had. I now have an apartment at Bathurst and Clarke, only 10 minutes from the studio." It is south of highway No. 7 and west of Bayview Avenue.

For a person who craves the creative experience of sculpting, Devor says the 14-month hiatus occasioned by her divorce and the inablity to use her studio while her former house was on the market was a most trying time.

One reason Devor had such a problem in locating a studio was that her work needs an exhaust system and is often very noisy, so most visual arts buildings were not available, while others were too large or located in non-desirable areas.

With the new studio has come Devor's decision to teach for the first time in a 30-year career of sculpting, one which has seen her art displayed in many galleries in Canada and the United States, and in private collections.

A well-known piece of hers in Toronto is a three-foot-high Italian marble sculpture of two figures entwined under an arch, in the lobby of the fashionable Governor's Hill apartments on Yonge Street near Toronto city limits.

She is enjoying her teaching and looking forward to new classes for adults and teens beginning the week of Jan. 24. "Stone carving is the most challenging art of all and for me it is a very rewarding medium," Devor said.

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Innamorati, an Italian marble sculpture by Ruth Devor (below) in lobby of Governor's Hill apartments.

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Film probes beneath family relationships

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Susanne Bier's *Freud Leaves Home* is a withering portrait of a Swedish Jewish family, the fractious Cohens of Stockholm, who are temporarily united by a birthday party.

The title refers to Angelique (Freud) Cohen, not the great Viennese psychoanalyst. Yet, as the film suggests, Angelique may indeed be in need of some psychiatric assistance.

Angelique (Gunilla Roor) is unhappy, neurotic, rebellious and virginal. "Maybe sex would help," her brother, David (Philip Zanden), a homosexual, observes in all seriousness.

As it happens, he's right. Angelique, who's obsessively attached to her mother, a Holocaust survivor emotionally numbed by her experiences, heeds his advice. As her mother lies dying in a hospital, she picks up a handsome stranger in a bar, and, in a rather frenetic scene uncharacteristic of this quiet movie, beds him. By deflowering her, he helps liberate Angelique from the neuroses which afflict her.

But *Freud Leaves Home*, whose run at the Cinematheque extends from Jan. 21-27, is much more than a film about a woman whose bonds with her mother, Rosha (Ghita Norby), exceed the bounds of normalcy.

More broadly, it's about a family which, in a sense, is almost dysfunctional.

Angelique and her older sister, Deborah (Jessica Zanden), now married, don't get along because their values are utterly at variance. Deborah, having made aliyah, has become observant, while Angelique remains steadfastly secular. Deborah considers Angelique a "goy," and her parents "Sunday Jews." (Perhaps Bier meant "Saturday Jews.")

Deborah conveys the traits of an intolerant prude. In fact, there is an element of hypocrisy in her personality, as a rendez-vous with an old flame suggests.

The divisiveness within the Cohen clan is further amplified by David's rocky relationship with his father, Ruben (Palle Granditsky), an ineffectual figure who commands little respect.

After all these years, Ruben still flinches from David's homosexuality, and his opinion of his son's business abilities is, in a word, scathing.

It's not hard to understand why David, like Deborah, has left home. Now a permanent resident of Miami, David has escaped the suffocating grasp of his family, only to be caught in its net yet again in Sweden.

Rounding off her portrait of the Cohens, Bier paints a revealing picture of a less than ideal marriage. Outwardly, Ruben and Rosha seem content. But that's just a facade, at least as far as Rosha is concerned.

Rosha treats Ruben somewhat condescendingly, and admits she would have preferred to marry Max, Ruben's suave business partner.

Buttressed by an intelligent script and subtle performances, *Freud Leaves Home* scores telling points as it probes beneath the troubling exterior of interlocking relationships, and reveals a family in deep conflict.

This is a film which offers more than immediately meets the eye.

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Richard Attenborough's newest movie, *Shadowlands*, showcases the talents of two high-profile actors, Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.

In this beautifully-realized film based on a true romance, the pair portray unlikely lovers. Hopkins is C.S. Lewis, the donnish, reticent, world-renowned Oxford professor, and Winger is Joy Gresham, the aggressive New York Jewish writer.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Shadowlands* explores their evolving relationship with restraint and tact. The performances are excellent; the dialogue is intelligent; the sets are magnificent. This is a film one can savor.

Shadowlands, yet again, proves that fine films can be made without gratuitous violence and nudity. When will they ever learn?

Nicola Lipman welcomes challenges on the Canadian theatre scene

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of actor Nicola Lipman's fondest memories is the great zest with which her late mother, the former Lucille Kaminer of Toronto, told stories to friends in Yiddish.

Lipman inherited her love of the stage from her mother, who sang and acted in Toronto under the name of Lucille Cameron, before marrying Arthur Lipman and moving to Vancouver.

Nicola Lipman has the title role of Aunt Hannah in *Aunt Hannah Meets Joe River* running Jan. 12-Feb. 6 at Factory Theatre (864-9971).

It is a challenging part, portraying a woman locked away for a time in a mental hospital by an abusive husband, but who is rescued by her sister. Her arrival at the sister's home in Ottawa in 1972 coincides with her teenage niece Caroline's first love affair with the charismatic Joe Rivera. A series of dramatic events follow.

Taking on a challenging role is nothing new for Nicola Lipman, a doyen of the Canadian theatre scene, who has been the teacher-sister in *Dancing at Lughnasa* the volatile Shirley in *Shirley Valentine*, the querulous Jessie in *Night Mother* and

Nicola Lipman

the matriarch in two of Neil Simon's plays, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Broadway Bound*, among many other roles.

Born in Vancouver, she moved to Rio de Janeiro when only a year old, and the family stayed there until she was 12, her father working for Brazilian Traction. Her mother died in 1971. Her father, 80, a retired Vancouver stockbroker, is a full-time mature student at University of British Columbia. A brother, Ted, has spent most of his working life as a Canadian diplomat in the Far East, and is with the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

For many years, Lipman had starring roles at Neptune Theatre in Halifax, a city she loves, and where she met husband, Lionel Simmons, a cinematographer. They have been married for 22 years. Three years ago they moved to Toronto because of the film work available here, but Lipman continues to take leading parts in other Canadian cities. For example, she played in *Substance of Fire* at the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, a play by Jon Robin Baitz about a generational battle for control in a Jewish publishing family in New York.

"It's such a wonderful play I can't understand why no one has brought it to Toronto," she said.

Now 47, Lipman has no regrets about devoting her working career to the theatre. "I don't make a lot of money by some people's standards but I'm one of the fortunate few in Canada who get by, but even in the good times there is never enough to be able to save money for the other times."

Of Toronto she says, "I like it more than I thought I would. It has a lot to offer."

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Promises To Keep, by Ernest W. Michel (McClelland & Stewart, $29.99)

This memoir begins with a child's recollection of Kristallnacht when, in 1938, Germans and Austrians systematically burned synagogues and trashed Jewish businesses and institutions.

The author, who lived with his parents in comfortable circumstances in Mannheim, had intimations of things to come. At fifteen, he became an inmate of Auschwitz, spent 674 days in a "man-made hell" and witnessed atrocities by Nazi soldiers and officials including the fiendish medical experiments of Joseph Mengele.

His life was spared when a German officer discovered that he had a fine handwriting and set him to work listing the names of inmates who had been gassed, with the invariable additional information that they died of natural causes.

On a fifteen hour march to Buchenwald in April 1945, he escaped and found eventual refuge with the American army of liberation. He served, eventually, as a correspondent for an allied-sponsored German newspaper at the Nuremburg war crimes trials. Invited to visit Herman Goering in his cell, he found that it was more than he could handle. "On an impulse I bolted for the door and asked the M.P. to let me out. I couldn't take it. I couldn't remain. I had to get away. There was no discussion, not a word was exchanged, no comments or statements were made. I was there, and then I was gone. Period."

Resourceful, intelligent and creative he became, after his immigration to the United States, one of the most successful executives of the United Jewish Appeal, and raised as much as 130 million dollars annually. One of the strangest contributions he received occurred in a western town during his early years of fundraising. It came from a Jewish woman who managed "a house of ill repute." She was astonished when asked to contribute. "I can't believe it. This is the first time it has ever happened to me." Her contribution was as much as the rest of the town had raised together.

Over the past fifty years he has met with Hollywood personalities, American Presidents, and the prime movers of Israel and has absorbing anecdotes to relate about many of them. Among the most generous and helpful of Hollywood figures were Harpo Marx and Jack Benny. Those who constantly refused to make any contribution included Woody Allen and Neil Simon.

Simply written and filled with informative and fascinating material, *Promises to Keep*, is a worthy addition to the literature of the Holocaust and the subsequent lives of its survivors.

Perspectives On Disability, edited by Mark Nagler (Distributed by Copp, Pitman, Clark)

Some years ago I reported on an indispensable work, intended largely for nurses, physicians, clergy, social workers, professional caretakers and the disabled themselves.

Now in its second edition, with a generous proportion of new material, this wide-ranging anthology covers such topics as sexuality, medical and psychological issues, education, employment and social planning, as well as legal and ethical issues.

The editor, born with Cerebral Palsy, is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Waterloo.

Disabled persons entered the 20th century with limited power, acceptance or legitimacy. The 21st century will be different with new patterns of social change, integration and acceptance.

The author reminds us that Moses had a speech impairment and that Franklin D. Roosevelt, Helen Keller and Steven Hawking have astonished society by the depths of their intellectual accomplishments in spite of severe physical afflictions.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

YUCATAN PENINSULA, Mexico — "The main thing to remember," said Pepe our Mexican guide, "is that the Mayans believed in reincarnation. They believed that unless they fed the sun every morning it would not rise."

High on a promontory overlooking Mexico's Yucatan coast, Tulum is the only temple the Mayans built by the sea. Considered holy ground, it was never occupied. But it was the focal point of a thriving city in the jungle — until the day Spanish galleons appeared along with a blood-red sun on the eastern horizon.

Today it is a well-preserved ruin, one of the youngest in Mexico. As at other local temples — Uxmal, Palenque, Chichen-Itza, Coba — the Mayans practised human sacrifices here. The practice appalled even the cold-blooded conquistadors. The Temple of the Descending God, where the natives nourished the sun every morning, must have been an awesome sight to Spanish eyes from across the shallows. Yet they could not approach. Coral reefs encircling the peninsula made a landing impossible, and they had to detour hundreds of leagues, then hack through dense jungle.

Today one rides to Tulum from Cancun in air-conditioned comfort for an hour and a half along an unerringly straight and level two-lane highway hacked out of the bush. Coba, which is closer, was a far more important and historic Mayan city with extensive trade connections. However, as much of it is still overgrown with vegetation, it is more accessible to monkeys and wild boars than to people.

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They are still building temples to the sun in the Yucatan. Twenty-five years ago the place called Cancun was swamp and jungle. Now its stretch of monumental luxury hotels rivals those of Maui, the French Riviera or any beach in the Caribbean. The American Airlines flight from Toronto (which touches down for only an hour in Dallas) flies by this row of toylike architectural wonders as if doing a parade inspection.

By car, one rides for 40 minutes and sees nothing but hotels, restaurants (including the ubiquitous Planet Hollywood) and shopping malls. Hilton, Hyatt Regency, Marriott, Westin and other top-end chains are all represented.

Picking up on native themes, several deluxe properties are shaped like the squat pyramids that now lie in ruins in the jungles. Using an imported theme, an Arab consortium started to build a fantastic Ali-Baba-type inn, with bulbous domes and eastern arches, but ran out of funds. The decaying shell is the region's most contemporary ruin.

Costing $17 million, Xcaret (pronounced Ish-car-et) is a recently-constructed amusement park situated midway between Cancun and Tulum. Trucks and bulldozers are still laboring by the entrance to build a mini-volcano — an artificial addition as opposed to the genuine Mayan ruins that grace the well-landscaped park.

Although Disneyesque in conception and scope, Xcaret caters to the ecological ethos of the 1990s. This is the place to be if you care to float lazily down an underground river or swim with gentle and intelligent bottlenose dolphins. Xcaret's dolphin compound is better designed than others in Maui and Nassau. The cost of swimming with dolphins is $60 for an hour. Chitzen-Itza, a 2½-hour drive westward from Cancun, is a vast complex of well-preserved pyramids, temples, rows of columns, ossuaries and sacrificial platforms. Dating from the seventh century, it is one of the most spectacular and celebrated ruins of antiquity.

"Canadians know all about the beaches of our country, and that's what we try to push," says Tony De Anda, head of the Mexico Government Tourist Office in Toronto. "But I also want Canadians to know the other face of my country. So much culture! You don't have to go to Europe to see this culture — it's right here in North America."

Like Canada, Mexico is geographically diverse, possessing idyllic beaches, colonial towns, populous high-altitude plateaus, volcanic mountains, farming regions, deserts and uncharted jungle. Its capital, Mexico City, has a population of 28 million — equal to all of Canada.

Secondary cities like Guadalahara, with a population of merely five million, offer colourful surprises like Tlaque-Paque, a delightful handicrafts district filled with fine galleries and artisans' shops. According to De Anda, most of the half-million Canadians who visit Mexico each year come for the sun, sand and sea. Cancun is their favoured destination, followed by Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and Ixtapa.

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Another popular sun destination, especially among golf and tennis enthusiasts, is Palm Springs, California. Situated about 160 km southeast of Los Angeles, Palm Springs grew around a stagecoach stop established in 1874. Its population barely topped 40,000 in the last census.

A Palm Springs tour company, Desert Adventures, is offering nature tours of the desert via foot and four-wheel-drive jeep. Participants explore the desert's flora and fauna, as well as petroglyphs, cooking pits and other traces of ancient native American communities. Other things to do in the area include horseback riding, desert camp-outs, hot-air ballooning, and riding in a covered wagon mule drive. There's even an ice skating rink in nearby Palm Desert, though few Canadians (Wayne Gretzky excepted) would take skates to California. For more information, contact Travel USA in the Toronto area at (905) 890-5662 and toll- free across Canada at (800) 268-3482.

NEW HOLIDAY INN

An IDF helicopter flys over the Wohl Rose Garden opposite the Knesset. In the background is the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, formerly the Hilton Hotel. While the change in ownership leaves the Hilton without a hotel in Jerusalem, a new Hilton is planned to be built by the Old City Wall as part of the new multi-million dollar Mamilla project. [Israel photo]

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Business Briefs

1993's Yearly Gain

ISRAEL — Propelled by the Oslo agreement, the Israeli stock market showed an overall yearly gain of 41 per cent during 1993. After adjustment for inflation, the real gain was estimated at 26 per cent.

Analysts said there was no reason to consider the market overpriced at present and did not predict a fall. This year's increase was some 50 points lower than the exceptional 75 per cent real gain posted last year.

The country experienced a growth rate of 3.5 per cent the second highest among OECD nations. However, high inflation prompted the Bank of Israel to announce an interest rate rise of one per cent.

The value of industrial exports went up by 18 per cent in 1993 to $10.1 billion.

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The China Connection

TEL AVIV — Israel will soon start importing coal from the People's Republic of China.

Israel currently imports about 5.5 million tons of coal a year from four countries including South Africa, Israel's largest supplier.

Israel has been converting from oil to solid fuels, including coal, to produce electricity.

In the last few months, Israel and China have exchanged economic delegations to explore joint commercial projects and trade relations.

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Signed And Nearly Delivered

JERUSALEM — Tadiran Telecommunications and Canada's Newbridge announced they will be signing a joint marketing co-operation and research and development agreement.

The agreement allows the companies to integrate Tadiran products into Newbridge systems and vice versa. It also provides for the two companies to market the other's products.

For the past four years the firms have co-operated in marketing integrated products in Israel. Newbridge has also marketed Tadiran's products in the North and South American markets.

Newbridge's multiplexing voice and data equipment has helped Tadiran win contracts from Israel's national phone company, Bezek, and the Israel Postal Authority for building data and voice communications networks. Newbridge's turnover is expected to be around $500 million this year, according to Tadiran.

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Interest for Free

TORONTO — Holders of 15-year State of Israel Development Issue Savings Bonds purchased in 1979 and 1980 at four per cent can earn a year's worth of interest for free.

Through the advanced reinvestment program, Bondholders are credited with a full year's worth of interest if they reinvest unmatured Bonds in year 14 of the 15-year term.

Israel Bonds, recently deemed eligible for Self-Directed RRSPs, had a record year in Canada with 1993 sales exceeding $100 million (US).

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Banking on Co-operation

TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim recently announced direct working relations with eight banks in Egypt, including the National Bank of Egypt, that country's major banking group.

Hapoalim officials report a significant increase in two-way Israel-Egyptian commercial activity due to the improved political relations between the neighboring countries. The Israeli economy will realize immediate benefits, they note, just through direct payment through the National Bank of Egypt for considerable oil imports.

Bank Hapoalim also reports new ties with the largest bank in Morocco, the government-owned Banque Marocaine du Commerce Exterieur. This bank also selected Bank Hapoalim to helped launch its activities with Israeli banking interests.

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Secure Retirement Fund

TORONTO — The Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) has launched the third printing of its *Financial Planning Workbook* , prepared by Graham Byron CFP and Warren MacKenzie CA.

In 15 well-laid out chapters, Byron and MacKenzie present a clear, easy-to-follow method of analyzing one's financial postition, with a step-by-step outline of how to plan for a secure retirement fund.

The book is designed with the lay person in mind, covering the inflation factor, types of invesment, how to minimize risk and select the right balance and much more.

Cost of the book is $12 to the public or $7 for members of CARP.

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Promotion Fund On Target

TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim's largest program for the advancement of small- and medium-size businesses is a success story after less than two months in operation.

During that period, the Hapoalim Business Promotion Fund has granted 70 loan requests, three quarters of the applications received. Loans of $250,000 to $330,000 per project come from a $28-million fund.

Meeting the needs of the recent growth in new businesses and expansions in Israel, the Hapoalim credit may also be used for real estate involved in a project and equipment acquisitions.

Poll shows businesses optimistic about future

TORONTO — Despite concerns about the economy and government deficits, Canadian entrepreneurs are looking to build business.

That was the message conveyed by an informal poll taken at a business forum sponsored by Ernst & Young. Ninety-two per cent of those polled said they expect business to improve or remain steady during the coming year.

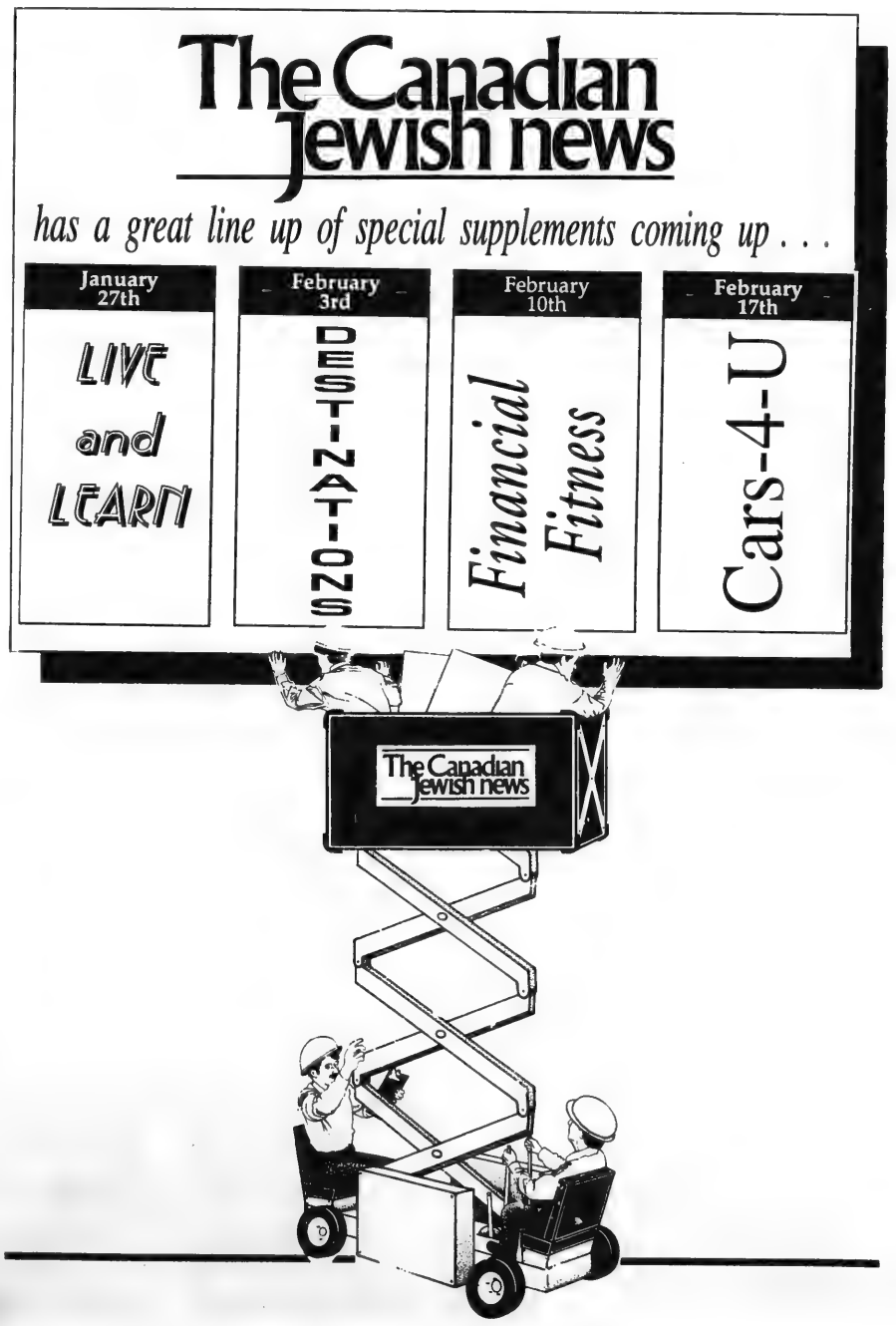
Of the respondents, 88 percent are planning one or more growth strategies. More than half (57 per cent) said they plan to introduce new products or services; 42 percent said they plan to upgrade technology; and 54 per cent said they plan to expand into new domestic or international markets. Even more encouraging, 24 percent plan to hire more employees in the coming year.

"The confidence of Canadian entrepreneurs is another positive indicator of better times to come for Canada's economy," said Dr. Stephen Tanny, chief economist for Ernst & Young. "Entrepreneurs, like much of the business community, continue to look beyond Canada's near-term economic and political difficulties."

"The vast majority of our entrepreneurial clients continue to reflect a positive growth plan," said Dan Cornacchia, managing partner of the Venture Group of Ernst & Young.

Cornacchia attributes this to improved confidence levels, lower interest rates and rising stock prices making financing more readily available. "We expect this trend to continue and allow entrepreneurs to more aggressively pursue their growth strategies."

Those polled seem to agree. Fully 56 per cent said they believe economic conditions will become more favorable for business next year, 36 per cent think conditions will remain the same, and only eight percent believe conditions will worsen.



Business & Finance

The picture shows Mary Nirenberg (front) and Karin Lewis (behind) in a computer skills class.

JVS aids professional women who were hit hard by recession

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At age 30, Mary Nirenberg thought she had it all. Emigrating from Odessa in Ukraine 18 years ago, she believed her dreams of a comfortable middle- class Canadian lifestyle had finally been achieved. Yet, those illusions were shattered last year when she lost her house, lost her job and divorced her husband.

She went on social assistance. It helped pay the rent and put food on the table for her two young children, but left little else to help turn her increasingly desperate situation around. She became depressed, disallusioned and frightened of what the future held.

"I could not believe this was happening to me," says Mary. "I was a graduate in data entry with years of experience in several businesses. I had worked in banking for six years, certain that my career in the banking industry would last a lifetime. But I became a fatality of the current economic crisis that is plaguing all our institutions today."

Such is the sign of our times that even as many commercial enterprises are declaring record profits, they are concurrently slashing operating budgets and trimming their staffing rosters. Job creation remains several rungs down on the corporate priority list.

Mary's story is not uncommon in this economic scenario. She is part of a growing segment of our unemployed ranks, one comprised of professional businesspeople once well entrenched in their career paths, and now finding themselves thrust on to the welfare rolls.

These are people with a high degree of training and possessing specialized skills, but who remain frustratingly without any definite employment prospects.

"This is particularly hard on Jewish women," adds Mary. "Ours is a strong work ethic and the idea that we must come to accept social assistance (or, as some would say, charity), is a difficult reality to reconcile. If we can not work, and are single mothers as well, we are summarily branded as being either lazy or lacking initiative. But nothing could be further from the truth."

Mary's own attitudes underwent a radical change several months ago when she discovered Women in New Roles (WINR), a service provided by the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) of Metropolitan Toronto.

As Renée Ruiter-Kohn, JVS director of counselling, explains, "Our clients in WINR are generally professionals and highly skilled women over 30, who would be well established in their chosen careers were it not for the vagaries of today's economic climate."

Federally funded, WINR has been developed by Jewish Vocational Service in partnership with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration as well as Metro Toronto Social Services. It is a relatively new service and one which is evolving as the marketplace changes.

According to Ruiter-Kohn, in the late 1980s JVS was given the mandate to target the disproportionately high welfare population of the Jane/Finch community for a pilot project. Women on chronic social assistance were given the opportunity to enroll in a program that combined the elements of support group networking and life skills enhancements.

With the aid of the North York Board of Education, many of these clients either went on to pursue their education, or found employment, or increased their skills level to better market themselves.

WINR grew out of that initial project with a slightly different mission statement. It remains nonsectarian in enrollment, but its target group has become more defined.

Clients are women on social assistance but must have been out of work for less than three years. They need to have a stable work history prior to being unemployed, be proficient in English, and have a better than Grade 10 education level. Most important, they must make the commitment to attend the intensive WINR program on a full-time basis over a consecutive seven-week period.

The agenda is composed of group and individual counselling, computerized literacy training and learning the latest in job-search methodologies such as networking and resume preparation.

"WINR answers the needs of both the community and government agencies as they have been articulated to Jewish Vocational Service," says JVS executive director Ed Segalowitz. "Attendees in this program are unemployed today, but they have a good employment background and are excellent candidates for quick re-entry into the labor force. All they need is guidance and direction as to how to market themselves to find the jobs that are definitely out there."

Although the program is still in its infancy, preliminary results are amazingly positive. According to Segalowitz, WINR boasts a 70 per cent-80 per cent success rate so far.

"But one must have realistic expectations," Mary explains. "Women enrolling in this program should realize it is not a panacea for all their problems. It is designed to give us back our self-confidence and pride, to piece together the threads of our lives, and so go on to persevere towards our personal ambitions. The one over-riding prerequisite that we all need to derive the benefits of the program is self-motivation. Without that, no program would prove useful."

Mary admits that she is a survivor, and is proud of that fact. She credits Women in New Roles for helping her restore her self-esteem and to realize the potential within herself.

The next WINR program begins Jan. 17. For further information, call (416)398-9036.

Company obtains rights to anti-epileptic drug

JERUSALEM — Two Canadian companies have signed an exclusive, worldwide licensing agreement for an anti-epileptic drug developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The drug, Nuroval SR, is taken orally once a day and controls seizures through 24-hour therapeutic blood levels of sodium valproate. Side effects are lessened by the smoother absorption of the drug into the blood without high peak levels.

The licensing agreement is between the Hebrew University's Yissum Research Development Co. and Canguard Health Technologies Inc. of Vancouver, B.C., and its strategic corporate partner, Pharmascience Inc. of Montreal. Patents are pending in Canada, Israel and Europe, with an application issued in the United States.

The world market share for Nuroval SR, a form of sodium valproate, is estimated at $400 million annually, and is growing at about 15 percent a year. Sales of the investigational drug are expected to begin in late 1993, with general marketing anticipated in late 1995 or 1996.

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Spanish monarch receives Israeli high-tech gift

JERUSALEM — Telrad Telecommunications, a provider of digital telephone systems and one of Israel's largest telecommunications companies, recently gave King Juan Carlos of Spain a different type of gift — the gift of telecommunications.

The gift, an advanced digital phone system, was presented to the king during his November visit to Israel, his first visit to the Holy Land as king.

The advanced telephone system was presented to the king by Israel's President Ezer Weizman. The gift was given by Telrad as a goodwill gesture to demonstrate to Spain the quality and sophistication of Israel's rapidly growing high-technology industry.

"Relations between Israel and Spain have improved dramatically during the past 10 years and Telrad is greatly honored with the distinction of being able to present a gift to the king," said Oded Koritshoner, president of Telrad Telecommunications, Inc., the wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of Telrad Telecommunications of Israel.

"When a head of state makes an official visit to Israel, he or she is generally presented with a gift considered representative of Israel — such as a religious or archeological artifact. Clearly, Israel has entered the 'digital age' and the gift of this advanced piece of technology is an indication of Israel's transformation."

In addition to its well-established telecommunications industry, Israel is highly advanced in computers, software, data communications, electronics, bio-technology and imaging technology. The country's primary markets are in North America and Europe. With the collapse of the former Soviet Union, Israeli companies also have been making strides lately in the former Soviet Republics, Eastern Europe and the Far East.

Founded more than 40 years ago, Telrad Telecommunications is a major Israeli manufacturer of telecommunications equipment, including digital telephone systems, integrated voice mail systems, PBXs and ISDN terminal equipment. The company, which will have worldwide sales in 1993 exceeding $250 million, has a customer base that includes small, medium and large size businesses, public institutions, and telephone companies located in more than 30 countries. Since its first U.S. sales in 1978, Telrad U.S., headquartered in Woodbury, N.Y., has installed more than two million telephone stations.

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By SIMON GRIEVER
Special to the CJN

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Kayan said the company experimented with various types of plastic and concluded that plastic with air bubbles was the most convenient, clean and effective.

"We researched the optimum thickness of the plastic as well as the best methods for folding and cutting," he said.

"The wrong dimensions and incorrect packing can be counterproductive and may end up damaging the flowers."

Kaynan said retailers and customers have been impressed with the results. "They have remarked on how long the flowers remain alive and attractive, and how they now fetch premium prices on world markets."

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Meeting addresses Gaucher's Disease

JERUSALEM — The excitement of breaking new ground has been almost routine for some of the physicians who treat patients with Gaucher's Disease (GD) — a lipids storage disorder which particularly affects the spleen, bone marrow and liver, and can cause a number of other medical complications.

The recent advent of Ceredase, a low-dose intravenous enzyme replacement, has been a turning point for many patients suffering from this disease, which occurs most commonly among Ashkenazi Jews.

In a recent symposium held at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, a number of physicians presented their experiences with patients who have GD. The keynote speaker, Prof. R. Desnick, began with an historical overview of GD from its identification by Felippi Gaucher in 1882 to the present.

Dr. S. Zevin of Shaare Zedek's Dept. of Internal Medicine and Gaucher Clinic, spoke on Gaucher Disease in Children, describing 34 children and adolescents evaluated at the clinic during the past three years. Low platelet counts and anemia were prominent features, and those with a certain type of GD displayed growth retardation, with delayed sexual maturation in the adolescents. Ten of the children are receiving Ceredase, which has proved beneficial in reducing growth retardation.

Dr. E. Kerem of Shaare Zedek's pediatric department spoke on lung involvement in GD. In a study of 79 patients aged 7-66, abnormal pulmonary function was found to be common among GD sufferers.

Low dose of Ceredase seen as best treatment

Dr. A. Abrahamov, also of the department of pediatrics, spoke on a new variant of GD found in three large Arab families in Israel — a very specific type, which shows neurological symptoms, such as peculiar eye movements. As well, all 12 GD patients in the three families have a progressive cardiac problem.

Though it is not yet known if those with the heart problems can be helped with Ceredase, Dr. Ari Zimran, clinic director, is now convinced that a low dose of Ceredase is generally the best choice of treatment, to be initiated before irreversible complications, such as bone lesions, develop. Although doses given too frequently can impair the quality of life and be difficult and painful, most Ceredase patients are now treated at home, with some attending an afternoon hospital clinic.

Today, a century after GD was identified, the outlook is optimistic, with laboratory science and clinical medicine working together to help those with this genetic disease.

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Arafat may meet Chrétien

OTTAWA — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will likely meet with Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet when he visits Canada, probably sometime in the spring.

While no date has been set, officials at the Canadian Embassy in Tunisia are meeting with the PLO to organize the "working visit," said Foreign Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore.

Moore said Canada has committed $55 million over the next five years to support implementation of the peace accord. He said Arafat's visit will focus on co-operation in securing a Middle East peace, on supporting Palestinian autonomy and the development of democratic institutions among the Palestinians.

This will be Arafat's first visit to Canada.

MOURNING A FALLEN COMRADE

Brig.-Gen. Yom Tov Samia (far left), former IDF commander in Gaza, joins distraught fellow soldiers at the recent funeral of Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz, killed in a terrorist attack in Gaza City. Mintz was the highest ranking Israeli soldier to be killed in the intifada [Israel photo]

Israel assessing repercussions of summit meeting

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — In his first reaction to the Jan. 16 Geneva summit between U.S. President Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters Sunday that Assad had not been as specific on the meaning of peace as Clinton was in their post-conference remarks.

However, he said, the summit would only be evaluated after "Israel closely and carefully studies the contents of the more than five hours of meetings between Clinton and Assad and assesses their implications."

Clinton called Rabin Sunday night, at approximately 9:45 p.m, and briefed him on the talks. Clinton was en route from Geneva back to Washington.

The call came as Rabin was speaking to an AIPAC delegation in Jerusalem. Rabin excused himself, explaining the reason for his temporary departure, and took the call in a nearby room.

The Prime Minister's Office would not comment on the contents of the conversation, but a source close to Rabin said it was a lengthy and constructive one, in which "Clinton told Rabin about his private meetings with Assad." Clinton also called Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Rabin was to meet with Dennis Ross, the State Department's peace talks coordinator, and Martin Indyk of the National Security Council, who were dispatched by Secretary of State Warren Christopher to brief him on the summit. They were also scheduled to meet Foreign Minister Shimon Peres later Monday morning.

At the joint press conference following the Geneva summit, Assad announced that Syria could have "normal peaceful relations" with Israel under a peace agreement.

Clinton welcomed Syria's attitude to peace and said Israel should respond.

Assad, speaking in Arabic, said in a prepared statement: "We want the peace of the brave, a genuine peace that can survive. If the leaders of Israel have sufficient courage to respond to this kind of peace, a new era of security and stability in which there are normal peaceful relations among all shall dawn."

Clinton described it as "a clear, forthright and very important statement on normal peaceful relations . . . stating clearly that it is time to end the conflict with Israel, make peace with Israel. [It is] the first time that there has been a clear expression that there will be a possibility of that sort of relationship."

Commenting on the press conference, Peres said there was a discrepancy between Assad's statement and Clinton's, as well as a difference between Assad's prepared statement and his answers to journalists' questions.

"Assad did not say 'full peace with all that is implied in the term,' but used vague and ambiguous, although positive, language," Peres said, adding that he hopes that in the private meetings, "clearer things were said. It is vital that we know precisely what was said. At this point, it is difficult to translate Assad's statement into the language of negotiations".

The Geneva summit, Peres told reporters, will not affect talks with the PLO. "If there is an opening with Syria," he said, "we'll try it."

Declaration of principles expected within months

By **LEORA FRUCHT**
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM— A declaration of principles between Israel and Syria is likely to be signed within a few months, two leading Israeli experts on Syria said following last Sunday's summit in Geneva between U.S. President Bill Clinton and Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

Prof. Moshe Maoz, author of a biography of Assad, predicted that Israel and Syria will reach an agreement of principles within a few months.

"But I wouldn't expect to see the Israeli flag hoisted in Damascus in the near future," added the Hebrew University professor. "This will not happen until Israel has withdrawn completely from the Golan Heights."

Dr. Yossi Olmert, an expert on Syria, also anticipates the signing of a declaration of principles within a few months. This will be followed by a much longer, tedious and difficult period of negotiating the details of the agreement, said Olmert, the former director of the Government Press Office.

He suggested that Israel will probably try to negotiate a withdrawal based not on the June 4, 1967 line, but on the international boundary which lies east of the 1967 line.

Both experts noted that Assad has begun to prepare the Syrian public for a peace treaty with Israel.

"This process began on Sunday," said Olmert, "when Assad allowed the Geneva press conference to be broadcast fully and without censorship on Syrian television. It is significant that the Syrian public heard Assad say that he considers peace with Israel to be a strategic objective."

"Assad has been preparing the Syrian public for peace with Israel in a gradual manner," said Maoz. "Sunday's statements were another step in this direction."

Many Israeli analysts believed the ball is now in Israel's court.

"The onus is now on Israel to show that (it) is serious about peace," said Maoz.

But Prof. Avraham Ben-Zvi, a Tel Aviv University expert in U.S.-Israel relations, disagreed. "I wouldn't interpret President Clinton's words as suggesting that it is now up to Israel to respond. The onus is still on Syria. The American administration does not favor exerting pressure on Israel, but prefers a gradual process. They are being very careful not to run ahead too quickly in order not to weaken [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin. The significance of the summit, from Washington's viewpoint, is that it has provided fuel to get the process moving again."

Demonstrators oppose territorial concessions

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — A chain of demonstrations was held throughout Israel last Sunday to protest against any form of territorial concessions on the Golan Heights.

As U.S. President Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad met in Geneva, thousands of people took part in the protests at scores of road junctions, stretching from Eilat to Metulla.

Placards and slogans denouncing the government's "concessionary" policies and declaring that "Clinton and Assad will not decide the fate of the Golan" were displayed at the demonstrations.

Scores of people also demonstrated outside the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to protest against alleged U.S. pressure on Israel to withdraw from the Golan in return for peace with Syria.

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Project Otzma enhances women's lives

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sheila Weverman came back from 10 months in Israel with a new sense of confidence. So did Kimberly Lewis. Lewis also brought back a fiance.

"I met him on kibbutz and we fell in love," said Lewis, 24. He is Saar Golan, a Canadian volunteer in the Israeli army.

Lewis, originally from New York, moved here after completing Project Otzma, a 10-month volunteer program for 100 North Americans aged 19 to 24. The program is subsidized by participating Federations throughout North America.

Like Weverman, also 24, Lewis had finished university and wanted to spend time abroad, preferably in Israel. Both said they lived "on the fringes" of organized Jewish youth groups during university, but felt a strong connection to Israel.

As part of Project Otzma, they lived on a kibbutz, worked in absorption centres and run-down neighborhoods, taught underprivileged children, and learned to make decisions for themselves.

"There was no one there telling you what to do all the time," said Weverman of her teaching experiences in a youth aliyah school outside Tel Aviv. "We got together ourselves and planned our lessons."

Weverman was one of six Project Otzma volunteers teaching English at the school, home to problem children in grades 9 to 12. She said the hands-off approach from above helped her develop confidence.

"I was teacher, friend, counsellor and mother to these kids — anything and everything," she said from her Toronto home. "I realized I'm capable of doing a lot more than I thought I was."

'I realized I'm capable of doing a lot more than I thought I was.'

Sheila Weverman

The Project Otzma experience also helped Weverman, a sociology graduate from the University of Toronto, realize she wants to teach. Currently working in the marketing department of a large insurance firm, she is tutoring English on a volunteer basis and hopes to apply to teachers' college.

Volunteering seems to be a natural outgrowth of Project Otzma. Peter Freedman, chair of the Toronto Otzma Committee, said the willingness to serve the home community is usually a consequence of selection to the program.

"There is no specific obligation [to volunteer back home]. We pick these people because we think they're driven to find obligations to take on."

Lewis is currently volunteering at a Thornhill elementary school, having studied elementary education at New York University. Like Weverman, she said she learned just as much as she taught on Project Otzma.

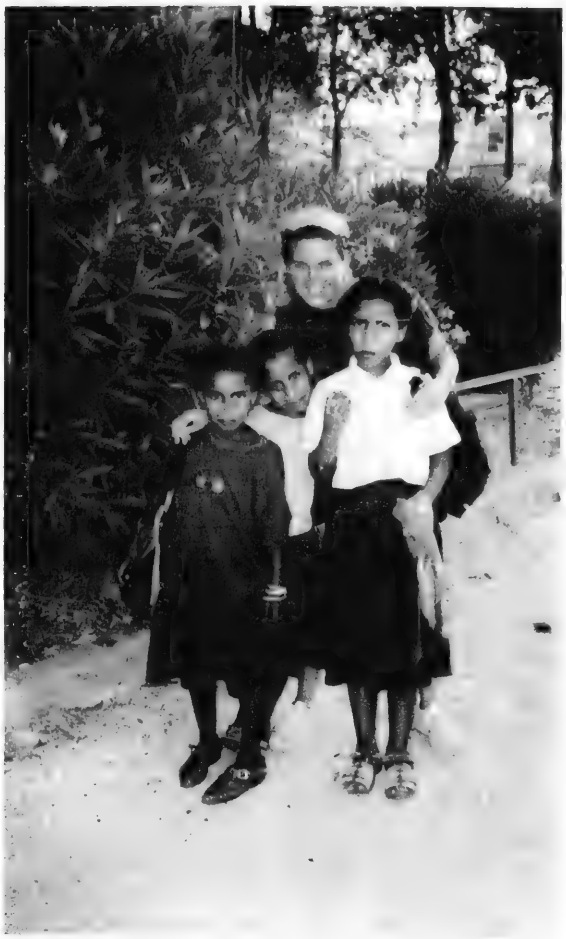
"I came back knowing more about Israel, about living in another culture, having learned Hebrew and feeling more responsible."

Among the responsibilities Lewis took on was rebuilding a playground at an Ethiopian absorption centre in Lod, New York City's Project Renewal sister neighborhood (Weverman spent two months in Eilat, Toronto's Project Renewal twin).

Lewis said after arriving at the centre she noticed the children had no equipment to play with. She and the other volunteers drew up a budget and presented it to visitors from their home Federation. They were given $150 in cash, enough to buy paint, tires and ropes for swings. It was built in a week.

"I never built anything before," said Lewis. "The kids were excited, the parents were grateful. You get really creative on the program."

Project Oztma is looking for similarly motivated applicants for this year's program, which runs from August 1994 to June 1995. Cost is $1600 (US) plus airfare. For more information contact Chaia Berkowitz at (416) 631-5661.



Kimberly Lewis at Mercaz Klita in Lod, New York's Project Renewal city.

Sheila Weverman working with grade 5 students in Eilat, Toronto's Project Renewal city.

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West Bank spokesman defends Yesha settlers

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — About one month ago, one of Toronto's largest synagogues, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) congregation, twinned itself with the West Bank community of Beit El.

Last week, one of that community's more prominent citizens and spokesmen, Yakov Katz, known affectionately to his friends as Ketzele (small cat), paid a visit to the Thornhill congregation to explain the situation facing the beleaguered settlers in the area known as Yesha — Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

In a recent interview the talk was tough and the rhetoric sometimes bitter. Settlers in Yesha, Katz told *The CJN*, feel as if they are being ignored and abandoned by the Labor government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He described Rabin as "the greatest liar of our generation," and he said government ministeries, once sympathetic to settlers' goals, "have closed their doors to us. There is so much hatred."

Under these circumstances, and with Arab murders of settlers increasing in the wake of the Sept. 13 handshake between Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat, the residents of Yesha have begun to reach out to Jewish communities around the world for both moral and financial support, Katz said.

A four-year veteran of an elite commando unit, Katz said he and former Israeli defence minister Ariel Sharon were in Toronto as part of a two-week North American visit that will see them address supporters in Seattle, Columbus, Ohio, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Miami.

"We are encouraging Canadian and American Jewry to help the people who are being ignored by their own government," said Katz, a former deputy housing minister under Sharon.

Katz said that in the four months prior to the historic handshake, no Jews were killed by Arab terrorists, but since then, 25 or more have been murdered, including residents of Beit El like Chaim Mizrachi.

Mizrachi was killed by an Arab merchant from whom he had been buying eggs for years, Katz said. Making the situation even more intolerable is the fact that the killer was associated with Arafat's Fatah wing of the PLO and was slated to become a policeman in the territories once Israeli forces withdrew, Katz said.

The kippah-clad Katz, who walks

Yakov Katz

with a cane as a result of serious leg and hip wounds he received in the Yom Kippur War, said the mood in Israel is turning away from the euphoria that greeted the peace accord. A majority of Israeli Jews now oppose it, he asserted.

Furthermore, Rabin is losing support from across the political spectrum. Even Labor-oriented people in settlements near Jericho and in the Golan Heights who had been reassured by Rabin when he was running for office that their communities were essential for security, now see that Rabin "lied" to get their votes. He held himself out as a tough right-winger but is now changing his tune, Katz said.

'Rabin is losing support'

The prime minister has refused to issue licenses to Jews to expand settlements in the territories, he continued. "Can you imagine that Jews were not allowed to build on Bathurst Street?" he asked. "It's the only place in the world that Jews are not allowed to build. It's even worse than under the British."

The settlements are suffering from a dropoff in government support, he added. Where once settlements received "everything we needed," now they face a government "work to rule" campaign, with authorities providing only the barest of necessities that are required by law.

Asked whether the opposition to the peace accord could ignite an inter-Jewish civil war, Katz said "we don't need a civil war to prevent Rabin from making mistakes." Rabin won't be able to remove the 150,000 Jews who reside in the territories and he can't abandon them, he said. And as for the Palestinians? There are minorities all over the world which do not exercise rights of sovereignty, he said.

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The Dec. 14 twinning agreement with Beit El is "a sign of solidarity with the residents of Yesha and the Golan," said Larry Zeifman, BAYT's chairman of the board.

The communities are similar in many ways, including size, youthfulness and religious approach, and BAYT's congregation is very sympathetic to the situation facing the residents of Beit El, he said. While so far BAYT is offering strictly moral support, there is room for more tangible manifestations of that support, he said.

Under consideration are a pen pal program which will see children writing to each other in Hebrew; visits to Beit El of BAYT members' children who are studying or visiting in Israel; and a possible synagogue trip to Israel, part of which will be spent in Beit El.

Asked whether the twinning arrangement stirred any controversy in the synagogue, Zeifman said "the support of the board was overwhelming and so far the support of the members has been overwhelming."

BEIT EL DATA:

- The settlement was established in 1977 by seven families; today it is home to 650 families with about 3,500 people.
- Beit El is located in the West Bank, between Ramallah and Nablus.
- The original settlers "were motivated by our right to come and to settle in the old places [where] our forefathers and kings used to live," Katz said.
- Most settlers in Beit El come out of the Bnai Akiva, religious Zionist, movement, Katz said.
- Katz, one of the settlement's founders, is also one of the founders of the Gush Emunim movement.

BBW/C's big on loonies for fundraising campaign

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An innovative year-long fundraising campaign geared to tough economic times will wind up at the end of March, when B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C) members send in their final batches of loonies. The money has been collected for the organization's Children's Home in Israel on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

For the campaign, entitled Share Your Love...Sharing Your Loonies, members received empty film canisters to be filled with loonies. Because of the recession, it was felt that collecting one-dollar coins would be "less painful than writing a cheque," said Penny Krowitz, BBW/C executive director.

As of early January, the campaign had brought in three-quarters of its goal, Krowitz said.

"We've had people who have filled eight canisters," Krowitz told *The CJN*. "Some women keep it in their purse or desk. Others keep it where their husbands empty their pockets at night."

One member requested that her family bring loonies instead of flowers or candies when they came to her house for Chanukah, Krowitz said. Together they contributed $350.

Benefits Children's Home

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Rae helps open doors to Mideast business

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Surrounded as he was by blue-chip Ontario business leaders, looking sombre and stern in their dark suits, the casual observer may have been forgiven for thinking Premier Bob Rae was about to experience another upbraiding for his economic policies here at home.

Instead, the province's first socialist leader was praised to the hilt by members of the business mission he led recently to Israel and Jordan.

Rae, who took over a dozen Ontario businesspeople to the Mideast to cash in on the opportunities peace in the region is hoped to present, "opened doors that otherwise would not have been opened for us," lauded Toronto architect Jack Diamond at a Queen's Park press conference last week. "He's an extremely good salesman."

Pat Palmer, president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce — not exactly a big Rae booster in the past — called the premier "our mascot," and said the trip generated headlines in Hebrew, Arabic and English newspapers throughout the area.

Although reluctant to place a total value on what was concluded during the 10-day mission, Rae told reporters that contracts signed between Ontario and Israeli businesses amount to "tens of millions of dollars."

As well, he said, the mission laid the groundwork for future mega-projects, such as a giant electric grid linking the entire region, transportation systems and new infrastructure investments to bring about the "reconstruction" of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The trip's showcase was the signing of a research and marketing agreement between Newbridge Networks of Kanata, Ont. and Tadiran Communications, Israel's leading telecommunications firm.

The agreement allows the companies to integrate Tadiran products into Newbridge systems, and vice-versa.

Although outside this trip, Rae was on hand in Jerusalem for the signing of a deal between Israel Aircraft Industries and Pratt & Whitney Canada, in which Israel will buy Canadian turbo engines, each costing over $1 million, for a series of new corporate jets.

Following a meeting with Micha Harish, Israel's industry and trade minister, Ontario also struck a deal to create direct channels for the exchange of information on business opportunities in Israel and to locate potential partners for high-tech and turnkey projects in Ontario, Israel and third countries.

There will also be a seminar for Israeli business leaders on doing business in Ontario.

Rae said Ontario invited delegations from the Middle East to visit the province in the coming months to continue talks on telecommunications, health care and potential water and sewage projects.

The bottom line for Rae is that Israel and Canada need a free trade agreement, and he said he's optimistic one will be signed. "I see no reason a Middle East at peace would not be as important an area for growth as Asia clearly now is," the premier remarked. "It's not a matter of ideology, but sheer common sense."

The premier also announced he has suggested that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat spend "at least a day or two" in Ontario during his forthcoming visit to Canada.

Jacques Gauthier, a Toronto lawyer who was on the trip, said Ontario and Israel agreed to build a theatre in Jerusalem that will show Imax films, and struck a coproduction deal to shoot an Imax movie using the Canadian technology. Both are scheduled to be ready by 1996 to coincide with celebrations marking Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary.

The deals are estimated at between $10 million and $15 million, Gauthier said.

On a personal note, Rae said one of the trip's highlights was when he went to a child care centre in Israel where children sang, in Hebrew and Arabic, a song written by the premier called *We're in the Same Boat Now*.

"It was a marvelous moment which I will never, ever forget," he said.

Rae told *The CJN* he and his wife, Arlene Perly Rae, went to the Nachum Goldmann Museum of the Diaspora and researched the Lithuanian town of Zidikai, where Perly Rae's mother and grandmother were born.

It was thumbs up at the signing of an agreement between Newbridge Networks of Kanata, Ont. and Tadiran, Israel's largest telecommunications firm, during the recent Ontario business mission to Israel and Jordan. With Premier Bob Rae are, from left, Israel Trade Minister Micha Harish, Peter Sommerer of Newbridge Networks and Gurion Meltzer of Tadiran.

Zundel TV show pulled off the air in Texas town

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With his trademark construction hardhat, his contemptuous vilification of Jews and his two trials for distributing a booklet that denied the Holocaust, Ernst Zundel has become a nationally-recognized symbol of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism.

While many Canadians have become fully aware of his message of Holocaust-denial and of the jury decisions that rejected it, Zundel in recent months appears to have taken his message to the United States in the hope of finding fertile ground.

It appears his message may be having some impact. A few weeks ago in El Paso, Texas, Jewish school administrator Marc Kramer was taken aback when his neighbor accused him of telling lies about the Holocaust. The neighbor, a middle-aged man of Hispanic descent, had "just seen a 'news program' on television that said the Holocaust had never taken place and that it was a propaganda creation of the world Jewish community," Kramer said in a telephone interview.

"The fact that it was on TV was enough for him to believe it," Kramer said. "Only after a great deal of discussion and arguing was I able to explain to him this curse of revisionism and that what he had seen was neo-Nazi propaganda."

Kramer, the 23-year-old director of the El Paso Hebrew Day School, joined Rabbi Stephen Leon of Congregation B'nai Zion, Sol Littman of the Canadian office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC) and representatives of the local Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Protestant churches to meet with the management and owners of KJLF television station to discuss their concerns about Zundel's show, the *Voice of Freedom*. The program was being aired once a week on Sunday at 4 p.m., reaching as many as one million homes. It contained items that suggested that Auschwitz was more of a recreation centre than a death camp, Kramer said.

The *Voice of Freedom* was the same program that Zundel had succeeded in getting aired for a short time on satellite broadcasters Showcase America and Keystone Communications. Both stations pulled the show after they were given information about Zundel and his neo-Nazi affiliations.

In El Paso, after negotiations that Kramer described as sometimes "emotional, with voices raised and accusations made," the station agreed to terminate broadcast of the shows as soon as the contract would allow. Altogether, seven episodes will have run when the agreement runs out, Kramer said, a far cry from the 52 that the station had the option of carrying.

Very few people in El Paso, including the station managers, had heard about Zundel before the controversy over the show erupted, Kramer said. But once it did, it became a front page story in the community of 750,000, being treated at first as a freedom of speech issue.

Littman said the Wiesenthal Centre "welcomed the opportunity to explain to station KJLF that the controversy surrounding the *Voice of Freedom* programs was not a matter of First Amendment rights, but of a community's commitment to truth and history."

He said the remaining shows will be preceded by a disclaimer saying the station did not agree with its contents and that the Holocaust did in fact take place. The station has also accepted an offer to air in the near future the SWC's documentary, *Genocide*.

Kramer said the involvement of Christian leaders in the meeetings with the station representatives was "essential" in leading to the reversal of the decision to air the shows. Their views carried weight with the station owners, who are "religious Christians," he said. Furthermore, "it did not appear they were being strong-armed by the Jewish community."

And as for his neighbor, Kramer said he has continued to watch the program but he no longer believes he lied to him. In fact, he now says he "can't believe the lies that are presented on the show."

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GAZA TENSION RUNNING HIGH

Palestinian women protest the continued detention of Hamas activists by Israel outside the PLO headquarters. The protest marks the latest incident in the Gaza Strip following the delays in the implementation of the Gaza/Jericho First accord. [Isranet photo]

Jeweller's alleged killer faces manslaughter charge

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO– A special unit of Austrian police used a stun grenade and commando-like tactics when they rushed into an apartment at 1:40 in the morning to arrest manslaughter suspect Alex Yaari, an Ontario criminal court was told last week.

A native of Russia, Yaari is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death on July 9, 1991 of jeweller Michael Kleinberg, as well as the robbery of diamonds and jewelry from Samuel Kleinberg Jewellery, located in Lawrence Plaza on Toronto's Bathurst Street strip.

searched Yaari's jacket and found 30 rings in a transparent plastic bag in an inside pocket.

"Three other possible gold rings lying on a table" were also seized, Hess said.

Hess was one of several Austrian police officers who testified last week at Yaari's trial. He told the eight-man, four-woman jury that they received information that Yaari, who also faced Austrian charges for robbery, was in the apartment of Serge Brodkin.

Brodkin, a Russian who lives in Vienna, earlier testified that he had helped Yaari sell some gems to a Viennese jeweller. Speaking through a Russian-language interpreter, Brodkin said that later, on Dec. 5, 1991, he was severely assaulted by Yaari.

Werner Windich, an officer of the security police department of Lower Austria, said he saw Brodkin in hospital afterwards and "his head was in plaster" with openings only around the nose and eyes.

The trial continues.

Rings found

Police used an "irritation device" that resulted in a loud bang and created a brilliant flash of light, Austrian police officer Josef Hess told court. Shortly after entering the apartment about 30 seconds later, Hess said he

Neo-Nazi gets jail for assault with chain

OTTAWA — An Ottawa neo-Nazi has been sentenced to 45 days in jail and three years probation for his part in a brawl in which he struck an anti-racist activist repeatedly with a chain.

Twenty-four-year-old Daniel Roussel was part of a group of neo-Nazis who fought with police and anti-racists after a skinhead rock concert last May.

The attack was captured on videotape and broadcast on an Ottawa television station.

As Roussel was led away to jail, two skinheads in the court gave the Nazi salute.

Roussel had pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm. The victim of the attack suffered cuts and bruises.

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Ariel Sharon

In a land of passionate politics, few figures in Israel arouse as much passion as warrior-statesman Ariel Sharon. Known for his hard-line views, Sharon now stands at the forefront of a worldwide campaign to rally Jews against the September peace accord signed with the PLO, which he feels spells mortal danger for the Jewish state and Jews everywhere, and an equally forceful drive to raise cash for embattled Jewish settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Born in 1928 in the farming village of Kfar Malal, near Tel Aviv, Sharon joined the pre-state Hagana at the age of 14. Rising steadily through the military ranks after independence, Sharon attained the rank of general and is a veteran of every campaign in modern Israel's history.

Elected to the Knesset just after the 1973 war, in which he had led troops to within 100 km of Cairo, Sharon soon resigned to act as Commander of Sinai, But he returned to politics in the late 1970s and joined Likud.

As Minister of Defence in 1982, Sharon led Israel's invasion of Lebanon. He was dismissed from the post after an Israeli commission of inquiry did not completely absolve Israel of blame for the massacre of 460 Arabs at the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in Beirut.

But Sharon bounced back to become Minister of Housing from 1990 to 1992, during which period he aggressively expanded Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Sharon again made headlines earlier this month when he declared publicly that he intends to seek the Likud leadership and the prime minister's job, primarly because he feels leader Benjamin Netanyahu has failed to arouse opposition to the peace accord.

Sharon launched a 10-city, 10-day North American blitz last week in Toronto, where he inveighed against the accord in front of a synagogue audience of 2,000 and called for donations to settlers. His visit was sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Yesha, the council that represents Jewish settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

He was interviewed by The CJN*'s Ron Csillag.*

CJN: *What do you think Israel faces in the short- and long-terms?*

Sharon: In the short term we can expect an increase in terror by the various terrorist organizations. The main assumption of the government by signing the Declaration of Principles with one terrorist organization — one Palestinian terrorist organization out of 15 — [was] that this terrorist organization would act against the others. Israel signed the Declaration of Principles with the PLO. Within the PLO, the Fatah group, commanded directly by Yasser Arafat, accepted it, but even they are participating in terror. Meanwhile, there is an agreement between the Hamas terrorist organization and the Fatah terrorist organization not to fight each other and that Hamas is going to participate in the Palestinian establishment.

All our intelligence agencies have been warning in recent weeks that there will be an increase in terror and that Arafat himself — a war criminal according to every criteria — though he might prefer quiet in Gaza and Jericho, would like terror to increase in other places or within Israel's pre-1967 boundaries. And that is the result of his understanding that Jewish communities in Israel are very sensitive to casualties and once more casualties are inflicted on the Jewish population, the pressure by the population on the government to make further concessions will become greater, and the government would make further concessions.

As a matter of fact, we hear from time to time the term compromise. Since the beginning of negotiations with the PLO terrorist organization, Arafat has not made the slightest concession. In their eyes, compromise is when the PLO accepts Israeli concessions.

So in the short term, I see a deterioration in security and many casualties and bloodshed.

In further develoments, it's hard to see. In the next election, [scheduled for 1996 at the latest], this issue of a peace agreement will be the major issue. If Labor is re-elected, it means people do support this line. But if a Likud government is elected, it will mean the majority of Jews in the country do not support the agreement with the PLO terrorist organization. I think what will happen is a newly-elected government will have to act according to the wish and will of the people. That's exctly the meaning of democracy.

I think it's a mistake to look at the problems of the Middle East as [those] between Palestinians and Jews. That is one of the problems, but not the most important one. There are several basic problems in the Middle East. One is the basic hatred of the Arab world toward Jews and Israel. We do not see even the slightest change in Arab attitudes [on this]. We don't even see the slightest wish or desire for conciliation with the state of Israel. That's the most dangerous thing.

Next year, it will be 15 years since we signed the [Camp David] agreement with Egypt. Take a look at the cartoons in their newspapers. The Nazi [newspaper] *Der Sturmer* could have learned from them; how they describe Israel and Israeli leaders — not only Begin and Shamir in the past, but Rabin and this leftist government now.

Then of course, the second problem is the arms race in the Middle East. Arabs are building tremendous military strength. The suppliers are the United States, Europe, the various former communist countries, the former Soviet Union, China, North Korea. We speak about conventional and non-conventional weapons. Who would have thought that a small country like Syria would have 5,000 tanks? They just now purchased 1,000 modern tanks. Syria has more than 1,000 surface-to-surface missiles, half of which are short range — up to 80 kilometres. The rest are Scud-B and Scud-C, with ranges of 300 and

500 kilometres [respectively]. And that's only Syria. Egypt is building the largest, most modern air force in the Middle East. And they also have 1,000 tanks. That's a very dangerous situation.

CJN: *Are they preparing for war?*

Sharon: (Pauses). I don't think it's important [whether] they are preparing for war, because words and even intentions are unimportant. What *is* important is their capabilities. What they *might* do is what's really important. I personally believe the peace negotiations should have been used as a lever to stop the arms race.

The third problem is more complicated: how to equalize military strength between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Then we have the problem of Palestinian terror. This terror started more than 120 years ago. My grandfather faced this terror, my parents [did] all their lives, myself, my sons, who are two young reserve officers, faced this problem. I know families that have faced this problem for five, six generations. It's not only the number of casualties we suffer; Palestinian terror has been the cause of most of the wars in the Middle East in the past 45 years.

And then we have another major problem in the Middle East: Palestinian refugees of the war in 1948. When they left, they were close to 1 million. At the same time, Israel absorbed 1 million Jews from Arab countries and despite the difficulties, they were all integrated. The Arabs never wanted to integrate or solve the problem of refugees because it was a tool in the struggle against Israel. This problem should be solved within the Arab countries.

Arafat is saying — and it's the only thing we can trust [him about] — that he will establish a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and will bring in hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Palestinian refugees. That would create only tension, bloodshed and war.

Even if we sign agreements with more Arab countries, I'm afraid as a result of the terror we would face and the counter-measures we would have to take, it would bring tension between Israel and Arab countries. We would have to react; they would not be able to sit and watch. Altogether, it was a mistake to go along these lines. A major mistake.

CJN: *Do you see anything positive in the Sept. 13 accord?*

Sharon: Nothing. (Pauses). Just nothing. From a moral point of view, Israel signed an agreement with a man who, according to any criteria, is a war criminal. I don't know of any other man since the Nazis who has so much civilian Jewish blood on his hands [than Arafat]. It will be very hard in the future for Jews to fight anti-Semitism and to take steps against war criminals because people will say, "Look, your own government signed an agreement with a war criminal."

From a practical point of view, we did not sign this Declaration of Principles with the Palestinian people; we signed with one terrorist organization. And then they'll say that by accepting this idea that areas in the land of Israel are *Judenrein* (cleansed of Jews), and by agreeing with Arafat, Jews will not be able to live in Hebron, Shiloh or Beit El. Altogether, the day might come when anti-Semites in Brooklyn or Toronto will say, "Jews cannot live here." And Jews will say, "But we have a constitution." In our own country, a Jewish government and Jewish prime minister have decided that Jews cannot live in certain places.

So when the Yesha people struggle, the struggle is not only to defend the boundaries of Israel — and they are the last barriers we have against withdrawal to the pre-'67 boundaries — but I think it's a struggle of all Jews around the world once they decide to stand on their right to live wherever they want to live. I don't see anything good in this agreement.

CJN: *Does Likud have an alternative to the peace plan?*

Sharon: Look, in the Likud there were two approaches from the beginning. One I represented and the other was represented by others. I always said the only existing Palestinian state is Jordan, and we have to negotiate *only* with this exisiting Palestinian state. I was against [Palestinian] autonomy from the beginning [because] I said that sooner or later, it would lead to a *second* Palestinian state. As a matter of fact, I stayed in the minority [on this view]. Then came the autonomy plan, though Mr. Begin never saw that would lead to what's happened. Even Mr. Shamir never thought the day would come [when] he would see the establishment of a Palestinian state. And this autonomy, which is entirely different than the autonomy the Likud spoke of, will lead to a second Palestinian state.

In new elections, I believe the process will be stopped and there will be a different line. If a new [Likud] government accepts my point of view that negotiations should be with Jordan, then there will be one line. If a new Likud government decides to continue with the autonomy concept, to avoid establishment of a second Palestinian state, they would have to take one major decision: that autonomy would not include the entire area [now under the accord's term] and would not include areas or zones now inhabited by Jews [or] which are settled on strategically important terrain. Certain security areas would not be under autonomy and, let's say, a certain number of strategic roads which connect the coastal plane to the Jordan River, and which are used by a major part of the Jewish population, would be out of an autonomy plan. So you can, at least, partly avoid the danger of a second Palestinian state.

CJN: *A few weeks ago, right here in Toronto, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said he would honor the deal if he formed a government, but not "unilaterally." A few days ago, he said he would not the honor the deal at all. There seems to be some confusion within Likud.*

Sharon: It's not in the Likud. I think *he* [Netanyahu] has confusions. One cannot carry on the policies of a major opposition party according to daily polls; it would be a lie. So I think that [Netanyahu's statements] caused a lot of damage, the fact that one day, he thinks one way and the other day, another way. One day, it's no withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the next day, it's a withdrawal of centimetres. All that does, of course, does increase doubt. But these are things we'll have to overcome.

CJN: *Will you challenge Mr. Netanyahu for the Likud leadership?*

Sharon: If I believe it will be in Israel's interest, I'll do it. It depends very much on what will happen ... on whether Likud will be able to overcome its difficulties. If Likud is not able to overcome its difficulties, it will be a different situation. It's not a personal issue. I did not participate in the primaries [for Likud leader] a year-and-a-half ago. But facing the present dangers, maybe I'll decide to do it. In any case, I've made my intentions clear.

CJN: *Why do you think the government insists on moving ahead with the peace plan's implementation so quickly?*

Sharon: They're trying to correct some of their major mistakes. It's unbelievable. A lawyer — a beginner — would not have these mistakes. It was carelessness, lack of national responsibility. [Negotiators] did not have the experience. They did not know the area, the terrain. They didn't know the "small" things. There are 82,000 Jewish children in Samaria and Judea. Small things, the security of children! Or how women will be able to drive to work or walk at night or whether a PLO man dressed as a policeman will be able to stop a Jewish car, when people don't if he's a terrorist.

Negotiators were speaking to these terrorists in Oslo for months [but] never bothered themselves to see the area they were speaking about! So they have problems now. In my opinion, all that should not have been.

Still work to do on Israel/PLO deal

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel and PLO delegates last week began the painstaking task of comparing their separate drafts for an accord on withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Israel also quietly acknowledged that last month's talks in Cairo did not include a Palestinian commitment.

Israel had initially tried to press the PLO to draft an agreement based on what Jerusalem said were understandings reached in Cairo by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the PLO's Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen).

Nonetheless, one Israeli source said that "from our point of view, the disputes have been resolved. We now just have to agree on how to phrase this in a formal agreement."

The PLO has rejected this approach. The delegation denies any commitment to an agreement on such issues, as control of border crossings, the size of Jericho and security arrangements in Gaza. Instead, PLO delegates have tried to portray Israel as negotiating in bad faith.

The two delegations established a committee to review the drafts and define areas of agreement, but delegates dismissed reports of progress on resolving their major points of dispute.

"The situation is not simple," said Israeli delegation spokesman Ami Gluska. "We have not concluded anything."

"We have been discussing principles, not details," said Mohammed Dahlan of the PLO delegation.

The Israeli delegation waited more than a day for a PLO response to its latest proposals, which include a map of the Jericho self-rule enclave.

Unlike during the earlier talks at Taba, officials have not tried to portray the negotiations as harmonious.

PLO delegation chairman Nabil Sha'ath reiterated that the talks could be completed within three weeks and suggested that Israel would be blamed for failure to meet his deadline.

"I cannot predict whether the Israeli party is ready to do this," Sha'ath said. "Many statements from the Israeli party have shown that they are not ready to finish in three weeks."

Sha'ath sounded much more positive than the Israelis, reporting "excellent, very rapid" progress on issues related to handover of civilian aspects of government in the autonomous zones.

Sha'ath was also intent on proving his claims that the talks in Cairo did not constitute an agreement. He has been angered by the insistence of some of the Israeli delegates not to discuss substantial change on the issues the Israelis claim were agreed to in Cairo.

A senior Israeli source confirmed that the Cairo talks did not constitute a clear commitment.

"The papers [drafted in Cairo] dealt with some of the issues and they were called understandings," he said. "There was no agreement, nothing signed. But we can't dismiss the understandings."

Israeli government decisions null and void, rabbi asserts

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel's former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said last Sunday that observant Jews should "certainly not heed" laws passed by the Knesset if the laws were not passed by a majority of Jewish MKs.

Rabbi Goren's comments came during an interview in which he was explaining the significance of his most recent halachic opinion, to be published in about three weeks by the Rabbinical Forum in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

In this opinion, Rabbi Goren rules that according to Halacha, the Rabin government's decisions are null and void because the government is dependent on the votes of Arab MKs.

Although Rabbi Goren has said similar things in the past, this is the first time he has cited rabbinic sources to support this view, including citations from such halachic sources as Maimonides and Nachmanides.

Furthermore, in this newest opinion, Rabbi Goren says any law passed by the Knesset on the strength of Arab MKs — not just those that deal with the peace process or the settlements — is null and void.

Rabbi Eliezer Melamed, the head of the rabbinical forum, said this opinion is more "far-reaching" than Rabbi Goren's previous one on soldiers disobeying orders to uproot Jewish settlements.

After he made that ruling last month, there were calls to to indict him for sedition, but no charges were filed (see News in Brief).

Rabbi Shlomo Goren

Murder trial delayed

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Jerusalem District Court last Sunday postponed for three weeks the trial of the accused killers of Jason (Yehoshua) Friedberg, the Montreal native murdered by Arab terrorists last March, and of three others, after parents of two of the victims physically attacked and injured the defendants in court.

Jawad, Mohammed and Ibrahim Shamansa are charged with killing Friedberg as well as Lior Tubul, Ronen Karamani and Rafi Doron.

When the accused were led into the courtroom, the parents of Tubul and Karamani yelled out "Murderers! You murdered our children!" and began beating them.

A melee ensued in which two of the accused suffered light head injuries and several policemen suffered scratches.

Police had difficulty restoring order and it was nearly half an hour before the hearing could continue.

The defendants are accused of murdering hitchhiking teenagers Tubul and Karamani in Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood in August, 1990; of murdering taxi driver Doron in October 1990; and of killing ex-Montrealer Friedberg, a member of the elite Golani brigade whose body was discovered last spring on the road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Jason Friedberg

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Thurs	20	RSP Eligibility Seminar	State of Israel Bonds	7:30 pm	North York Performing Arts Centre
Tue	25	Regional Executive Meeting	Canadian Jewish Congress	6:00 pm	Lipa Green Building
Thurs	27	Community Tu B'Shevat Celebration	Jewish National Fund	7:30 pm	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
Sun	30	Tu B'Shevat Telethon	Jewish National Fund	9:30 am	Inn on the Park
FEBRUARY					
Tue	1	Rabbi Irwin Kula: "Judaism Towards the 21st Century"	Canadian Friends of Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Tue	1	* Lecture - Rabbi Steven Saltzman: "The Book of Job"	JCC Institute for Jewish Learning	8:00 pm	JCC North "Y" - 4588 Bathurst St.
Thurs	3	Jewish Arts Directory Launch	Jewish Fed. of Greater Tor./JCC/Ministry of Culture	8:00 pm	JCC Bloor "Y" - 750 Spadina Ave.
Sun	6	"David & Judy" Children's Concert	Can. Friends of Hebrew Univ.- New Leadership	3:00 pm	Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Wed	9	Women for Science Program	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute, Women for Science/Rotman Research Institute	8:00 pm	Park Plaza Hotel
Sun	13	Fashion Show	Toronto Hadassah-WIZO - Tamid Chapter	7:00 pm	York Mills Corporate Centre
Tue	15	* Lecture - "Chassidim: A Movement of Religious Revival & Revolution"	JCC Institute for Jewish Learning	6:30 pm	JCC North "Y" - 4588 Bathurst St.
Thurs	17	Panel Discussion - AIDS Awareness Evening	Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am	8:00 pm	Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am
Sat	19	Shabbat of Remembrance for the Jewish Community Forced to Remain in Syria	Canadian Jewish Congress - Task Force for Syrian Jewry	9:00 am	All Synagogues in Canada
Sun & Mon	20, 21	Prof. Development Conf. for All Individuals in Jewish Education	CAJE Canada	8:00 am	York University
Sun	27	Lecture Brunch: Dr. David Goldberg	Beit Halochem - New Leadership	11:00 am	Leah Posluns Studio Theatre
Mon	28	* Lecture - Rabbi Mark Dratch: "Sinners & Saints"	JCC Institute for Jewish Learning	7:30 pm	JCC North "Y" - 4588 Bathurst St.
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World

Summit regenerates Syrian peace process

By ALON PINKAS
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — If Israel expected an unequivocal statement from Syrian President Hafez al-Assad elaborating on the essence of peace, it did not get one. But if the Israeli-Syrian peace process was stalemated, the Clinton-Assad summit regenerated it.

On previous occasions, Assad repeatedly expressed Syria's willingness to establish "full peace" in exchange for full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. That implied that the Israeli-Egyptian precedent should be applied. But Assad never provided the Anwar Sadat sense for drama, nor emulated Sadat's Jerusalem trip, crucial to overcoming psychological suspicions and real security considerations.

This is partly attributable to Assad's political style. But it also has to do with an underlying trend of contemporary Syrian policy — that the Golan Heights is not Assad's top priority. His priorities are improving relations with the United States, which would generate foreign investments into an ailing Syrian economy depleted by low oil prices; removal from the U.S. list of terror sponsors; and maintaining control of Lebanon, the last remnant of "Greater Syria."

If achieving these goals requires a flexible approach to the peace process, Assad will play along. Thus, he is interested in the by-products of the peace process rather than a piece of real estate. Assad does not want to be remembered as the leader who irretrievably lost the Golan, but even more, he fears losing hegemonic aspirations in the Arab world.

Parity with Israel, Assad realized, is no longer viable after the disintegration of the Soviet Union. The superpower umbrella has ceased to exist. Peace has become Syria's strategic priority, peace with the world's only existing global power, the United States.

Assad, an astute observer of world and regional politics, applied his strategy in the Gulf War, when he dispatched units to the U.S.-led allied force. Assad does not think that war with Israel is viable or prudent, but he believes in a regional military balance.

At the summit, Assad gained the Americans' full understanding that Syria remains the key to a comprehensive settlement. More importantly, he reverted the process to Kissinger-style shuttle diplomacy which will commence shortly. He gained the respect of the United States, and at the same time put Israel in a predicament.

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Jerusalem shopping centre caters to Orthodox clientele

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There is a boutique near the central bus station here, the Jeans Club, that is doing a flourishing business these days after floundering for the past couple of years.

But anyone searching for a pair of jeans had better look elsewhere, because for the past year the Jeans Club has not sold a single pair of pants.

In fact, there is not a pair of jeans for sale in the entire shopping centre where the store is located.

Long-sleeved blouses have replaced tank tops. Long, modest skirts have displaced minis.

Since last January, the entire Center 1 Mall, a hub of 40 shops, has devoted itself solely to a fervently religious clientele. And business has never been better.

"The vast majority of women who shop here now are religious, so we cater to them," says store manager Irit Harnoy matter-of-factly.

Built by the Yona hotel chain in 1987, Center 1 was originally designed to attract a wide range of customers, religious and secular, Jewish and Arab, in this busy section of the city, says Avi Ben-Arush, the shopping mall's manager.

"It did for a while," says Ben-Arush. "But then business slowed down."

"Part of the problem was the intifada," says the mall's sole Arab storekeeper, who runs a large souvenir shop. "The centre has always relied heavily on tourists, and the intifada has hurt the tourist industry.

"We also used to have a lot of wealthy Arabs from, say, Bethlehem, who would come to the mall and spend a lot of money," he says.

"Those days have been over for a long time," the shopowner says.

"We knew we needed to find a niche in the market, something special," recalls Ben-Arush. "The centre sits between a number of very religious neighborhoods, so it seemed like a natural choice."

Once the decision to change was made, management had to figure out exactly how to go about it, he says.

"We wanted the mall to have a certain atmosphere so that religious shoppers would feel comfortable here," he says. "On the other hand, we did not want to drive away secular customers.

"Finding the balance hasn't always been easy," he concedes.

Three women's sportswear stores that would have had no future vacated the premises, as did a cosmetics salon.

Then all the centre's eateries underwent the strictest possible kashrut conversion.

Now, a quadruplex movie theater, one of the newest in Jerusalem, is about to be transformed into a wedding hall that will cater to the Orthodox community.

While the manager maintains that "no one was forced out, we did have to make a deal" with some storeowners before they would leave, he says.

Jerusalem City Councilman Ornan Yekutieli, a former deputy mayor and a proponent of the rights of the capital's secular residents, has less sanguine recollections.

"When the process started, many of the shopowners were forced to leave. In one case, the owner of a women's clothing and lingerie shop arrived at the mall and found her store's window covered with newspapers," he recalls.

"There was also pressure on people who didn't play the right kind of music," he says.

The music "used to be David Bowie. Now there's a lot of classical music and show tunes," says Efrat Cohen, a young, jeans-clad waitress at the Ne'eman Cafe.

But the change does not bother her, she says. "I really like the religious community. They're good customers. If the food is good, they say so."

Not everyone shopping at the mall is observant.

"It's convenient for me to come here" for a bite to eat, says a soldier at the Ne'eman Cafe. But, she says, she does her shopping elsewhere.

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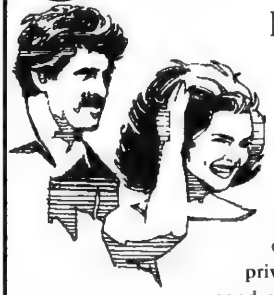

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Christians, Jews talk in Germany

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Christians must "clean up" their skewed view of Judaism, says a Protestant theologian from Germany who's deeply involved in German-Jewish dialogue forums.

Distortions and canards about Judaism remain systemic despite efforts by such groups to dispel them, declared Paul-Gerhard Aring.

All too often, he said in an interview, "Christian piety" rests on a foundation of anti-Jewish prejudice.

Negative references to Judaism abound in the New Testament, and some Christians still believe that Jews crucified Jesus, added Aring, the former director of the Melanchton Academy, an adult education institute in Cologne.

Christian-Jewish dialogue groups in Germany have created a climate of trust and co-operation between Germans and Jews, he said.

And since 1950, nearly 2,000 books about Jews and Judaism have been published in Germany.

Nevertheless, Aring warned, there is still a "terrible ignorance" about Jews and Judaism among Germans.

Aring, who currently teaches biblical Hebrew and Judaic studies at Klaipeda University in Lithuania, said there are simply not enough Jewish scholars and teachers in Germany today to carry on a dialogue with Germans.

"We need the help and co-operation of Jews."

Suggesting that Christians should seek a "new relationship" with Jews based on mutual respect, Aring noted that the recent decision by Israel and the Vatican to establish diplomatic relations represents one step toward better Christian-Jewish ties.

Aring, 67, made his remarks following a luncheon at the home of Roland Fournes, Germany's consul-general in Toronto.

Later, Aring delivered a lecture at Adath Israel Congregation. Its former spiritual leader, Cologne-born Rabbi Erwin Schild, is friends with Aring, whom he met during a study trip to Germany some years ago.

Aring and his wife, Ursula, are translating Rabbi Schild's book, *World Through My Window*, a collection of sermons, into German.

According to Rabbi Schild, Aring believes, firstly, that Christians are theologically obliged to maintain contact with Jews, and, secondly, that Christians cannot really understand their faith unless they engage in dialogue with "Jesus and his Jews."

Aring is associated with the Society for Christian-Jewish Co-operation, based in Frankfurt.

He is also a member of the German-Israel Society, and has visited Israel 10 times.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

GASNER

Leon Gasner of Toronto reports that research into the family name discloses a bit of family history from Spain, Holland and Poland. While this migratory pattern is a familiar one, the surname does not appear to be of Spanish, Dutch or Polish origin. It appears rather to emanate from the German or Yiddish hausner (house owner). The aspirate 'h' yields to the hard 'g' in the Slavic alphabet like Halpern to Galpern.

OK BLUE JAYS

When Shirley Levene of Kitchener, Ont., visited Israel recently, she brought along a special memento: a pennant of the Toronto Blue Jays. While visiting Canada Centre in Metulla, on Israel's northern border, she had the opportunity to present it to the local people. Canada Centre is the recreation centre built by the UIA of Canada. From left: Clary Lishansky, assistant to Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg, Carol Hasdai, secretary of Canada Centre, and Shirley Levene. [Reuven Rosenfelder photo]

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World

Former Bonds CEO Rosenne sought for financial advice

NEW YORK (JTA) — After raising more than $1 billion (U.S.) for Israel for the third year in a row, it shouldn't be a surprise that representatives of foreign governments have asked Meir Rosenne for advice.

Rosenne, who is returning to Israel this month after five years as chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds, said the president of the Ukraine wanted help in setting up an effort to raise capital from the Ukrainian diaspora.

Other approaches have come from Hungary and Poland, Rosenne said in an interview.

In 1993, Israel Bonds sold $1.068 billion (U.S.) worth of bonds, half in the United States and another 10 percent in Canada. This compares with $753 million in 1989, the first year Rosenne, a former ambassador to Washington, held the post.

In the past five years, Rosenne has kept the organization's expenses to $41 million, in part by closing 15 offices in the United States and laying off more than 200 people around the world.

Rosenne attributed sales growth to the desire of world Jewry to help Israel finance the needs of the half-million Jews from the former Soviet Union who have already arrived in Israel, and the hundreds of thousands more who are expected to come.

Under his direction, Israel Bonds issued new notes that appealed to American investors because of their relatively high rates at a time when

Meir Rosenne

general interest rates were plunging to lowest level in decades.

One consequence was that some in Jerusalem began to ask about the value of the bonds and their cost, particularly as American loan guarantees made available up to $10 billion in low-cost capital.

Rosenne retorted that as helpful as the loan guarantees are, there is a political risk to them.

He noted that the United States has indicated that it will withhold more than $437 million from the $2 billion in guarantees scheduled for this year, to reflect Israeli spending in the territories.

Still, the Israeli Finance Ministry, which determines what bonds are available for the organization to sell, was not willing to pay too high a price to break 1992's record sales of $1.167 billion. This year the bonds organization was asked to sell only $1 billion worth.

Rosenne also noted that the 2,500 fund-raising functions the bonds organization sponsors each year in 26 countries serve a purpose in their own right, bringing Jews together "to hear reports about what is going on in Israel."

This side of State of Israel Bonds was highlighted in a recent Knesset debate, when it was discovered that Knesset Member Gideon Patt had not been seen in the country for six weeks. It turned out that he had been speaking first for the Jewish National Fund in Australia, and later for Israel Bonds.

"These trips by Knesset members are not vacation tours, not at all," said Rosenne. "They work quite hard."

He said some Knesset members refuse to speak, complaining that they "have absolutely no time to visit the museum or do anything else."

Speakers for Israel Bonds receive airfare and hotel accommodations, but not fees. In the United States, said Rosenne, government officials and other prominent speakers can easily earn $50,000 for one speech.

SHAMIR PROTESTS

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, flanked by bodyguard wearing sunglasses, holds sign saying "bring security back to the people," at a protest last month against the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. Shamir says the accord is a big mistake that will lead to Israel's destruction. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Norwegian peace negotiator Holst was go-between for Israel-PLO deal

OSLO (JTA) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Holst, 56, a chief architect of the secret negotiations in Oslo that led to the Israeli-Palestinian accord, died last Thursday in a Norwegian hospital.

The statesman had suffered a stroke Dec. 16. Doctors said he had been suffering from exhaustion and probably died of a second stroke.

Holst was responsible for organizing at least 13 rounds of the so-called back-channel talks between Israel and the PLO during which the longtime arch-enemies hammered out a mutual recognition pact and self-rule accord.

After the clandestine talks were concluded in the Norwegian capital, Holst confessed that he had hardly slept during the weeks the negotiations took place.

Because of his strenuous efforts in the peace process, Holst was nominated last week for the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

Holst's death elicited expressions of great sadness by both Israel and the PLO.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres praised Holst as the man who made the accord possible.

"Minister Holst was a statesman with a true commitment and dedication to peace who relentlessly worked to promote the political process in the Middle East with wisdom, dignity

Johan Holst

and untiring devotion," Peres said.

"The people of Israel share with the people of Norway the great sense of grief and bereavement over the loss of a man who symbolized for so many the banner of peace and hope. We will continue to work unceasingly to fulfill his legacy," he added.

"This is a big loss," said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in a message from Tunis. "We lost with his early departure one of the sincerest friends of the Palestinian people."

PLO officials said they would name a main road and a square after Holst in the West Bank town of Jericho, which, along with the Gaza Strip, will attain Palestinian self-rule under terms of the accord he helped broker.

Holst's wife, Marianne Heiberg, a Middle East scholar, had also played a role in the secret negotiations. The two were often credited with providing a warm, easygoing atmosphere in which the Israeli and Palestinian teams could get to know one another personally before settling down to the more difficult task of working out an accord.

On Sept. 10, Holst personally delivered to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a letter from Arafat in which the PLO chairman said the PLO "recognizes the right of Israel to exist in peace and security."

On that day, Rabin signed in Holst's presence a second letter saying the Jewish state regarded the PLO as "the representative of the Palestinian people."

The two letters formed the basis of the mutual recognition accord.

Holst, a former Norwegian defense minister, became foreign minister last April.

He was reportedly criticized for getting overly involved in details and for preferring behind-the scenes diplomacy.

Canadian diplomat meets PLO hardliners

OTTAWA — Canada's top Mideast diplomat will soon hold talks with his Israeli counterparts, after meeting last weekend with hardline Palestinian representatives.

Marc Perron, assistant deputy minister for Africa and the Middle East, is expected to meet in the coming weeks with Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and with Yossi Hadass, Israel's delegate to the multilateral negotiations on Mideast refugees, chaired by Canada.

In Damascus last Saturday, Perron held talks with George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberal of Palestine (PFLP), and with Nayaf Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Both leaders reject the Israel-PLO accord and reflect the most radical elements in the Palestinian world.

Diplomats said the talks, requested by Perron, were the first public contact between a Western representative and Palestinian rejectionists.

In the past few weeks, Perron has been laying the groundwork for the next session on the refugee working group, expected this spring.

Habash repeated his rejection of the Gaza-Jericho plan because "it does not respond to the minimum rights of the Palestinian people," a PFLP spokesperson said after the meeting.

Canada should pressure Israel to respond to United Nations resolutions on the Middle East, the spokesperson added.

Perron is scheduled to hold talks with leaders in the West Bank, Gaza and Egypt, said Foreign Affairs ministry spokesman Rodney Moore.

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The News in Brief

No to Zhirinovsky: CJC

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has written federal immigration minister Sergio Marchi requesting that any application to visit Canada by Russian ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky be denied. "Mr. Zhirinovsky's outrageous statements, racism and anti-Semitism would make his presence unacceptable to all Canadians," wrote CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose. In the past few weeks, Zhirinovsky has been expelled from Bulgaria and refused admission to Germany and Romania.

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Aliyah From North America Up

NEW YORK — In 1993, 3,957 Jews from the United States and Canada immigrated to Israel, nearly a 40 percent increase over the 2,900 who made aliya in 1992, according to aliya officials. About half of those immigrants were from the greater New York area, 316 were from Los Angeles, 144 from Toronto, 86 from Montreal, 43 from Vancouver and the rest from other, largely urban areas. Yossi Kucik, director of the Israel Aliya Center for the World Zionist Organization in New York, noted that the 1993 figures come on top of a similar increase from 1991 to 1992. He said he believed the trend would continue. "We could quite easily see 10,000 people a year making aliya" from North America, he said.

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Tourism to Israel Up Too

JERUSALEM — A record 1,652,000 tourists visited Israel in 1993, a nine per cent increase over the previous year, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Of these, about 1,376,400 came by air, with 19,300 arriving by sea, and another 256,500 by land. Another 290,400 visitors came on cruises, a drop of two per cent from 1992.

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Rabbi Norman Frimer Dies

NEW YORK — Rabbi Norman Frimer, the Toronto-born administrator of the national Hillel campus organization system in the U.S., died here recently. He was 77. Rabbi Frimer was also a former director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany. Although born in Toronto, he grew up in Chicago. Rabbi Frimer was a professor of rabbinics and Holocaust literature at Brooklyn College until 1975. At that campus, he also served as Hillel director from 1952 to 1967. At the same time, he served as the regional director of New York's 15 Hillel chapters and went on to become international Hillel director from 1976 to 1978.

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'Copter Crash Kills Four

TEL AVIV — Israel was reeling last week after the death of the military officer in charge of the West Bank. Maj.-Gen. Nechemia Tamari, head of the Israel Defence Force's Central Command, died along with three other officers in a helicopter crash early last Wednesday. Tamari, 45, was the highest-ranking officer to die in the line of duty in nearly a dozen years. Also killed were Tamari's aide and two air force captains. The army ruled out sabotage, saying the crash was caused by bad weather.

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Goren Shouldn't Be Charged

JERUSALEM — Shlomo Goren, Israel's former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi and chief military chaplain, should not be prosecuted for urging soldiers to disregard orders to evacuate Jewish settlements in the territories, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decided this month. Ben-Yair ordered police to close their investigation into allegations of incitement and sedition against Rabbi Goren. Last month, the rabbi advised Israeli soldiers to refuse to obey any orders to participate in military operations to evacuate Jewish settlements from the territories. Rabbi Goren said there are "elements in the media that had an interest in my being brought to trial," and were behind the opening of the investigation.

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Chabad Can Stay at Airport

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that the Chabad Lubavitch movement may continue operating its booth in Ben-Gurion Airport, which offers religious services to travelers. However, the court imposed restrictions on Chabad, saying it may not distribute religious material to those who do not solicit it and may not preach Chabad "ideology." The ruling was a response to petitions challenging the Chabad operation filed by the left-wing Meretz bloc and the Movement for Progressive Judaism, the Israeli branch of the Reform movement.

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Cooperation Pledged in MIA Search

JERUSALEM — The American congressional team investigating the fate of the six missing Israeli servicemen has told the soldiers' families that they were promised full cooperation by both Syrian and Lebanese authorities and hoped to see results of their investigation in the coming weeks. The team, led by Michael van Dusen, chief of staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was able to search the area of the 1982 battle near Sultan Yakub in eastern Lebanon, in which three of the soldiers disappeared. It was the first such visit to the area by American officials and was made possible only following Syrian promises to aid the U.S. humanitarian effort. The investigators, escorted by Syrian and Lebanese troops, took soil samples from gravesites and interviewed villagers at length.

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War Crimes Trials Expected

LONDON — Britain's first Nazi war crimes trials are expected to take place this year, parliamentary sources said last week. The hearings would be the first under the controversial 1991 War Crimes Act, which was passed despite fierce opposition, especially from some members of the House of Lords. A spokesman for the all-party Parliamentary War Crimes Group, which spearheaded the campaign to pass the act, said there were strong indications that investigations by Scotland Yard's Nazi-hunting war crimes unit were nearing completion. A number of prosecutions are being planned, the spokesman believes. But he described as "speculative and premature" reports that a decision already had been made to charge at least three suspects. The director of public prosecution is known to be examining interim reports on the cases of at least 10 suspected Nazi criminals.

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Dutch Won't Ban Film

AMSTERDAM — Rejecting arguments by Dutch Jewish groups, the public prosecutor here will not ban the public showing in Holland of the controversial German film *Profession: Neo-Nazi*. The film, in which a young neo-Nazi spouts anti-Semitic rhetoric and denies that any Jews were killed at Auschwitz, created an uproar among Jewish groups in Germany upon its release late last year. The banning of the film in Holland had been requested by Jewish groups and by the Foundation for Combatting Anti-Semitism. But after seeing the film, the public prosecutor concluded that although certain statements made by the title character were certainly anti-Semitic, the film itself was not.

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Mayor Favors Special Day

ROME — Rome's newly elected mayor favors making Oct. 16, the anniversary of the 1943 Nazi deportation of Jews from the city, a national day of remembrance and commemoration. Francesco Rutelli of the left-leaning Green Party, who recently defeated a neo-fascist candidate for mayor, said he would be the proposal's "ambassador."

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Israel to Winter Olympics

TEL AVIV — Israel, a country not known for winter sports, will be represented for the first time in the Winter Olympics by an immigrant from the former Soviet Union. Mikhail Shmerkin, a 23-year-old figure skater, will represent the Jewish state next month in Lillehammer, Norway. He was previously a champion Soviet skater, finishing fifth in the Youth World Championship held in the United States in 1985. Shmerkin, known as Misha, trains most of the year at Israel's Canada Centre in Metullah, close to the Lebanese border.

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Three Youths in Custody

TEL AVIV — Three ninth-graders from an upscale neighborhood in Herzliya have been placed in police custody for the murder of a taxi driver, sending shock waves through the nation. Police originally suspected that the murder of Derek Roth had been the work of a terrorist, since neither his money nor his documents had been stolen. Roth was found two weeks ago slumped over the wheel of his car. He had been shot in the back of his head. Last week, the three teen-agers, ages 15 and 16, were overheard boasting about the murder to classmates, to whom they reportedly showed the pistol they had stolen to commit the crime. After overhearing them, the mother of another student informed authorities.

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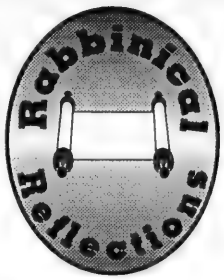

By RABBI MORDECHAI BULUA

This week's Torah reading, Yisro, contains the Aseres HaDibros, the Ten Commandments. The Decalogue was given on two tablets of stone. Why? Surely G-d had the ability to put all Ten Commandments on one tablet. If you look at the first five, you will notice they all contain, in some form or another, the name of G-d. In the second five, no mention is made of G-d's name in any form. Why the discrepancy?

Our rabbis explain that it signifies the two different areas of concern of both the Ten Commandments and the Torah. The Ten Commandments are equally placed on two tablets because there are two categories of the law. The first tablet deals with our relationship to G-d and the second with our relationships with people. The person who is outwardly pious, but steals, cheats and hurts his neighbor is not religious despite appearances to the contrary. By disregarding the major principles of the second tablet, he or she does not accept the word of G-d.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev once said: "Whether a man really loves G-d can be determined by the love he bears toward his fellow men." The Israeli cartoon of the bank robber who kisses the mezuzah on his way out sends a message to those who would hurt other human beings while at the same time keeping the rituals of religion. Similarly, the person who is good to his fellow man but does not keep any of the rituals of Judaism is also remiss. We need G-d in our lives and the first tablet makes demands on our relationship with Him.

We cannot split religion. The five fingers on each of our two hands should serve not only as a constant reminder of the Ten Commandments but also of the two main categories of mitzvot; our duties to G-d as well as to man.

Two tablets

A non-Jew came to Hillel and asked him to teach him all of Judaism while standing on one foot. Hillel responded: "What is hateful to you, do not do unto your neighbor."

How could anyone expect to be taught the entire Torah on one foot? Our sages suggest that the non-Jew was alluding to a fundamental question. Knowing that there were two tablets given to Moses at Mount Sinai, one representing commandments between man and G-d and the other representing commandments between man and man, the non-Jew wanted to know which one (foot) is the foundation of Judaism.

Hillel's answer, reiterated by Rabbi Akiva many years later, was that love of one's fellow man was the great principle of the Torah. Hillel could have answered with the verse recited right after the Shema: "And you shall love G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." But he didn't. For once and for all, he wanted to show that if both cannot be performed simulaneously, take care of a person in need. G-d will wait. A starving or drowning person can't.

If the second five of the Ten Commandments, those dealing with other people are more important in G-d's eyes, why were they engraved on the second tablet of the Law rather than the first?

The first word of the Ten Commandments is Anochi "I," referring to G-d, and the last word is le-re-echa "to your fellow man." We start off with G-d and we end with our fellow man. Loving our neighbor as ourselves is the goal, but the means to attain it is through accepting G-d by obeying the commandments between man and G-d.

We are required to act both for the sake of heaven and for the sake of man. The collective name of the Jewish people, Yisrael in Hebrew, can be read as two words: Yashar E-l. Yasher means trustworthiness and virtuousness in human relations. E-l is one of the names of G-d. Together, they proclaim not only who we are, but also define our purpose and raison d'etre in this world.

As King Solomon wrote: (Proverbs 3:3-4) "Do not let lovingkindness and truth forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them on the "tablet" of your heart. And so find grace and good favor in the eyes of G-d and man."

(Rabbi Bulua is chaplain at the Shawbridge Youth Centre and the Montreal Neurological Hospital.)

Italian Jews may face choice between Passover and polls

ROME (JTA) — Scandal-plagued Italy is planning elections that are expected to redraw the country's political landscape and usher in a new political era.

Passover may coincide with these watershed elections. The first two days of the holiday, March 27 and 28, are being considered as possible polling dates.

Rome's chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, has written to President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Interior Minister Nicola Mancino, urging that the vote not be scheduled for March 27.

The Rome daily Il Messaggero also reported last week that Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, contacted authorities to point out that legal agreements between the state and the Jewish community stipulate respect for religious holidays.

"I hope that the rights of a religious minority are not trampled upon," Toaff said in an interview with the newspaper.

"I also believe that the highest levels of the state are sensitive to our request, which only reiterates respect for our community, which is an integral part of Italian society and thus wants to participate fully in such an important election."

About 40,000 Jews live in Italy, out of a population of 58 million. About 30,000 Italian Jews have the right to vote.

Though nominally Orthodox, most Italian Jews are not strictly observant.

Toaff rejected the argument that most Jews would not be so observant on Passover that it would prevent them from casting their ballots.

"That is a ridiculous argument," he told Il Messaggero. "It would be like asking Catholics to not celebrate Christmas. Jewish law calls for a day of rest (on festival days).

"The days of Passover should be dedicated to meditation and spiritual recovery. Every Jew should be free to pray, without being afflicted by daily encumbrances, even such important ones as voting, which none of us wants to renounce."

Front Line

Arafat criticized as accord remains on hold

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yasser Arafat's prestige and authority appear to be declining as Israel and the PLO struggle to implement their September 1993 Declaration of Principles on limited Palestinian autonomy.

With one deadline already having passed, Arafat is worried that his credibility will be further diminished if Israel does not pull out its troops from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho by April 13.

But, as he strongly suggested last week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin may disregard this target date if Israel and the PLO fail to resolve their differences fairly soon.

If there are more delays, as now seems likely, Palestinian backing for the peace accord will probably erode and, with it, Arafat's claim to leadership of the splintered PLO.

Palestinians in the territories who supported the PLO's accord with Israel hoped that it would result in a speedy Israeli withdrawal, bring about the prompt release of some 12,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and give their depressed economy a quick shot in the arm.

But as Palestinians have seen few tangible changes since Rabin and Arafat shook hands on the White House lawn four months ago, the mood has definitely soured.

And euphoria has given way to bitterness since the killing of two Fatah leaders at the hands of Israeli soldiers (the Fatah faction of the PLO is controlled by Arafat), and attacks on Palestinian civilians by extremist Israeli settlers.

Due to these chilling developments, the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank are noticeably less enthusiastic about the PLO's pact with Israel.

According to the Nablus-based Centre for Palestine Research and Studies, only 42 percent of those questioned back the agreement, compared to 65 percent who supported it in September. What is more, support for Fatah has fallen from nearly 46 percent to 41 percent, while support for Hamas — which vehemently rejects the accord and Israel's existence — grew from 8 percent to 15 percent.

In yet another sign of growing Palestinian dissatisfaction, a coalition of Islamic fundamentalists and leftists defeated Fatah supporters in student council elections at Bir Zeit University, the West Bank's leading academic institution.

Meanwhile, Arafat has come under heavy criticism for his negotiating skills, his autocratic style, his jetset lifestyle and the material excesses of his much younger wife, his impatience with democracy and his tolerance of cronyism and corruption.

The PLO was a house divided before the agreement, but today it is positively riven by factionalism.

Since September, nearly half the members of the PLO's executive committee have resigned in protest over the agreement, while scores of young activists in the territories have quit. At the same time, eight of Arafat's most important lieutenants in Gaza and Lebanon have been assassinated by rejectionists.

The Palestinians who've distanced themselves from Arafat read like a *Who's Who* of the Palestinian movement: Mahmoud Darwish, an executive committee member and former Israeli Arab; Shafik al-Hout, the PLO's top official in Lebanon; Hani and Khalid al-Hassan, founders of Fatah; Abbas Zaki, a senior Fatah commander in Gaza; Abu Tayeb, commander of Force 17, an elite commando group; Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign minister; Haidar Abdelshafi, who headed the Palestinian delegation at the Madrid peace conference in October 1991; and Hanan Ashrawi, the PLO's spokesperson.

In addition, Edward Said — a former member of the Palestine National Council and arguably the PLO's most eloquent voice in the English language — has joined the opposition.

Writing in the current edition of *Harper's Magazine*, Said, a professor of English at Columbia University, describes the agreement as a "Palestinian capitulation" and "an instrument of Palestinian surrender."

Most of all, Said is angry because Arafat relinquished the right of Palestinians to return to their old homeland, while Jews from around the globe are free to settle in Israel. "This extraordinary inequity, intolerable to Palestinians for almost half a century, has to be rectified," he observes.

These Diaspora Palestinians, he adds, originally brought Arafat to power, kept him there, and "now are relegated to permanent exile or refugee status."

Apart from taking Arafat to task for his so-called myopic policies, Said's disillusionment stems from Arafat's "dictatorial ways, his single-minded control over (the PLO's) money, his insular circle of sycophants and courtiers, and his lack of accountability."

Said writes that Arafat's opponents are not confined to Islamic fundamentalists. He is right. Among his most vociferous critics are secular nationalists and former Arafat allies like George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Ahmed Jibril of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command.

Based in Damascus, these groups are not only ardent opponents of last September's agreement, but unreconciled to Israel's very existence as a Jewish/Zionist state.

It remains to be seen whether Arafat can fend off these challengers, keep the PLO reasonably intact and transform it from a revolutionary movement into one capable of ruling a nation-in-the-making.

Arafat is under tremendous pressure from his constituents to make good on his promise that his agreement with Israel will eventually lead to Palestinian statehood, and not stop at Gaza and Jericho. In the meantime, Arafat refers to himself as the "president of Palestine."

Rabin, however, is against the idea of a Palestinian state, at least for now, and regards the Declaration of Principles as strictly an interim arrangement.

The agreement, while causing a rift in Palestinian ranks, has set into motion a process that will, at a minimum, give the Palestinians a modicum of sovereignty, and enable the PLO to normalize relations with such countries as the United States, Canada, Germany and Japan.

But if the accord — an historic achievement in the annals of the Middle East — is not implemented with dispatch, Arafat may find himself out of a job, and the hopes and dreams that the agreement inspired may be dashed.

At last Israel is cleaning up its polluted rivers

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Nation-wide efforts are at long last being made to clean up Israel's polluted rivers and streams.

Charged with co-ordinating these efforts is the recently established National Streams Authority. But, meanwhile, it is the National Sewage Authority, only a little older, that is having the greatest impact. The reason: it has $100 (U.S.) a year to subsidize the construction of sewage-treatment plants (which, it is hoped, will eventually put an end to the dumping of raw effluents into Israeli waterways).

The condition of those waterways has steadily worsened over the years, because most of the rainfall and spring water that once flushed them out is now piped away for the use of cities, farms and factories. They, in return, churn out liquid pollution.

Thus while Jerusalem is supplied with water from the springs of the coastal plain, it sends largely untreated sewage flowing back down to the coastal plain, sewage that creates a vile stench from the Judean Hills to the Mediterranean.

Even before the creation of the two aforementioned authorities, some progress was made by the establishment of local co-ordinating bodies to deal with the pollution of several particular waterways. Best known is the Yarkon River, which runs through Tel Aviv.

Thanks to the joint efforts of municipalities and other bodies in the Tel Aviv area, the Yarkon is a lot cleaner than it used to be and now, for the first time in many years, fish swim in its waters. But there are still occasional setbacks when municipal sewage plants break down or factories discharge pollutants; then the supply of fish has to be replenished.

Israel's newest cleanup effort is taking place near Ashdod, a shipping and manufacturing boomtown south of Tel Aviv. It involves the two-mile-long Lachish stream on the outskirts of the town, a waterway which used to be known for its wildlife and plants, but, over the years, has been ruined by sewage and waste dumping.

In charge of rehabilitating the area and creating a park along the banks of the stream is Aviva Harari, who says that, as a first stage, efforts will be made to clean up existing pollution, ensure proper treatment of effluents and regulate the waterway's southern channel. In addition, trees will be planted and roads paved — with the cost of these various activities being covered by the Jewish National Fund, the Israel Lands Authority, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ashdod Municipality and nearby local authorities.

Then, says Harari, a 180-acre park will be set up, including sports and sailing facilities, green open spaces, a promenade and recreational facilities. These will serve the growing local population and, it is hoped, an influx of tourists.

Speaking at the ceremony at which the project was inaugurated last month, Environment Minister Yossie Sarid stressed the fact that Israel is a small, crowded country, and likely to be considerably smaller and more crowded after it signs peace agreements with the Arabs. Therefore, Sarid declared, "We must make enormous efforts to clean up polluted areas and set aside green belts." Otherwise, he concluded, "we could all suffocate."

Yesterday's heroes fall by side in modern age

By ARNOLD AGES

The shelf life of heroes is not very long in our time. Just a few decades ago three Jews, Marx, Freud and Einstein, were hailed as the seminal and most revolutionary minds of the modern age. But how things have changed!

Marx's fame and photographs no longer repose in the sacred precincts of the Kremlin. Even before the demise of the former Soviet Union, *Marxism*, the famous British journal devoted to his ideology, closed shop. Now Marx, the co-author of *The Communist Manifesto* and *Das Kapital*, the man who was the patron saint of the "workers' paradise," is no longer the object of sacred scrutiny in proletarian classrooms. Mikhail Gorbachev and then Boris Yeltsin sealed Marx's fate; he is now persona non grata in the land where he once dominated, posthumously of course, all political discourse.

Even Albert Einstein's sterling reputation has tarnished considerably since his Nobel-prize days as the new Newton, hailed for his relativity theory and other pronouncements in physics. We always knew, of course, that he didn't like to wear socks but what is really disquieting is the recent revelation that Einstein failed to acknowledge his first wife's role in producing some of the mathematical formulae that led to his astounding discoveries in physics.

Even in the rarefied field of theoretical physics, it appears that after his sensational assertions about the curvature of light near massive objects, the space-time continuum and gravitational fields, he spent the remaining years of his life pursuing the elusive unified field theory — the famous theory of everything — which he never reached.

So obsessed was he with this theory that he was unable or unwilling to appreciate the insights of quantum mechanics, a branch of physics which repudiated traditional teachings about the determinacy of the ordered universe and replaced it at the sub atomic level with a randomized one subject only to probability laws.

When Einstein once said that God didn't play dice with the cosmos, he was rejecting the disordered, chaotic universe scenario. This was Einstein at his poetic best; however, the prose of modern physics suggests that Niels Bohr and the other collaborators in quantum theory were on the right path and Einstein had lost the trail.

Arnold Ages

The third genius in the troika of heros, Sigmund Freud, has also become the victim of deflation syndrome. In fact, dumping on Freud has become a kind of cottage industry involving specialists in the field of psychoanalysis, as well as lay people from diverse sectors. Freud's reputation has even been subjected to a withering assault in a cover story in *Time* magazine (Nov. 29, 1993) about the Viennese sage. It seems that Freud is now being held partly responsible, among other things, for the controversy over the false memory syndrome.

Sander Gilman, a professor at the Cornell Medical College, has now leaped into the fray with a new theory about Freud's creation of psychoanalysis. Gilman argues that Freud was reacting to the "medicalization" of anti-Semitism in the fin de siecle period in Germany and Austria, when he developed his new theories. By "medicalization," Gilman means the mountain of published research in the biological sciences which affirmed Jewish degeneracy on both the physiological and psychological levels.

Gilman, author of the book, *The Case of Sigmund Freud*, tries to show that German pseudo-science saw positive proof in the contour of the Jewish nose, foot and gait, that there was a genetically transmitted pathology which predisposed Jews to criminality and other unpleasant behavioral traits. The latter included overintellectualization and, supposedly, menstruation among Jewish males!

Where does Sigmund Freud enter Gilman's survey of the ludicrous direction in which the German biological sciences were moving in the fin de siecle period? According to Gilman, Freud and the entire psychoanalytical movement sought to parry the thrust of the all-pervasive anti-Semitic discourse by generalizing negative portraits of Jews into identikits of man-in-general and then seeking to propose a radically new approach to curing the ills in question by inventing a new medicine — psychoanalysis.

This occurred despite the fact that Freud considered himself a "godless Jew," and completely repudiated Jewish religious beliefs and practices. Yet his irreligion did not preclude his membership in the Jewish community of Vienna where his friends and culture "exemplified a Jewishness more binding than religious Orthodoxy."

It was within this context that Freud leapfrogged over the culturally saturated German language with its built-in "deprecation and menace towards the Jew" and created the new language of psychoanalysis with its Greek myths and oedipal archetypes.

Gilman further suggests that the language of psychotherapy was a surrogate for the Yiddish and Hebrew which assimilated Jews had either rejected or permitted to fall into disuse. In this scenario the Copernican revolution in medicine which Freud was supposed to have ushered into the modern age has lost some of its luster.

This interpretation of Freud, one of the most daring I have encountered, seems to remove him from the high pedestal he once occupied; Freud's psychoanalysis turns out to be only a highly sophisticated form of anti-defamation.

Arnold Ages, a professor at the University of Waterloo, is the newly appointed director of the university's journalism option.

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Terrorism is terrorism

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York Police Department are investigating the placement of two bombs outside buildings in Manhattan which house the offices of Americans for Peace Now and the New Israel Fund.

A police robot defused the first explosive, but the bomb in front of the New Israel Fund went off, causing neither damage nor injuries. According to the *New York Times*, a note left with the explosives was signed by a hitherto unknown organization called Shield of David Maccabee Squad, which accused the Israeli government of "selling out the Jewish people." This, of course, was a reference to Israel's historic 1993 agreement with the PLO on limited Palestinian autonomy, a pact which has yet to be implemented.

The Israeli consulate in New York was absolutely right to condemn the attack. Acts of violence and intimidation have no place whatsoever in the legitimate debate over the wisdom of Israel's accord with the PLO. Critics are, and should be, free to voice dissent. Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, has rightfully encouraged such democratic debate. But it must always remain on the *verbal* level. Anything else is shameful and intolerable.

The government of Yitzhak Rabin was given a mandate by the Israeli electorate to work for peace within the framework of territorial compromise. Israel's agreement with the PLO falls squarely within this guideline. Those who claim that the duly elected Israeli government is a "minority" government would be well advised to remember that Israel has never had a "majority" government. Every Israeli cabinet since the days of David Ben-Gurion has been a coalition, as is Rabin's.

Thankfully, no one was hurt by the bombs, which could have caused serious injuries. The perpetrators who committed this crime should be brought to justice. Terrorism is terrorism.

Coming clean

Two years after Argentinian president Carlos Menem gave permission for his country's "Nazi files" to be opened to investigators, the world is discovering that the government of Buenos Aires turned its nation into the world's largest foyer for suspected Nazi war criminals.

Argentina's harboring of suspected Nazis after 1945 was indefensible and will continue to cast a pall over a country that seeks a place in the international arena.

But coming clean about that inglorious period in its recent history, and Argentina is the only Latin American country to do so, is a good first step in the rehabilitation process.

Researchers representing the World Jewish Congress and DIAA, Argentina's major Jewish organization, have unearthed the names of more than a thousand suspected war criminals who entered Argentina at the end of World War II. Adrian Jmelnizky, one of the senior researchers, says his group has not even gone through half of the Foreign Ministry archive.

The stunning finding is all the more surprising because it was believed Argentina authorities would have removed the offending files during the past 40 years. For complex bureaucratic reasons, however, the massive collection of Nazi dossiers has remained intact.

What have the files revealed? The *New York Times* (Dec. 14) indicates that in addition to new documents about well-known Nazis like Dr. Josef Mengele (he tried, in 1958, to get the Goethe University in Frankfurt to restore his medical degree), there is also much new information about Croatian fascists belonging to the Ante Pavelic group which found refuge in Argentina after the war.

Many of the other suspects mentioned in the archive materials are new to Nazi hunters. They are lesser known Nazi subordinates and collaborators, many of whom were in their 40s and 50s when they arrived in Argentina. Some of the individuals mentioned in the Foreign Ministry documents were sentenced to death in absentia by European governments.

The governments of Juan Peron and those that followed him, until 1991 turned a blind eye to warnings by American, British and French governments that Nazis would be trying to enter Argentina. The reason Buenos Aires disregarded these warnings is also found in the archives.

Documents dating from the early 1930s indicate that Argentinian diplomats were impressed with Hitler's totalitarian regime and his ability to cultivate nationalism, xenphobia and indifference to violence — elements which surfaced in the 1970s during the junta's "dirty war" which claimed 10,000 innocent lives, and to which Jewish Argentinian writer Jacobo Timerman added such piognant testimony in his prison memoir, *Prisoner Without A Name, Cell Without A Number, published in 1981.*

RAE MEETS RABIN

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Premier Bob Rae share a light moment at talks in Tel Aviv during the recent business mission to the Middle East.

Letters to the Editor

ASSAD'S PROMISES

Your editorial writer must read with only one eye, or listen with only one ear.

In considering recent announcements from Syria as "heartening" (Syria's move, Dec. 23) reference is made to the hope that on humanitarian grounds as well as benefiting the peace process, Syria should make good on its commitment to assist in locating the six Israeli servicemen who disappeared some years ago.

It is also suggested in that editorial that Syria should help resolve the disapearance of the eight Beiruti Jewish community leaders kidnapped nine years ago.

Missing completely, however, is the fact that Syria's Hafez Assad gave a double commitment to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Missing is any reference to Assad's undertaking that the remnant of the Syrian Jewish Community of some 1,200 souls, will be granted the right to travel abroad by the end of December. That was an important episode in the long struggle to free the Syrian Jewish community and is as important in Syria's "rehabilitation" as the other promise.

Only time will tell if there is any greater credibility to Assad's promise than to the Syrians' other statements.

Judy Feld Carr
Chairman
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Toronto

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IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS

May I say that I like very much your exclusive interviews with different personalities. It gives us a chance to see the characters of the people you are interviewing more in depth, so to say, sometimes not enough, but at least something. I hope you will continue with this.

I should say that such interviews need not be only with Jewish people, but with any non-Jews who, by their positions or personalities, are highly relevant to us as Jews, politicians in Quebec, Ontario and at the federal level, for instance.

All the interviews have been at a first-class level, I think, and when Sheldon Kirshner goes abroad, he brings some relevant interviews back with him.

You are running a very good paper, from the Jews' standpoint, and which we need, very badly.

John Freeman
Toronto

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WHY NO ACTION?

You report that the opening of previously secret World War II files reveal that Winston Churchill knew that more than 8,000 men and women had died in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in August of 1942.

Undoubtedly the information was more specific than that and in all probability revealed that the victims were gassed and otherwise murdered. If Winston Churchill knew then surely Franklin Roosevelt and Josef Stalin and MacKenzie King knew.

Why therefore did the pleading of western Jewish leaders that the allies bomb the Auschwitz facility fall on deaf ears? Perhaps as more files are opened in the United States, Canada and elsewhere it will become apparent that the reason for the inaction was not indifference or lack of information but simply pervasive anti-Semitism in the government circles of the Allies.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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CAMP DORA GOLDING

In 1925 Camp Deal was founded to give Jewish boys a summer respite from the harsh realities of immigrant life in New York City. Over the years the camp has served thousands of children from all segments and economic strata of the Jewish community. In 1966, the camp's name was changed to Camp Dora Golding. In 1971, the camp moved from its original home in Deal, New Jersey, to East Stroudsburg, Pennyslvania. In 1989, a girls camp, located in Pomona, New York, was founded.

In anticipation of Camp Dora Golding's 70th anniversary celebration we are trying to locate and make contact with as many former campers and staff members as possible so that they might share their memories of Camp Deal or Camp Dora Golding with us.

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CULTURE OF JEWISH CUISINE

I am working on a book about the culture of Jewish cuisine. I am interested in hearing from people who have memories, stories and recipes from their homelands. I have a special interest in traditions and customs surrounding the celebration of holidays and festivities, in addition to unique recipes. It would be especially helpful if you remembered details of preparations for the holidays, stories or rituals handed down from parents and grandparents, special roles of the women, and customs or games especially for the children.

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APPLY BEFORE JAN. 30

Re: "Visit to Yad Vashem gives educators new outlook on teaching the Holocaust," Dec. 23, page 19.

It is the belief of the Canadian Society For Yad Vashem that the most effective way of countering revisionists with their lies is through education. For the past two years, the Canadian Society For Vad Vashem has been sending teachers and sponsoring them to this seminar for educators held at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Haia Hason and Gayle Edwards who were mentioned in the article, are two of the teachers who have been sponsored by us. The focus of the seminar is how to teach Holocaust studies in high schools. This project as a whole has immense educational value in deepening knowledge and awareness of Holocaust facts in our schools.

As a result of our benefit concert for Holocaust studies scholarships in October, we are able to send four teachers to this seminar in 1994. Any teacher who is interested in applying for a scholarship for this seminar should write **no later than Jan. 30, 1994** to Miriam Gelbloom, co-chairman, Canadian Society For Yad Vashem, 2180 Highway 7, unit 12a, Concord, Ontario, L4K 2S9 or call the office at 660-6028.

Miriam Gelbloom
Co-Chairman

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SEEKS WITNESSES

I am seeking Canadians who served in the Allied Forces during World War II and who know firsthand or know of someone who came into contact with my late mother, Giulia Sylvia Traub (nee Ghezzi).

A non-Jew, my mother was born in 1910 and lived in Arrezzo, Italy. Following the German occupation, she hid and provided shelter and food for Italian Jewish citizens and escaped Allied PoWs. Many of the escaped PoWs came from a transit camp in Laterina. I am trying to have her recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations.

All information may be sent to: The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, 2180 Highway 7, Unit 12A, Concord, Ont., L4K 2S9, Tel.: (905) 660-6028.

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Russia's Vladimir Zhirinovsky is certainly no joke

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

People all over the world are following the recent Russian election with much concern. They see an ominous parallel between Vladimir Zhirinovsky and Adolf Hitler. Unfortunately, the comparison is not unwarranted.

Hitler rose to prominence and then to power after the defeat of the German Reich in 1918, which was followed by rampaging inflation, terrible economic dislocation and unemployment. He enunciated a few simple goals that the disaffected could readily understand: restore national pride, recover the rightful place in the German Reich, reserve Germany for true Germans, and get rid of the Jews. Their elimination would provide Germany with the key to economic, cultural and political recovery.

Books have been written about Hitler's demonic preoccupation with "Jewish power," and no doubt there will be special attention given to this part of Zhirinovsky's fulminations as well. Jews figure in his appeals, sometimes violently, sometimes in a more muted mode, but they always seem to figure somewhere, and negatively so.

There is a most fascinating story that Zhirinovsky's father (who died when his child was only one-year-old) was most likely Jewish. His first name was Wolf — a name with which I am quite familiar since it is my own name too. Wolf was often given to Jewish children in Central and Eastern Europe — sometimes in its Hebrew form, Ze'ev, and sometimes in its diminutive, Velvel. It also seems that Zhirinovsky was involved in some Jewish activities during the Communist regime, and at that time appears to have identified with his people. Now he vigorously denies any Jewish descent, and proclaims that his father was Russian, all-Russian.

Rabbi Plaut

Methinks he protesteth too much. If in fact his Jewish connection turns out to be real and undeniable, his anti-Jewishness assumes an interesting form of self-hate for which there is ample historical precedent.

Back in the 13th to 15th centuries some Jews who had converted to Christianity believed that they had to demonstrate their allegiance to their new faith by denouncing the Jews. Prominent amongst these anti-Jewish apostates were Nicholas Donin of France, Pablo Christiani and Joshua Lorki of Spain, and Petrus Schwartz (Niger) of Germany.

All of these vigorously defamed their former people and religion, but none of them as viciously as a certain Abner of the Spanish town of Burgos. He tried to curry favor with the Christians by working out elaborate schemes to kill Jews, and he even tried to persuade the authorities that widespread massacres would persuade Jews that it would be better to be Christian than dead. Fortunately, Christian authorities found his proposal disgusting rather than attractive.

There was also, in our own time, a persistent rumour that the cruellest of the Nazi monsters, Reinhart Heydrich, was partly of Jewish descent. Heydrich was one of Hitler's "golden boys" and was given responsibility not only for the Gestapo, the Chief Security Office, and the governorship of Czechoslovakia, but also was entrusted with the extermination of the Jews. It was Heydrich who convened the Wannsee Conference in January 1942, when the Holocaust was officially and efficiently planned.

I often heard it said that Heydrich was so eager to kill Jews because he felt that he had to prove to Hitler that he was 100 per cent German, even though his grandmother was said to have been a certain Sarah. Maybe — but a book by J. Robinson threw cold water on this theory and provided evidence that the Heydrich myth was just that: a myth.

True or not, the very idea that people with a Jewish connection sometimes will turn against their own forebears in order to prove themselves to others, is a recurring phenomenon. So apparently it is with Zhirinovsky.

That of course gives us little comfort. Unfortunately, we shall hear more about this man whom some declare to be nothing more than a loud-mouthed joker. They said the same about Hitler. The media are already paying attention, but I hope they will do it right this time and not make this man into a kind of cult hero. The precedent is frightening enough.

American Jewish dropouts: what are they seeking?

By DEBRA COHEN

Lanie Poisson is one of an estimated 1.2 million people in America who were born Jews but who celebrate Christmas. That is roughly one-fifth of the American Jewish population. About half of these have converted to or actively identify with a faith other than Judaism, which in America is almost always Christianity.

The other 60,000 describe themselves as Jews by ethnicity or culture, but not by religion, according to data from the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey.

And "those Jews who say they're not Jewish by religion tacitly adopt Christian culture," said Samuel Klausner, a professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania and an expert on Jews who identify with other faiths.

Although they will describe themselves as "secular" or having some Jewish attachments, they are rarely, if ever, found in synagogues and are thoroughly assimilated into American liberal Protestant culture.

They have Christmas trees in their living rooms, wreaths on their doors, go to church on Christmas, have few Jewish friends and give to Christian, rather than Jewish, philanthropies, Klausner said.

Further, the Christian community does not think of them as Jews, he said. "Within a generation or so," Klausner said, "they become fully members of the Christian community."

Lanie Poisson was born Ilana Fox. Now 35, she is deeply involved in a fundamentalist Christian church.

Born to Holocaust survivors, she did not find a spiritual home in Judaism.

Poisson said that in her home in an all-Jewish neighborhood of Queens, New York, her parents' Jewish connection focused on politics and Israel.

The family would go to synagogue twice a year, on the High Holy Days, and would have a Passover seder. On Chanukah, the family would light a menorah and exchange presents.

When she and her sister were asked whether they wanted to go to Hebrew school, they declined. As a teen-ager, Poisson began asking existential spiritual questions of religious Jews in her extended family, and of non-Jews she knew through school. She did not find any satisfying answers, but put aside her search for a few years.

A decade ago, an acquaintance who was part of a fundamentalist church challenged her to read the Bible. She read the Jewish and Christian Bibles, and went to the rabbis with questions about messianic prophecy.

"I found that I didn't get answers to my questions because they weren't knowledgeable about it, and my faith grew more in seeing how the scriptures fit together," she said.

"I always wanted to make a difference in the world, and never associated it with anything spiritual before I began to read," she said. Four months later, she was baptized.

A couple of years later she married the man who had first introduced her to the church, and today their lives, and those of their children, revolve around the church.

Poisson's story illustrates the search of many converts.

"These are Jewish people yearning for something meaningful spiritually in their religious lives, and the Judaism they knew was empty," said Rabbi Tovia Singer, director of Jews for Judaism of Greater New York.

Klausner said part of the responsibility for the conversions and Jews' identification with Christianity lies with churches. "They are in collusion with this. They have become very lax about their own requirements for membership. They don't ask you if you're baptized anymore, so Jews are just sitting in churches," he said.

But Klausner does not fault missionaries from evangelical and "Hebrew-Christian" churches. "Evangelizing is an opportunity for people who already have the tendencies to move out," he said.

While Jews who become Christians often say they feel liberated from "the whole picture of Judaism," they usually are making a transition from less commitment and involvement to a more stringent system, said Klausner.

The reason Jews seek out Christianity, he said, is the breakdown of Jewish religious authority, without which there is "no way of ordering meaning, so people seek meaning by going to another, more structured system."

"By the second and third generation of Jews who identify more with Christianity than with Judaism, people move into fundamentalist churches where they have to make a declaration" of commitment, he said.

According to Singer, many converts from Judaism to Christianity become "born-again" Christians. "Our studies have found that 67 per cent of 'Hebrew-Christians' went to Hebrew school. It's that little bit of information that turns Jews off," Singer said.

Judaism's "spiritual elements are often not taught and transmitted," he added "Liberal denominations sometimes throw out our most precious fruit, our personal relationship with God," said Singer. *(JTA)*

Sunny beaches just can't compare with cold climes

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

South Florida's January sunshine and palm trees are no longer enough for our children. How are we going to keep them down on the beach once they've learned to ski?

Travelling with another couple, we spent the winter holidays introducing their two daughters and our three children — daughters, ages 10 and 7 and son, 3 — to snow. The kids will never be the same. From the moment our jet slipped between the mountain peaks and landed in Gunnison, Colorado, until the chilly minute we took off again 10 days later, our tropical ninos conducted a non-stop love affair with bright but bitter cold winter.

I fell in love with the snowy Rockies five years ago, in Banff, on our dreamy tenth anniversary trip, but for the children, this was their first look at wonderland. And although I firmly believe that the drive from Banff to Jasper is the most magnificent auto excursion on the planet, the Colorado Rockies offer some short bursts of competition.

Our little boy, swathed in his first snowsuit, marched down the steps of the airplane and onto the freezing tarmac. He gazed with delight at the towering white and gray mountains and announced immediately, "I like this Cod-oh-rod-oh." This opinion — held firmly also by his sisters and their friends — never wavered. Through skiing, snowman building, sledding, walking, running, slipping and sliding, they stayed ecstatic. You would think that children who are wearing boots full of snow and mittens dripping freezing water would have the sense to come indoors — or at least the sense to be miserable.

No such thing. "Just give me my dry gloves, Mom," said my 7-year-old, plunging back into the snow. "I only want my fingers to stop zinging and zizzing."

Erica Meyer Rauzin

This is the child who taught us the difference between brave and fearless. She, her elder sister and their two buddies attended the excellent children's ski camp in Mount Crested Butte, where we stayed. The 10-year-old grasped my point of view about snow skiing instantly: some of this is scary; the height, the steepness, the fastness, the coldness. And she was daunted, for a day or so, until — with a private lesson and a little encouragement — she got back on skis (that was brave) and was soon soaring down the mountain with the rest of the happy campers.

It never occurred to the 7-year-old to be afraid. We discovered that we've been nurturing a speed demon in our midst, a child seeking thrills unavailable in her previous life as a flat-land bike rider. When the other children wove careful S-curves down the mountain, she'd pick a centre path and fly straight like a bullet, hurtling to the foot as fast as she could go, happiest creature on the planet — totally fearless.

My husband, an experienced skier, skied with her a couple of times to make sure she was being cautious enough to avoid catastrophe. He said she was. You couldn't prove that by me. I'd stand with the other bunny mommies at the foot of the slopes, watching our children emerge from the sun-white glare as the camp day ended and they all skied into the kiddy compound. I'd see all the other children traverse their cautious paths into the "landing" area, swooping side to side as best as they could, wending down the mountain. And then amid them, I'd see this one little figure, my former delicate hothouse flower, zooming directly downward, bolting headlong, bound for glory, fastest gun in the west.

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Meanwhile, the 3-year-old went to a great play group, learned to love sledding and snow-ball making, and kept up with the big kids in every other way. He even tried lessons on super-short skies. (He could slide, but he couldn't stop.)

Our vacation days were filled with skiing, except Shabbat, which we spent exhausted in the condo, drinking hot chocolate and making do cozily with the entire suitcase full of books and toys we schlepped along. (We brought a staggering 10 suitcases: seven full of clothing and two stuffed with kosher food and gear, plus the toys and book bag — and that doesn't count the eight bags our friends brought.) It sounds ridiculous, but we had everything we needed, and then some.

Our successful vacation at last came to an end, and we flew home. We arrived late at night, pooped but happy, batteries recharged, ready — I thought — to face the next day's challenges of school and work. Before unpacking, I went to our son's room to tuck him in. "Get some sleep," I told him, "Tomorrow you'll go to nursery school."

"No," he said, shaking his head. "Tomorrow, we go back to Cod-oh-rod-oh."

Features

Education – key to rebuilding community

Sheldon Kirshner visits Jewish schools and educational institutions in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jakob Tsukerman is emphatic.

"If we're going to rebuild our community," declared the St. Petersburg Jewish newspaper editor, "the first step is eduation, education and education."

There is much to be said for Tsukerman's remark. Observers agree that, after seven decades of Soviet Communist repression of Jewish culture, Jewish life in all its manifold forms cannot be fully resuscitated unless a strong educational system is put into place.

The process has begun. Today, in Russia, there is a growing network of day schools, Sunday schools, yeshivahs and colleges, nearly all of which emerged in the waning years of communism.

The phenomenon, which would have been unimaginable a decade ago, elicits a sense of wonder and accomplishment among those who are directly involved.

"Russia is the place to be if you're working in the field of Jewish education," observed Simcha Fishbain, the Toronto-born director of Touro College in Moscow. Touro College, with three separate but related schools in Russia, is a fully-accredited, New York-based institute of higher learning which has a second overseas branch in Jerusalem.

"Here, you can plant a seed and watch it grow. It's the Jewish world's obligation to encourage and support these educational endeavors as long as the excitement remains."

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The Moscow National Jewish Day School, with its Sunday school, was founded in 1991.

With 250 students aged seven to 17, and a staff of 50 teachers, the day school is the biggest of its kind in Moscow. It's also the only Jewish government-supported state school in the Russian capital. Tuition is free.

"If we didn't believe in the future, we wouldn't have opened the school," said its principal, Grigory Lipman, a 45-year-old professional teacher. "Education is the key to our revival."

Such is its reputation that the school could easily accommodate twice as many students. Lipman is aware of the demand. "We need a new building. We're planning for it."

To Lipman's satisfaction, the school has tried a student/teacher exchange program with Atlanta, Georgia. Now Lipman wants to expand contacts with the Diaspora and, if possible, to start a pen pal club.

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On the other side of Moscow, off a main road, stands Migdal Ohr, an Orthodox day school. Established in the spring of 1991, Migdal Ohr has 140 students, including 35 girls, aged 14 to 16. It's funded by Aaron Wolfson, an American philanthropist.

Sasha Atcherkan, 36, is in charge of secular studies. He is a typical Soviet Jew, inasmuch as he was more or less ignorant of Judaism when he was hired. "I didn't know the difference between Purim and Pesach," he admitted.

He believes that most of his graduates will eventually make aliyah. "It's hard to maintain a Jewish life in Russia outside the yeshivah and the synagogue," he noted. "Jewish families are afraid. We don't know what tomorrow will bring." Atcherkan made his comments in early October, when the spectre of a right-wing coup hung over Moscow.

In any event, he, too, plans to leave. His parents live in Tel Aviv. His wife's parents settled in Denver.

Rabbi Israel Taub, the Israeli headmaster of Jewish studies, has two objectives. "We want to bring Judaism to our students. But our main aim is to bring the boys to Israel. It's not my goal to build a Russian Jewish community. We realize, however, that some boys will remain in Russia."

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Simcha Fishbain, the director of Touro College, works on the assumption that "a very large segment" of the Jewish population will stay rather than emigrate.

But he has no illusions about the state of Russian Jewry. As he put it, "Real Jewish life doesn't exist. There is no Jewish atmosphere, no Jewish neighborhoods."

He added, "One of the greatest cultural Jewish holocausts was in the Soviet Union. They (Jews) were on the bottom level. In another generation, they would have been lost.

"The intermarriage rate is unbelievably high — 70 to 80 percent. On an overall basis, for the whole country, it's probably the highest in the world."

Fishbain, who has been in Moscow for the past 2½ years, said assimilation made such deep inroads that, even today, "most Jews are not interested in coming out of the closet."

With Touro College, a secular institute which identifies with no single stream of Judaism, he hopes to foster a new class of homegrown teachers and administrators who can begin to reverse the effects of communism.

"We're creating a new generation of bubbies and zaydes, but we're starting from scratch."

Beginning with 50 students in October 1991, Touro College has 650 today. Its staff of 40 teachers consists of locals and foreigners.

The college is composed of a School of Jewish Studies, a Yiddish Teachers' Institute and a business school.

The first is sub-divided into a department of general Jewish studies, a teacher training department sponsored by the Jewish Agency, a Yiddish studies program and a Hebrew and English department.

The study of Hebrew is mandatory, but Yiddish is near and dear to the the college's president, Bernard Lander. "Yiddish was strongly achored in this country," said Fishbain. "For many Jews, Yiddish is their only form of identification with Judaism. Some of these people here wouldn't seek out their Jewish identity if not for Yiddish. When they come here, their interest is not in Pesach or Yom Kippur. They remember that their grandparents spoke Yiddish."

The annual budget for all three divisions is $1 million (U.S.), said Fishbain, 49, a graduate of Toronto's Associated School, New York's Yeshiva University and Montreal's Concordia University.

Fishbain arrived in Moscow via Israel, where he had been a career officer in the Israeli army and a Jewish Agency official.

"It's hard for a foreigner to live in Moscow, especially someone who's Orthodox," he observed. "But the feeling of accomplishment overcomes the difficulties."

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St. Petersburg's Jewish University, in drab rented quarters in a depressing semi-industrial neighborhood, was founded in 1989 by Jewish activists. It has 300 students and a teaching staff of 70. There is a sister campus in Moscow.

Fully accredited, the university offers courses in history, ethnography, philology and Torah. This year, a department of journalism will be inaugurated. Wide-ranging in its scope, the university is also known for its teachers' college, its Institute for Research of the Diaspora, its Institute of Problems in Jewish Education and its Scientific and Information Center.

Its library of nearly 40,000 volumes in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, English, Polish and other languages is considered one of the best of its kind in the former Soviet Union.

The university publishes academic literature, a children's haggadah and a Jewish calendar. In the near future, it will publish a book on former shtetls and synagogues in the old Soviet Union. The university has undertaken more than 30 ex-peditions to locate former Jewish buildings and memorials throughout the ex-Soviet Union.

Exchange programs are in effect with Yeshiva University, Bar-Ilan University and the Hebrew University.

The university has numerous external sponsors, notably the Jewish Agency, the Joint and the Hebrew University. Nevertheless, it is short of books, equipment and qualified teachers. Its yearly budget is $120,000 (U.S.), said Dimiry Elyashevitch, the 31-year-old rector and dean of the departments of history and ethnography.

A history graduate of St. Petersburg State University, Elyashevitch is the son of assimilated, "absolutely secular" academics far removed from their Jewish background. "I was drawn to Jewish culture, in part, because it was forbidden fruit during the Soviet era," he explained.

Elyashevitch, whose grandparents are of Lithuanian origin, studied Jewish history in an underground school. He can read, but cannot speak, Hebrew and Yiddish.

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The International Association for Jewish Studies and Jewish Culture in Moscow was founded in 1990. Its broad objective is the preservation of Jewish culture.

The association — headed by historian and philospoher Almin Rabinovich — issues a bulletin on Jewish life in Russian and English; runs seminars to upgrade the skills of Jewish lay leaders; sponsors a kindergarten and a secular Sunday school; encourages Russian universities to offer Judaica courses; and promotes research.

Rabinovich, 45, was remote from Jewish culture before 1967. But after the Six Day War, he began to take an interest in his heritage. "It was a turning point."

Now, as executive-director of the association, he is playing a vital, though unobtrusive, role in laying the foundations for a new, vital Jewish community in Russia.

Grigory Lipman (centre) is principal of the Moscow National Jewish School in Moscow. He is seen with teachers and pupils. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Fairly close to the consular section of the German Embassy, the school is housed in a renovated, non-descript building whose top floors are still used by the municipality.

The idea of setting up a day school came to Lipman during a visit to Israel. Returning to Moscow, he convinced the Ministry of Education that a Jewish day school was justifiable. That done, he began looking for a proper building. He embarked on the search in February 1991, and in May of that year, he found the present building at 97a Leninsky Prospect.

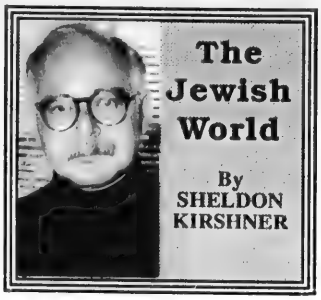
It needed extensive repairs and a top-to-bottom paint job. Since the government could not come up with the necessary funds, the cost of the renovation was borne by the International Association for Jewish Studies and Jewish Culture in Moscow.

By August, the building was ready. By Western standards, it is shabby, with broken, dirty tiles, soiled linoleum and a generally grim appearance.

Furthermore, there is a shortage of computers, computer programs, videos, TVs and books on Jewish themes in English and Hebrew.

The school depends on foreign assistance. Israel, for example, sends teachers, books and computers.

Despite its physical shortcomings, its academic standards are higher than most schools in Moscow, Lipman claimed. "We have nurtured an atmosphere of excellence. Our students have no problem getting accepted by universities. Our teachers are first-rate. Some are authors of school textbooks."



Jottings from a Russian notebook...

Tancred Golenpolsky, the 62-year-old editor of the *Jewish Gazette*, is an urbane and cosmopolitan man whose fluency in English and familiarity with American literature and Afro-American culture inspire something of a sense of wonder in a relatively isolated nation like Russia.

Yet, as a Jew, Golenpolsky was anything but in demand during the communist era, which ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991.

Some years ago, he was invited to work for the prestigious United States and Canada Institute in Moscow. But shortly afterward, he was disinvited, firstly because he is Jewish, and secondly, because he was not a member of the Communist party.

Golenpolsky, who was born and raised in Shanghai, China, took the rejection in his stride. He became a respected translator of American novels, wrote seven books on the United States and hosted a radio show.

At the height of perestroika and glasnost, his talents were finally utilized by the government. Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union and secretary-general of the Communist party, asked him to join his entourage to the United States as a personal advisor.

Golenpolsky has been associated with the *Jewish Gazette*, Russia's largest Jewish newspaper, since its inception in 1989. It is a bi-weekly, with a circulation of 32,000, down from a high of 52,000. The readership has dropped precipitously because of insoluble distribution problems.

Editor's travails; cemetery overgrown

Three other Jewish newspapers are published in the Russian capital — *Moscow Jerusalem*, subsdized by the Jewish Agency; *Jewish Life*, financed by the Chorale Synagogue; and *The Source*, brought out by the Reform movement.

Golenpolsky, a board member of the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad), hopes to keep the *Jewish Gazette* politically independent, and to convert it into a publication that reflects the aspirations of "Russians who are Jewish."

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St. Peterberg's sole Jewish cemetery, 10 kilometres from the centre of the city, is overgrown and poorly maintained. But it merits a visit. It is the last resting place of such personalities as Aleksandr Harkavy, the orientalist; Mark Antokolsky, the sculptor; and members of the Ginsburg clan, the 19th century philanthropists.

Among its mossy mausoleums is one that takes the form of a German Gothic cathedral. Its spire is topped off with an incongruous Star of David.

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The Lubavitch movement is still fighting to regain possession of a library of 12,000 books and manuscripts confiscated by the Bolsheviks about 70 years ago. In 1991, the Russian Supreme Court ruled that the seized library should be returned to its rightful owner, but the decision has been ignored by the government.

Rabbi Berel Lazar, the 29-year-old Lubavitch emissary in Moscow, has no idea when, or even if, the authorities will relent. Last month, however, the American vice-president, Al Gore, obtained a copy of the *Tanya*, a revered volume from the library, and presented it to a Lubavitch representative.

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Agudas Chassidei Chabad Synagogue, one of Moscow's three functioning shuls, is situated in a neighborhood that is swank by local standards. Andrei Gromyko, the late, long-serving Soviet foreign minister, resided in a walled villa just around the corner.

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Anything is possible in Russia today. In a St. Petersburg neighborhood, an imposing statue of Mikhail Ivanovich Kalinin — the Soviet titular head of state from 1919 to 1946 — looks down solemnly on one of the hated symbols of capitalism, a glittering casino. The Conti Casino, which opened recently, is owned by a local Georgian Jew.

Kalinin, if not Gromkyko, must be spinning in his grave.

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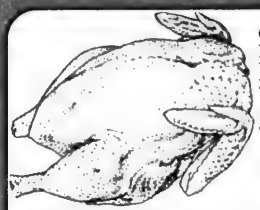

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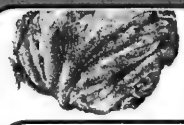

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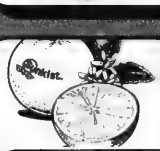

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Rabbi helps to raise Jewish spiritualness

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi Jerry Steinberg

TORONTO — About 10 years ago, Rabbi Jerry Steinberg received an invitation from 3 H O Kundalini Yoga and Meditation to teach folk dancing to the group's members.

A dance devotee since his early years growing up in Regina, Steinberg accepted the offer and ventured down to the group's ashram (spritual centre) in the Annex, to hold the dance workshop. Many of the group's members, readily identifiable by their white turbans and long flowing garments, participated in the program.

The lesson was progressing well when Steinberg turned his attention to some simple Israeli folk dances, including the horah and mayim. He admits he wasn't entirely surprised when about eight of the participants picked up the steps with hardly any prompting at all and then began singing along in Hebrew.

Steinberg says he was "pleased but saddened at the same time. I was pleased that they still remembered their heritage but sad that they had to reach out of it to find spirituality."

Steinberg, 58, believes that for many Jews, normative Judaism is too rational, cognitive and legalistic, and does not offer them a sufficiently intimate, personal and spiritual connection to God. That's why you can find so many Jews seeking that spiritual fulfilment in places like ashrams and in various Eastern religions, he says.

Disappointed that they have left Judaism to find fulfilment, yet sympathetic to the motivation that prompted them, Rabbi Steinberg believes that Judaism also has a strain which he calls "pnai or" (faces of light) that stresses a "more intimate, personal expression."

"Judaism has a tremendous tradition of literature, music and knowledge" that can address the longings of many Jews, he says.

In addition, techniques that are more closely associated with other faiths, such as deep breathing exercises, past life regression, repetitive chanting and yogic postures, can all be employed to assist in attaining "altered states of consciousness" and a mystical approach to God, he said.

Rabbi Steinberg is holding a series of six adult education classes at Temple Har Zion, which began on Jan. 11, on the Practical Applications to Find Higher States of Consciousness and to Get a Closer Relationship to God.

The rabbi is also spiritual advisor to a group called Kavanah, which is oriented towards Jews who have been "turned off of or are uninterested in normative Judaism and are looking for a more personal and experimental way of approaching Judaism."

Kavanah provides "a space where Jews can come and rediscover and be excited about Judaism," he said. "This is not a traditional venue but it has the utmost respect for our tradition and tries to bring into it a more personal experience."

A practical example of this "new age" approach to Judaism is seen weekly at the havdalah ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat. In addition to studying Torah, Rabbi Steinberg leads others in chants and in "guided visualization around the havdalah candle." In this context, he continues, the guided visualization involves closing one's eyes and meditating on images of light and radiance, in basking in the light and of seeing it as akin to the light of the shechina (divine presence).

While more closely associated with eastern religions, yogic breathing, body postures and mantras (repeating a sound over and over again) can also be found in the Jewish tradition, Rabbi Steinberg maintains. Chassidim often use repetitive melodies to bring them into altered states of consciousness, he said, while Abraham Abulafia, a medieval Jewish mystic, employed special breathing and postures to attain his spiritual goals.

"Yogic techniques have brought me to personal experiences that gave me a deeper understanding of prophetic traditions in the Zohar, Talmud, Torah and Midrash," Rabbi Steinberg says.

Rabbi Steinberg's personal odyssey began in the mid 1960s, when he attended the Jewish Institute of Religion at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. In 1965 he obtained his smicha (rabbinical ordination) but he did not feel he had "enough of a connection to God to preach to a congregation."

His good friend, Rabbi Zalman Schachter, chair of the department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at the University of Manitoba from 1969-72, recommended he study at an ashram in the interior of British Columbia. Rabbi Steinberg spent two years there. It was an experience that gave him "a deeper appreciation of the prophets, of Moses and of Abraham," he said.

Rabbi Steinberg, who taught on religious topics at both the University of Manitoba and at the University of North Dakota from 1967-72, went on to serve as the founding rabbi at Winnipeg's Reform Temple Shalom. Afterwards he spent five years in Ottawa in a federal job and in 1977, he moved to Toronto.

With a degree and graduate training in psychology, Rabbi Steinberg is involved in a private psychotherapy practice, where he employs some of the techniques of meditation to help clients resolve issues that are troubling them.

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Jewish students maintain voice at U of T's suburban campus

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Marcel Cohen is pleased when he hears that the Jewish Student's Council (JSC) is still active today, with about 40 members at the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus.

Cohen co-founded the campus group along with Michael Lambert in 1987 when the most urgent needs of Jewish students on that campus were to combat an anti-Israel campaign. In those early days of the intifada, Cohen says, the Arab group on campus was not only a strong presence, it also promoted its beliefs in a particularly unrelenting manner.

"The campus exploded with anti-Israel propaganda, which became anti-Jewish propaganda. And, in response to that, we tried to start a club and we eventually did. The goal was to put a human face on Jews, because there was all this dehumanizing and demonizing of Jews and of Israel," explained Cohen.

The pressures he was feeling as a Jew on this campus were the catalyst for his next step.

"It put me in a quandary," he commented. Cohen thought that maybe the situation would change on its own, but he said this did not happen. He added that no funds were available from the downtown University of Toronto's Jewish Student Union, although the staff were sympathetic to his cause.

Marcel Cohen

Cohen and Lambert ultimately made contact with a well-known community member, Sam Goldstein, whose asssistance eventually led to the formation of an active Jewish Students' Council at Toronto's smaller campuses: Ryerson, Glendon, Seneca, and Scarborough.

During the Gulf War, problems again arose for the Jewish students on the Scarborough campus. Fortunately, they received outside support for their campus Israel Day that spring. Among those who came out were five members of the Jewish Students' Network (a national movement of Jewish students), including then national chair, Joey Felsen, and members of the Jewish Defence League.

"They cared enough to show up. It was an act of solidarity amongst Jews across the city."

Today, things are different. Ilan Lenga, the JSC's current president, said that when he hears Cohen discuss the early days at Scarborough, he feels indebted. Lenga explained that the present executive consists of eight friends, who all chose to attend the Scarborough campus because it is small enough to have a personal touch, with people knowing each other's name.

As Jews, they feel somewhat isolated, but rely on each other's support. JSC member Ari Robiscek was concerned that he would be the only one wearing a kippah on campus and worried about possible anti-Semitism. Lenga thought he would arrive and only have the two other Jews he knew of on campus as his support group. Riva Shapero, another member, finds that the large multicultural society on campus contributes to a better understanding of diversity. These students formed this year's JSC executive after meeting on campus.

The group meets weekly on Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. in S357 (the portable) primarily for social activities. They have had a number of speakers including Rabbi Benjie Jacoby of Ohr Somayach and Mark Rubinstein of the Israel Youth Program Centre.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Is the grass really greener in Divorceland?

The latest reports suggest that 28% of Canadian married couples get divorced, compared to about 48% in the United States (*Toronto Star*, January 12, 1994). Perhaps we're more of a traditional or conservative society, less confrontational. Or we're a nation of wimps willing to sacrifice everything for appearances. In Britain, however, a poll of women suggests that 25% thought it more likely they would rather get divorced than work to improve a marriage.

On the other hand, the lax attitudes in Western countries make it easier to obtain a divorce. Increasingly, divorce is regarded as morally acceptable and normal. In Canada, after one year of separation one can normally obtain a divorce without having to give the court any reason. (One of the few exceptions occurs if the applicant is in arrears of support or if no support has yet been ordered or agreed upon. If the applicant appears to be legally obligated to pay alimony or child support and nothing has yet been agreed upon or Court ordered, Judges are often reluctant to grant such a person a divorce).

Easy divorces ... hard consequences

What exactly is wrong with this newfound freedom in the divorce business? An old Joni Mitchell tune hints at the answer: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?" The song, years ahead of its time in its treatment of ecological and environmental issues, also recalls the axiom that two can still live more comfortably than one.

In the broad sense, the mindset of "the grass is greener on the other side" is pitfall-ridden. When we reach the other side we seek so ardently (in this case, a state of "divorced bliss"), the grass isn't necessarily greener. It often yellows so quickly that we wonder how our mind ever painted it green.

"Central" issues

In the specific sense, a man who is used to an upper middle-class standard of living is often trapped into continuing prohibitive mortgage payments, while paying for that new rented apartment big enough for access visits, not to mention the cost of the monthly support payment. His ability to spend is dwarfed by having to pay for two households or one and one-half households. The cost of funding the continuing circus of access weekends revolves around what I call a "central" issue to parents who only have access to their children on weekends and must pay for the entertainment: Science Centre, Centre Island, etc.). Meanwhile the parent left behind with the children (usually, but not always, Mom) is even worse off.

Even though they may receive support, divorced women statistically have less money than men after accounting for all the expenses and taxes they must pay. Usually, it is the wife who took time out of the work forced to raise the children, so she's often earning less than her husband, or has been derailed from her career path. If the supporting spouse then fails to meet his Court-ordered support obligations, Mom's situation goes from eating out once a month to never.

Recession to the rescue

Is it any wonder, then, that during the recession many couples chose to stick together rather than opt for the ultimate luxury: a divorce that neither could afford even if they never had to pay a cent in legal fees. Of course, if the divorcing couple litigates their problems in the Courts, then either or both spouses often lose much of their assets or income in their quest to drive the other spouse into bankruptcy.

Some might think that perhaps it was a simpler world when the divorce rate was lower and spouses (usually women) "stuck it out."

On the outside that world may have appeared simpler. But what about all the women who suffered through unbearable marriages, silently scarred by years of physical or emotional abuse? Was it simpler for them? Did they deserve to pay such a terrible price for keeping the family together emotionally and financially? To be sure, families must work hard to stay together, and get help, but if the marriage is truly damaging then there comes a point where enough is enough.

Haste makes waste

Perhaps some problems can be solved before resorting to the ultimate remedy. Sometimes we are too quick to leave, particularly in a young marriage when in-laws interfere. But that's another kettle of fish, the cooking of which would fill up this newspaper and then some.

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Organizations and People

Peace agreement threatens Jewish security: Sharon

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The September peace accord between Israel and the PLO was "a major mistake," and threatens Jewish security around the world, Gen. Ariel Sharon told a synagogue audience here last week.

"No one has to preach peace to us. You do sign an agreement with enemies, but not with murderers. [PLO Chairman Yasser] Arafat has more Jewish blood on his hands than anyone since the Nazis," the hawkish Sharon, a former Israeli defence and housing minister, told a receptive crowd of 2,000 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Rather than bury Arafat, Sharon was in town to praise the 140,000 Jews who live in 144 settlements of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, some areas of which, according to the accord, are scheduled to come under eventual Palestinian self-rule.

In an impassioned speech, Sharon said he wasn't asking but "demanding" the Diaspora come to the settlers' aid.

"It's not that we [Israel] are defending the settlers; the settlers are defending us," Sharon said to wide applause. "Without this wonderful group of people, Israel would have been forced to return to its pre-1967 boundaries. They are the soldiers who are holding our frontier. They are the last vanguard against a Palestinian state."

Sharon, a hero of the 1973 Yom Kippur War and who led Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, quoted Abba Eban, the Israeli liberal intellectual, in calling Israel's narrow pre-'67 frontier "the Auschwitz border."

Israel "is not just a Jewish project. It's a worldwide project. We should remember every day what it was like before 1948."

Sharon's 10-city, 10-day blitz of North American cities, which kicked off here, is designed to rally Jewish opinion against the accord and raise funds for the settlers. His visit was sponsored by Canadian Friends of Yesha, which has embarked on an aggressive fundraising drive for the Yesha Council, a committee representing the Jewish communities of the West Bank and Gaza.

Yesha is a Hebrew acronym for Judea, Samaria and Gaza but also means redemption.

His long military career taught Sharon "never to leave behind a wounded soldier. [The settlers] are being left behind" by Israel's Labor government, which has "discriminated" against them and "made their lives harder.

"Who would have thought that Jews on the frontline would have to buy their own ambulances?" asked Sharon, referring to one of the settlers' most pressing needs.

He called the accord with the PLO "a moral mistake," one that has "heightened" dangers and threatens to "weaken" Jews everywhere.

"The government did not sign an accord with the Palestinian people. It signed an accord with one terrorist organization — the PLO — out of 15 terrorist organizations."

He said the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is trying to make areas of Israel "Judenrein" (cleansed of Jews, a term the Nazis used). And what happens in Israel "will affect your lives," he warned.

Sharon said he would not have left Israel for a speaking tour if he did not regard the current situation as "urgent."

Just prior to the address, Yakov Katz, Sharon's one-time deputy at the Housing Ministry and a co-founder of the Gush Emunim movement, read aloud the names of the 24 Israelis killed in terrorist incidents since the accord was signed in Washington.

Sharon was introduced by Yehiel Leiter, director of the Yesha Council's foreign desk, who in his own thunderous address, pledged that "nothing, nothing will drive [the settlers] out."

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In an earlier interview with *The CJN*, Leiter said what the settlers "are really interested in is not for the government to say 'We have sinned,' but to halt the process.

"The government has embarked on a strip-tease act. Everything is off. Now all it has to do, if it wills it, is to see that the PLO has abrogated the agreement by continuing to engage in terror and by not condemning it by others. We're interested in deeds."

Despite its right-ward leanings, the Yesha Council is "apolitical" and advocates non-violent civil disobedience, said Leiter, himself a resident of Eli, a settlement established in 1984 near Nablus.

With polls showing a majority of Israelis now opposes the peace plan and only 35 per cent approve of the Labor government, Yesha's test is "to see whether we can galvanize that latent disapproval into public action." Leiter points proudly to the 67 demonstrations which followed the recent stabbing deaths of two Bnei Brak residents.

Leiter charges the government with moving "way beyond its mandate. It's going too fast, too undemocratically."

The coming months will see a dramatic upsurge in terrorist incidents against settlers, he fears, but at the same time, there has been an equally dramatic increase in the amount of money the council has received from abroad, he noted.

The funds are needed because establishment charities like the United Jwish Appeal are "boycotting" the settlements, he said.

"I do not say people shouldn't give to UJA. G-d bless the UJA. But each Jew has to find a way around this boycott."

The settlers' most immediate needs include ambulances, schools and social services, he said.

Leiter recognizes that in an almost perversely ironic way, the settlements may come out of this crisis financially ahead of where they were before September.

Event organizers Henry Zieleniec (left) and Joseph Fried flank Gen. Ariel Sharon. [Mani Melnick photo]

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BBYO recently formed a new chapter with Jewish Russian teenagers. At the first program in October, the youth participated in an afternoon of tie dying of BBYO t-shirts. The youth then attended the BBYO member training day where they learned the basics of the organization. In December a Chanukah bowling party was held. If you are interested in this chapter call Yael at 635-9411.

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Gymnastics coach imports know-how from native land

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Alex Bard arrived in Canada in 1977, he was amazed to see the modest level of coaching young gymnasts were receiving.

Often, he would find that parents who brought their children to gymnastics clubs would also double as their coach — and this after having taken only a single six-hour, qualifying course.

Back in his native Kiev, things were a lot different. Gymnastics was one of the country's prestige sports, and developing championship calibre athletes was almost a national priority.

Gymnastics programs were set up in a professional manner and athletes were scouted at a very young age. The very best were developed for elite competition.

Bard says he has brought some of that Soviet gymnastics know-how to his job as head coach of Gymnastics Mississauga (GM), one of Canada's premier clubs. The result has been the creation of a virtual factory for the development of champion gymnasts. Fully half the women's national team — six seniors and four juniors — train at GM. Most well known is Stella Umeh, for two years Canada's national women's champ.

Her 15th place finish at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics was the highest ever for a Canadian gymnast, said Bard, who doubles as high performance coach for the Canadian national team.

At the '92 world championships, held just prior to the Olympics, Umeh finished fifth in beam and sixth in vault. No other Canadian woman had ever placed in the top 10, he noted.

Another product of GM's elite program is Jeanet Morin, who also competed for Canada at the Barcelona Games. At the 1988 Olympics, GM member Janine Rankin represented Canada, while in 1984, it was Andrea Owoc.

Bard said one of the reasons for the club's success is the higher level of coaching he has introduced. Where once many of the coaches were volunteers, today 99 percent are ex-athletes, many from the former Soviet Union. From their experience as competitors on the international stage, they have learned elite-level techniques and how to prepare for championship meets. They are able to pass on these skills to novice gymnasts, he said.

Beyond that has been the phenomenal growth in popularity of the sport itself. More than 8,000 fans gathered recently at Maple Leaf Gardens to view an international competition that featured Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, winner of six individual and team gold medals at Barcelona.

GM has benefitted from this grassroots explosion of popularity. In 1977, only 175 kids were members of GM, whereas today there are more than 2,600, making it the largest gymnastics club in Canada.

"We can compete now on the same level as the best in the world," Bard says with no small measure of pride. At the 1993 world championship finals, two Canadians, Umeh and Stacey Galloway, made it to the finals, competing against top athletes from Romania, Russia and Ukraine.

One young athlete that Bard is very high on is 11-year-old Moshe Roy Asaria of Mississauga. "He's potentially the most talented guy in our club and he has the most potential in Canada," Bard said. While there are no guarantees in gymnastics, Bard believes that if Asaria continues to work hard and show the dedication that is required, he can represent Canada nationally.

"He has the perfect body type. He's small, strong like a bull and well co-ordinated," Bard said.

For his part, Azaria has already set his sights quite high. Ultimately, he wants to represent Canada at the Olympics, but in the meantime, he's gearing up for a qualifying meet in Burlington on Jan. 30 for the national team at the Tyro level for 12- and 13-year-olds.

He's also hoping to participate in the Maccabi youth games in two years, as is Bard, who'd like to serve as coach.

In the meantime, Asaria continues a gruelling schedule that sees him at the club five days a week for four hours at a time, training primarily under coach Doron Kernerman.

While his friends sometimes tease him by calling gymnastics a "sissy sport," Asaria deflects the jibes. "I tell them it's a good sports for boys and girls," he says.

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Jan. 20 is deadline for Feb. 3 issue and Thursday, Jan. 27 is deadline for Feb. 10 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331. Fax number, 424-1886.

Thursday, Jan. 20

RUSSIAN RELATIVES

Film maker **Cayle Chernin** will introduce a preview of *Russian Relatives*, a production tracing her family from White Russia to Canada and Israel, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Rm. 421. Sponsored by World Jewry and Internaional Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. Admission free.

ISRAEL: CRISIS AND FAITH

Ohr Somayach/JEP: Thornhill is sponsoring a lecture by **Rabbi Nachman Bulman**, dean of men, Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, 8:30 p.m., main study hall, 613 Clark Ave. W. He will speak on The Land of Israel: Crisis and Faith. No admission charge, public welcome. For information, call 886-5730.

Friday, Jan. 21

SHAAREI TEFILLAH ONEG SHABBAT

Join the brotherhood and sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation for an evening of songs, Shabbat dinner and a lecture by **Aharon Mayne** who will speak on Bittersweet Times: Reminiscences of Canada's Only Frum Diplomat. Candlelighting, 4:55 p.m. is followed by services and dinner. Tickets: $25 members, $32.50 non-members, $12.50 for children 11 and under. For ticket information call **Sharon**, 787-1631.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

Temple Sinai's annual Shabbat Shira Service concert features the world premiere of **Louis Applebaum's** setting of the Alvin Fine poem, *Life's Journey*, for double-chorus, organ and vibraphone. *Life's Journey* is presented by the Temple Sinai Congregational and Chamber Choirs under **Ben Steinberg**, with **Cantor Thomas Schwartz** as soloist. Services begin at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT

Women's League Anniversary Shabbat, Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., 9 a.m., features **Dr. Karen Mock**, director of League for Human Rights. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, Jan. 23

SUICIDE

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach: Thornhill will give a public lecture about Jewish tradition and suicide, 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W. For information call 886-5730.

PNAI MEETING

PNAI's Tu b'Shevat meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., features **Chaim Waxman**, vice-consul of Israel, who will talk about the peace process. Parents and families of Toronto Israelis are invited to attend.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Medina Theature Ensemble presents a reading of the award-winning play, *Day of Atonement*, 8 p.m., 750 Spadina Ave. Panel discussion will follow. Admission $4 for members, seniors and students; $6 non-members. For information call **Luni**, 924-6211.

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly Basic Judaism Course resumes, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue with **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, senior rabbi, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, who will discuss Judaism Looks at Other Religions. Public is invited.

RUNNING A JEWISH NEWSPAPER

Patricia Rucker, editor of the *Canadian Jewish News* will discuss Running a Jewish Newspaper at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. Members and guests welcome, nursery available from 9 a.m.-noon. Services, 9 a.m. followed by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Admission free.

SINGLE PARENTS

Downtown Single Parents is looking for others in the same situation to socialize, talk, share outings with and without kids, go to special events and create their own community. If you would like to explore the possibilities of such a group, join them, 10 a.m., Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211. Babysitting available.

Monday, Jan. 24

TIKVAH CHAPTER, BBW

Please join BBW's Tikvah Chapter as they explore Peace in the Middle East with speaker **Eddie Ben-Tzur** of United Israel Appeal, 7:30 p.m. Tikvah is BBW's youngest chapter, made up of single and young marrieds between 20 and 35. For more information and location call **Michelle**, 650-5238 or **Debbie**, 782-6012.

CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada, North York Chapter, will hold its education meeting, 8 p.m., North York Board of Education Assembly Hall, 5050 Yonge St. **Dr. Mark Wise** and Dr. W. O'Hara will discuss travelling with inflammatory bowel disease. All are welcome, refreshments served.

ISRAELI ART

Contemporary Israeli Art was the theme of a recent Art to Heart Exhibit, sponsored by Toronto Women's Division, Canadian Share Zedek Hospital Foundation. Nissim Tshuvah, left, an Israeli art agent, relaxes in front of a Heddy Kun Oil with convenor Brenda Kafka.

WOMEN'S ORT CONCERT

A recent benefit concert for Toronto Women's ORT at the North York Performing Arts Centre featured Liberty Silver. From left, Toronto Women's ORT president Ruth Druxerman; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; Liberty Silver; Lydia London, past president, Women's Canadian ORT; Kathleen Crook, past president, Toronto Women's ORT.

PEACE PROCESS UPDATE

Dr. David Goldberg, research director of the Foundation for Middle East Studies, will talk about Peace Process Update '94 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Sisterhood general meeting, 100 Elder St. 8 p.m. Everyone welcome, refreshments served.

BBW NAGILLAH CHAPTER

Everyone is invited to the next meeting of BBW's Nagillah Chapter for singles over 40, when there will be a showing of casualwear, handbags and jewellery, 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. For information call **Miriam**, 638-6493, or **Beverly**, , 633-3203.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

ART OF BREASTFEEDING

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in a series of four monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 222 Winding Lane, Thornhill. They will discuss proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. For information call **Robin**, 886-8364 or **Risa**, 738-8870.

BBW AQUARIUS CHAPTER

Join Aquarius Chapter of BBW at its monthly meeting, 8 p.m. featuring B'nai Brith Women Jeopardy. Guests and friends welcome. For information call **Viki Rumack**, 783-3569 or **Anna Bloom**, 221-4864.

INTERMARRIAGE TABOO

Association for Jewish Continuity invites the public to hear what young people have to say about The Intermarriage Taboo: Racism or Survival, noon in the boardroom, Goodman & Goodman, 24th floor, 250 Yonge St. (above Eaton Centre). Participants are **Rabbi Mark Dratch**, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and **Dr. Karen Mock**, national director, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada. Moderator is **Aaron Brotman**, chair of the Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage Task Force, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Light lunch served. Space limited. RSVP before Jan. 21, 789-4148.

CANADA-ISRAEL TRADE

Continuing Education Committee, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada, continues its series on Assessing Israel's Peace Dividend with speaker Robert Ritter, national executive director, Canada-Israel Committee, who will discuss Canada-Israel Trade: Another Free Trade Agreement. Program begins 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. For information call 633-6224 or 633-3838.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING GROUP

Na'amat Toronto is forming a new Russian-speaking group. First meeting will be held, 8 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., two blocks north of Sheppard at Wilson Heights. Topic will be Find Out Why Belonging is Beautiful. For information call Na'amat office (English) 636-5425 or Dora (Russian), 731-8632.

CANADIAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

Pediatrician **Dr. Til Davy** will discuss The Role of the Pediatrician in Assessing and Helping Children with Learning and or Attentional Problems at a symposium sponsored by Canadian Heritage School, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. RSVP, 322-6010.

JEWISH GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Do You Know Who My Parents Were? **Anna Cheszes**, a member of the Jewish Geneological Society and a hidden child survivor, will relate her attempts to reconnect with her family, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Public welcome.

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

Everyone is welcome to join Temple Kol Ami at its fourth annual Tu b'Shevat Seder, 7:30 p.m. Space is limited so call the temple office at 905-660-5199 early to make sure you don't miss this unique celebration.

WORLD WAS MY CLASSROOM

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Sisterhood presents York Univerity professor **Elaine Newton** who will discuss The World Was My Classroom, 8 p.m., 2640 Bayview Ave. Admission $5. Call 229-2600 for information.

ISLAMIC JERUSALEM

Dr. Lisa Golombek will discuss Islamic Jerusalem: The Thousand Years that Shaped Jerusalem, 8 p.m., Room 215 Old Academic Building, Victoria College, 73 Queen's Park Cres. at the meeting of Society for Mediterranean Studies. Call 978-3143 for information.

Thursday, Jan. 27

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Join the Jewish Vegetarian Society for Tu B'Shevat, 788 Marlee Ave. For reservations and information call **Evelyn**, 485-9164 or 465-3366.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

SHABBATON WEEKEND

Join Chabad Lubavitch for a special Shabbaton weekend, Jan. 28-29, celebrating the Jewish family. Lectures, discussions and workshops will be complimented by traditional cuisine, song and dance. **Rabbi Manis Friedman**, director of Bais Chana Women's Institute in St. Paul, will speak following the Shabbat meal, Jan. 28; following Shabbat lunch, Jan. 29, and at a melava malka, 8:30 p.m., Jan. 29. Singles and married couples welcome. For information, call 731-7000.

BIALIK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Bialik Hebrew Day School of Toronto is in the process of establishing an alumni association. To facilitate the compilation of a register, all graduates and former students are requested to notify the school office of their whereabouts, by phone or mail: Bialik Alumni Association, 12 Viewmount Ave., Toronto, M6B 1T3. Tel. (416) 783-3346.

VILLAGE SHUL SCHOOLS

Registration is going on for playschool and Hebrew School at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave W. Programs include a class for 2-year-olds, three mornings a week, and classes for those 4 through 12, once or twice a week in the afternoons or Sunday mornings. For information call **Ariella Damelin**, 785-0549.

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Every year, The Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto collects thousands of pennies and recycles them to help people with Alzheimer's disease. During January, round up your pennies and drop them at the nearest Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. They need not

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be rolled or counted. Put your pennies back to work and help the Alzheimer Society to help others. For more information, call **Leona Chase**, 966-0700.

SPEAK, READ AND WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces registration is still open for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginning, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run from 9:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Evening courses run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. Beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions under **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching in Toronto. Free introductory lesson for beginners. For consultation and registration, call 787-0197.

MOMMY AND ME

Mom and tots spend quality time together, increase their Jewish identity and interact with peers at Mommy and Me, a course for Jewish children 18-24 months and their mothers. Program includes crafts, baking, music, dance and snack. Session I runs Jan. 27-Feb. 17. Session II runs April 14-May 12. For information and registration call **Goldie** at Torah Tots Pre-school, 886-0420.

WOMEN'S ADVANCED TORAH STUDY

Women's Institute for Advanced Torah Studies opens its doors Jan. 31 with a six-part lecture series Mondays at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The first class, 7:45 p.m. features **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Institute, who will talk about Jewish feminine spirituality. **Leo Steiner** will teach a Talmud course at 9 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew or previous background in Judaism not necessary. Cost, $5 per lecture, $30 for series of one lecture, $50 for series of two lectures. For information and registration call 889-6066.

JOB HUNTER'S WORKSHOP

A professional employment counsellor takes you through two intensive evenings of training in job hunting, Thursdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Topics include self-appraisal, networking, responding to ads, telephone skills and covering letters. Call 395-5440 to register.

VON VOLUNTEERS CARE FOR LIFE

Volunteers with the Victorian Order of Nurses are Caring for Life, Jan. 23-29, by going door-to-door throughout the city for donations. Money touches a diverse cross-section of individuals from new mothers to seniors. If you would like to volunteer during VON Week or make a donation, call 499-8916, ext. 2252.

NCSY SHABBATON

NCSY's regional senior Shabbaton in Ottawa is Feb. 3-6 for students in grades 9-13. Spend Friday touring the nation's capital from Parliament to museums. For special prices, scholarships and more information call NCSY, 782-4426.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261 for more information.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you a good listener? Eager to do volunteer work in a friendly environment? Then Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line wants to enlist you. Call 636-9610 to request an application. A personal interview will be scheduled.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto seeks volunteers to assist in various services to seniors. Positions include drivers, meal aides, friendly visitors, activity assistants or spotters for gentle fitness programs. Attempts are made to place volunteers as close to their homes as possible. For detailed information, call 481-6194.

CENTRE FOR LIBERAL JEWISH LEARNING

Registration is now on for courses in the spring program of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Classes beginning the week of Feb. 15 include Bereshit, Pirke Avot, Women in Torah, Basic Judaism, Introduction to Jewish Texts and Jewish Prayer. For a brochure, call 660-3154.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Shaarei Shomayim adult education courses are as follows: Mondays, Jan. 17-June 13, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Parashat Hashavua with **Rabbi Mark Dratch**; Jan. 17-Feb. 7, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Book of Joshua with **Rachel Turkienicz**; **Jan. 17-June 13, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Talmud: Berachot with Rabbi Henry Hoschander**. Tuesdays, Jan. 18-March 15, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Genesis with **Dr. Shoshana Zolty**. Wednesdays, Jan. 19-June 15, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Talmud: Baba Kamma with Rabbi Mark Dratch; Jan. 19-Feb. 9, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Marital Intimacy with **Rabbi Dr. Charles Grysman**. Thursdays, Jan. 20-June 2, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Maimonides with **Rabbi Bezalel Safran**. For more information call 789-3213.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Winter classes at Beth Sholom Adult Education Academy include Famous Jews and Jewish Communities; Trop and Torah Reading for Beginners; Introductory Hebrew Lessons for Adults; Teens in Tallis; Book of Samuel and Kings and Painting for Beginners. To register, call the synagogue office, 783-6103.

ART OF SHABBAT

Adath Israel Congregation presents Not Just Chicken Soup: The Art of Making Shabbat, Thursday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. and a Shabbat Celebration, Friday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m. On Thursday, **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** will discuss preparing for Shabbat, rituals and blessings, Shabbat songs and creating a Shabbat experience for the family. Friday evening includes Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner with full family participation. Call **Debbie Rubinger**, 785-5521, **Catherine Rossman**, 787-2186 or **Susan Haber**, 764-5419.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance, Jan. 30. Next Saturday dance, Jan. 22. Next movie, Feb. 2, will be *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, a musical comedy. A concert will be held in the community centre, Monday, Feb. 14, 1-4 p.m. $1 members; $2 non-members. Ongoing activities include bridge, shuffleboard, line dancing, fitness, yoga, woodworking, billiards, chess and rummycube. For more information on upcoming events and trips call 395-7881.

Join **Sunrise** for the great state of Texas, Feb. 14-28. New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, paddlewheel cruise of New Orleans and much more. Medical, transportation, twin $1,350 Canadian inclusive. Call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, 889-9436.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Jan. 20 there will be an Israeli movie and on Jan. 27, a Tu b'Shevat party. For information call 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning to attend Twelfth Night and *Cyrano* at Stratford in the near future, and *The Phantom, Evita* and *Me and My Girl* at Artpark. Arizona is in the planning for Purim. For information on all activities call **Lina**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaiado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

A Time for me is an 8-week personal growth workshop series for seniors beginning Feb. 8. Meet with others and discover strategies which help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Call **Maureen Eisenberg**, 635-2883, ext. 250.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Young at Heart Senior's Florida trip leaving Feb. 2 is $1,785 inclusive. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Wagman Centre's Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday mornings, 9:30-10:45. Next meeting is Jan. 21. For information call **Paula David**, 789-5131.

Shalom Village Retirement Home, Hamilton is sponsoring Shabbat with **Rabbi Zeplowitz**, Friday, Jan. 21, 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to regular activities including rummy tile, armchair travel, armchair exercise and Wednesday Night Bingo.

Activities at the **JCC Bloor Y branch** for seniors include:

Thursday, Jan. 20. Fitness, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wallin Lounge; Good Age Club games day 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24. Aquafit, 11 a.m. to noon in pool; bridge 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wallin Lounge.

Tuesday, Jan. 25. Fitness 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wallin Lounge; current events, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wallin Lounge.

Wednesday, Jan. 26. Knitting, 10 a.m. to noon Room 209; folkdancing, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wallin Lounge; pottery, 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Pottery Studio.

Thursday, Jan. 27. Fitness 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Wallin Lounge; Good Age Club, Florida presentation, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wallin Lounge.

For more information call **Florence Marantz** or **Bill Emery**, 924-6211.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

MK Naomi Chazan of Meretz spoke on The Women's Issues That Unite and the Peace Issues That Divide at the recent New Israel Fund (NIFC) study tour in Israel. From left, NIFC vice-president Helen Zukerman; NIFC director Marsha Slivka; Naomi Chazan; Joann Minden, NIFC.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Friendship Circle for single people 55 and over and living on their own meets every other Thursday. Coffee and tea are served in the cafeteria 2:30 p.m. and program starts 3:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults meets Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. On Jan. 26, a special Tu b'Shevat program, 7 p.m. will be a fundraising concert with ORT. For more information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents a fashion show with Silbert's Clothing for Seniors, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the music room. Admission free. A new course on the importance of self-care and pain management will be given by **Mandana Jam** and **Karen Evans**, Thursdays, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., crafts room. Topics include Tired of Fatigue and Pain; Pain, Go Away, Don't Come Back Another Day. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Jan. 23. Members $3.50; non-members $4.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m., synagogue, Wellness program features **Dr. Allan Steingart**, psychiatrist, Baycrest Centre, who will discuss how to recognize depression and the different forms of treatment.

at the JCC

AT THE JCC

Professionalize Yourself at the Leah Posluns Theatre School. Winter courses featuring acting techniques to improve presentation and communication skills begin Monday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Interviews now being booked. Call 636-2720.

Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts welcomes **Barbie Dukes** to its teaching staff. She will instruct dancers aged 8-12 in Israeli folk dance, Sundays, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 beginning Jan. 23. Call 631-5659 for registration and information.

Senior Adult Services, JCC, North Y branch, offers the following programs in co-operation with the North York Board of Education. Courses are free to Metro area seniors 60 and over. Ballroom, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; beginners bridge, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; intermediate bridge, Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; knitting and crocheting, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; line dancing, Fridays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; advanced Tai Chai, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; beginners Tai Chi, Thurdays, 10;45 a.m. to 11;45 a.m.; Yoga, Thursdays, noon to 1:30 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

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Weizmann honors Koffler

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a year of celebration for the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and to kick it off they held a gala dinner (not a fundraiser), complete with orchestra and even bagpipes. Over 400 people gathered at the Inn on the Park Hotel to pay tribute to Murray Koffler, immediate past chair of Weizmann's international board of governors, on his 70th birthday, and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Society as well as the 60th anniversary of the institute itself.

The dinner was preceded by a joint national and Toronto chapter annual meeting during which Weizmann president Haim Harari assured attendees that "the state of the institution is excellent. Our financial situation is adequate, which means not to worry, but does not mean, 'Stop giving'."

Harari is credited with having turned around the institute's financial situation during the first four years of his tenure, creating a balanced budget from a $32 million debt. Last year he agreed to serve a second five-year term as president of the prestigious Rehovot-based institution.

Thomas Beck, who was re-elected as national chairman of the board and president of the Canadian Society, noted that in 1992 the Canadian Society surpassed its obligation to the university.

Also re-elected were Allan Gordon as Toronto chapter president and David Dennis as Toronto chairman of the board. Leslie Dan was elected to the international board of governors, and James Kay was elected a deputy chair of the international board.

Murray Koffler

Gordon, among others, spoke of the collaboration existing between Weizmann scientists in Rehovot and their Canadian counterparts.

Among the Canadian Society's contributions to the institute are The Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics with its Koffler Accelerator Tower.

Leif Loberg, a University of Toronto student who attended Weizmann's Bessie F. Lawrence Summer Science Institute, a program for graduating high school students, spoke of the positive impact the experience had on him academically and otherwise.

"In the past 60 years the Weizmann Institute has become one of the crown jewels of 20th-century civilization," said New York-based Gershon Kekst, who succeeded Koffler as chair of Weizmann's international board of governors.

The Weizmann Institute exists as part of two "circles," explained Harari at the dinner. It is part of the State of Israel, to which it contributes in areas such as industry, medical systems and defence; and part of the international world of science, as evidenced by the relatively high percentage (one-third) of Weizmann publications co-authored by scientists from other countries.

"A third circle is emerging," said Harari. "That's the circle of the Middle East." He expressed the hope that Weizmann will have Arab scientists from neighboring countries, adding that there are already Muslim scientists at the university.

Harari, Kekst and several other speakers paid tribute to Koffler for his contributions to Weizmann and other institutions and causes. The founding president of the Canadian Society, Koffler, who is the founder of Shoppers Drug Mart, has also established such organizations as the Council on Drug Abuse and the Canadian Council for Native Business.

"It's your energy, vitality and love for life that's been your prescription for happiness," said Koffler's daughter Theo Koffler Stern. Koffler Stern also paid tribute to her mother Marvelle, founder of Weizmann Women for Science, who is being honored in her own right at an upcoming Weizmann dinner to be held in June.

"What Murray teaches us," said Kekst, "is that one person can make a monumental difference."

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El said the motzi and offered a brief prayer to inspire others to learn from Koffler's example of community service and love of life.

A video prepared for the occasion included a tribute from former Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau. Israeli president Ezer Weizman and his predecessors Chaim Herzog and Efraim Katzir sent congratulatory letters.

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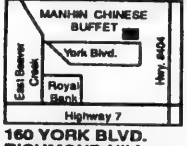

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Organizations and People

Flacks recalls grandmother in her show

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of Diane Flacks' most ardent fans is her 90-year-old great-grandmother, Helen Litovitz, a resident of Baycrest Centre.

Though the dailies and magazines in Toronto have featured this talented actor many times, it is only when an item about her appears in *The CJN*, that Flacks will get a congratulatory call from her great-grandmother.

This pleases her very much for Flacks identifies closely with her Jewish roots--a trademark of her acerbic, bitter-sweet comic style is her faithful reproduction of the accents of the Jewish older generation.("I could be dead for three days and nobody would notice.")

Her one-woman show *By a Thread* runs at Tarragon Theatre Extra Space (30 Bridgman Ave., 531-1827) Jan. 20 to Feb. 20, and Flacks says her parents, Cy and Lily, her brother, Daniel, a computer software designer, and her younger sister, Laura, (about to leave for Israel) will be there in force on opening night, as they always are.

A graduate of the Jewish school system in Toronto (Associated and CHAT), she is delighted at the response of non-Jewish audiences to the Jewish characters in her monologues who are usually as familiar as the people sitting next to you. Not that she has only Jewish material. Her appeal is that she seeks out the incongruities we all see, whether in young or old, Jewish or non-Jewish, but can't give them the voice she does.

At age 28, this tiny 5' 3"performer (who looks much taller on stage) and who graduated from York University's theatre program in 1988, is a real pro, but she still has the shakes before opening a one-woman show."I feel as if my spleen is going to burst. But once I get underway and hear and see the audience I'm alright."

In *By a Thread* Flacks plays Rosie "an avoidance artist" who has creative ways of putting off what has to be done, and equally creative ways of justifying her procrastination.

When she left York University, jobs in the theatre were hard to get, so Flacks and two other women formed *Empress Productions* and one of their shows *I'd Kiss You, But...* brought her favorable notices. Though she didn't want to do it, (her two associates had gone separate ways), she was convinced to try her hand at writing and performing a one-woman show,*Myth Me*as part of one of Toronto's summer fringe festivals, and it was a big hit.

The new production of *By a Thread* is a remount of the show she presented a year ago at The Poor Alex Theatre. Later this year Flacks will reprise her role at the Tarragon in *Theory of Relatives* to which she made such a signal contribution, both in performance and content.

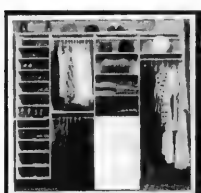
On top of all this, she is one of the writers of the popular CBC TV program *Kids in the Hall*.

Diane Flacks

Correction

The late community activist and clothing retailer Nathan Gold left three daughters. An obituary in last week's *CJN* provided incorrect information. *The CJN* regrets an pain this may have caused the family.

As well, the name of the cantor at Beit Rayim Synagogue in Richmond Hill is Marden Paul.



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A country day camp environment located in the heart of the City of North York, emphasizing outdoor recreation. Door-to-door transportation, lunches and snacks provided at no additional charge. Your child will find a team of enthusiastic, energetic, creative and motivated staff including professional consultants selected for their love of kids and camping.

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Contact: Rabbi Mendel Bernstein.
Lubavitch Day Camp caters to boys and girls from ages 2½ to 12. The camp is divided into two sessions: July 4 to July 29 and August 2 to August 24. We offer a large discount for registration before March 15 and a discount for each additional child. For our camp features, please see our article as they are too many to enumerate.

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Tired of sewing on camp labels? Try Name Tapes, a quality iron-on label guaranteed to withstand vigorous and frequent washings. Twice as large as standard labels (2½" x ½"). Call before March 1, 1994 and receive 125 labels for the cost of 100, $14.95 (plus $2 shipping and handling).

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SAVEMORE SPORTS STORE
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Located at N.W. corner of Queen and Jarvis. Attention parents, camp is just around the corner. Savemore sells everything you might need to go camping: duffle bags, trunks, tents, sleeping bags, blankets, rainsuits, canteens, ground sheets, rubber boots and insect repellant. Owner, Jules Rotin, supplies free parking with minimum $50 purchase.

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271 Wolseley
Montreal, Quebec H4X 1W1
(416) 667-1288 or (514) 488-8820
For night school and university students who like the feel of camp life but are tired of staying in the same place, West Coast Connection Travel Camp mixes the opportunity of travelling with the fun of camping. Begun in the Western United States and Canada, director Stan Browman now offers white water rafting, cycling tours, and skiing the Alps as an unusual way to spend the camping season. All tours are led by experienced older counsellors and are well-supervised.

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Local Israel Youth Program Centre, (phone) 514-486-9526 or local IYPC, (fax) 514-483-6392
Contact: Linda Israel, National Director. An endless variety of Israel Summer programs for explorers aged 15-24 are offered. Israel Summer Programs offer an eye-opening, unforgettable summer experience, guaranteed to stimulate interest and pride. Each program is filled with learning, challenge, discovery, physical activity, breathtaking scenery - in short, exhilaration, unparalleled fun and a lifetime of friendships and memories.

Fun for all at the Hillcrest Day Camp

Centrally located in the beautiful, green Hoggs Hollow Valley at Yonge and York Mills. Our unique camp caters solely to the preschool set ages 2½ to 5 years.

We provide an enriched, creative and nurturing environment while maintaining the highest safety standards.

A low camper/counsellor ratio helps to ensure each child is made to feel comfortable and secure in what is often their first camp experience. Our staff is comprised of Hillcrest teachers, student teachers from the Early Childhood Education Program and mature, experienced counsellors.

The rolling camp grounds and the adventure type playground provide a setting for exploration and fun. Our trained Red Cross swim staff are sensitive to new and experienced swimmers, providing your child with a feeling of security and confidence in the water.

In our arts and crafts program your child's imagination will blossom with our creative and stimulating "hands-on" experience.

Music is one of the highlights at Hillcrest Day Camp. The music program is directed by our music specialist, Kayla.

Hillcrest Summer Camp provides a safe and secure environment geared to the needs of your preschoolers.

HILLCREST CAMP

AGES 2 1/2 - 5 1/2

- Counsellors drawn from E.C.E. programmes
- Full and half-day programmes available
- Two week sessions available in August
- Red Cross Swim Instruction (on site)
- Door-to-door transportation

- Special Days
- Creative Movement
- Carnivals
- Drama
- Arts & Crafts
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Queenie Spindel - Camp Director

Hillcrest is located in beautiful Hogg's Hollow Valley (Yonge & York Mills)

Camp Ramah is set to inspire today's youth

Camp Ramah, located on Skeleton Lake in Muskoka offers a quality camping program in the framework of traditional Jewish practice. Under the directorship of Rabbi Mitch Cohen, Ramah offers a wide range of activities to children ages 9-16 finishing grades 3-10.

Ramah offers a full range of activities for campers. Our exciting water front activities are provided by certified staff and our safe and exciting program is a highlight for our campers. Daily basic and advanced instruction are offered in water skiing, sailing, swimming, tripping, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking. Sports is an integral part of every campers development, focusing on skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Arts activities allow each camper to realize their creative potential through projects, performances, and individualized instruction. Outdoors programs take full advantage of the camp's beautiful setting while raising our camper's environmental awareness, appreciation of nature, and camping and scouting skills.

Judaica part of camp day

Judaica is a regular part of the camp day. Hebrew language and Jewish texts are taught by young adults in an informal setting. Hebrew is spoken, heard and learned at camp. For most campers comprehension of Hebrew becomes second nature. Shabbat, prayer, and ritual observance assumes a new dimension when they are experienced in a setting of natural beauty and shared creatively with friends. Israel becomes closer to our campers through music, dance, and personal contacts with Israeli staff.

Unique program

Tikvah means "hope." Ramah now offers a unique one month program for campers with special needs. The Tikvah program gives adolescents ages 12-17 an opportunity to enjoy all of the camp activities and also explore their own Jewish indentity in the Ramah environment. Additionally, Ramah offers Family Camp at the end of August; Taste of Ramah, a one week session for children in Grade 2; and annual Lawyers and Alumni Days. Israel programs are also available for high school students.

Staff are often former campers who return to Ramah because of the deep-rooted commitment to Ramah. Young people develop skills and leadership, enduring friendships and a Jewish consciousness that helps them become vibrant members of their family and home community.

In the words of one Ramah parent, "Thank you for allowing my child to find her own individuality as well as the part of a lively Jewish community."

CAMP RAMAH in Canada

Applications are being accepted from

Campers and Staff for the 1994 season.

Two-month session for youngsters currently enrolled in Grades 3-10.
One-month session also available for children in Grades 3-7.

Outstanding Waterfront Program •Athletics
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OTHER EXCITING RAMAH PROGRAMS

•ALUMNI DAY AT CAMP: Sunday, August 28, 1994

•RAMAH FAMILY CAMP, for parents and children to share a Ramah camping experience together: **August 24-28, 1994**

•TASTE OF RAMAH, a one-week encampment for children currently in Grade 2.

RAMAH ALUMNI: We would like to send you our Alumni Newsletter. Please mail or fax: Name, address, phone, maiden name, years at Ramah.

For further information regarding enrollment, scholarship or employment speak to your Rabbi or Educational Director, or contact

Camp Ramah in Canada
801 Eglinton Ave., W., Suite 406, Toronto, Ont. M5N 1E3
Telephone (416) 789-2193 • Fax (416) 789-3970
RAMAH – The Camping Arm of Conservative Judaism

Camp Shalom

Camp Shalom has established its reputation for the past 46 years as a vibrant, tightly knit summer camp with a warm community atmosphere. Friendships made at Camp Shalom last a lifetime.

Over the years generations of campers have enjoyed Camp Shalom's well-rounded program, which offers strong Jewish content.

"As a Zionist camp, most of our program is related to Israel, Jewish history and Jewish culture," says Steve Gillick, presently in his third year as Camp Director.

"We have a Camp Shalom Shabbat followed by an evening of drama presentations, Israeli singing and dancing. The campers always remember the Shabbat."

Set in Gravenhurst on Lake Muskoka, Shalom is less than two hours north of Toronto. The camp gives young people, ages 8 to 13 the opportunity to participate in more than 17 different activities during the day.

The program includes a ropes course with a zip line, canoe tripping. camping trips and baseball. Also available are self-defence, water skiing, canoeing, sailing, instructional swim, tennis, gymnastics, scouting, cooking and lots more!

Campers can also indulge in various arts activities, among them a well established drama program, newspaper and arts and crafts. At Shalom, Campers have a say in which activities they would like to participate.

Steve Gillick says that from day one, "we speak about Hargashat Bayit, a feeling for the home. We talk about creating an atmosphere at camp that includes mutual respect, fair play, learning to get along, sharing ideals, and sharing fun and laughter."

At three-to-one, the staff to camper ratio at Shalom is high.

Gillick says that one of the strengths of the camp is that many of the staff come out of the Young Judaea camp movement and were once campers themselves.

"They learn hadracha (leadership) and programming skills in the movement and bring this knowledge to Shalom."

Nineteen ninety-four will also mark the inauguration of the Camp Shalom 10 day "Sneak Preview" program. This program is available to 8 and 9 year olds and will allow them to get a taste of what it is like to attend overnight camp. Campers will be allowed to sign up for the remaining 17 days of the session if they choose.

Gillick says that the 1994 season "will knock the campers socks off" with exciting new evening programs, camp-wide evening programs, special waterfront activities and, for the campers staying the full season, there will be totally different programs in each of the four week sessions. "We have a lot of surprises in store," Gillick maintained "but we don't want to let the cat out of the bag yet."

The camp offers kosher food, supervised by the Kashrut Council, Federation of Greater Toronto. Campers live in cabins with electricity and washrooms. Generally, there are 10 campers per cabin along with three live-in staff.

Shalom is an accredited member of the Ontario Camping Association.

There are still spaces available in August (July 29-Aug. 24) for all age groups as well as the Sneak Preview Program. For more information, please call Steve or Helene at Camp Shalom at (416) 783-6744.

CAMP SHALOM

Camp Shalom

46 years of fun and friendship in a warm Jewish community atmosphere
What's new in '94? Enjoy a sneak preview!

Camp Shalom's **new 10 day program** to introduce **8 & 9 year olds** to a Jewish overnight camp experience.

Camp Shalom is located on **Lake Muskoka**, less than 2 hours north of Toronto. The dynamic Jewish programs are designed for 8-13 year olds. The camp is **kosher** under COR.

The **sneak preview** program is operated from July 29th to August 7th **(10 days)**. Campers will enjoy a full Camp Shalom experience including selection of their daily activities, special camp wide programs, Shabbat, instructional swim and waterfront activities.

Space is still available for campers wanting to attend the full second session, July 29th to August 24th.

For more information, call Helene or Steve at the Camp Shalom Office **416-783-6744**

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Yes! Finally... an orthodox summer Basketball sports camp in Israel

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What a combo - English riding and tennis

For over twelve years The Hollows Camp has offered a quality riding program to a great many committed young riders. With only 42 children per session, both novice and experienced riders can excel through the individually planned lesson programs tailored to each student.

This year The Hollows Camp is offering a new program in recreational tennis along with their traditional sports and arts activities. "There are many aspects to a summer camp experience both social and experimental," says Stephen Fine, who along with his wife Janet are the owner/directors of the camp.

"While riding is the main reason that determines one's choice for attending The Hollows Camp, we believe that a well-rounded activity program is the best way to approach any sports discipline in a summer camp environment."

"It is not unusual when parents come to tour our facilities, that they often ask if they can register for camp themselves," adds Janet Fine. "We encourage all prospective campers and their families to take advantage of a personal tour before making a final decision." Come and see for yourself what makes The Hollows Camp such a special place for so many. Contact Janet or Stephen Fine at (905) 775-2694.

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Through direct marketing and a flyer mailed with a sample of their name tape, the response was incredible, especially from camps. They are now expanding into stores that sell camp clothing, such as Chocky's, Over The Rainbow and Rock A Bye Baby. One hundred labels are $14.95, including taxes, plus $2 shipping and handling; 200 labels are $27.95 including taxes, plus $2 shipping and handling. Anyone who responds to this offer before April 1st, will receive an additional 25 Name Tapes for free.

NAME TAPES

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Camp builds friendships

Camp Shomria offers a dynamic and exciting summer experience for campers aged 8-16 from Canada and the United States. The program offers a unique variety of both fun and challenging sport, educational and cultural activities in an atmosphere which helps to build life long friendships.

Camp Shomria promotes a strong understanding and love for Israel and the North American Jewish community. It is run by the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement, an organization that was established over 80 years ago, and is active year-round within the Toronto Jewish community. There is also a 6-day winter camp and weekly activities held throughout the school year.

Camp Shomria offers a wide range of activities and programs, that are enjoyable for everyone (please see directory). Campers who have just completed grade 10 participate in a special program centred around leadership, co-operation and responsibility. The program, called Yedid Plus, includes an intensive five-week program in Israel.

The staff are all dedicated and committed to the camp and the campers, and most have themselves been Shomria campers, and have grown up with Hashomer Hatzair. Camp Shomria has its own full-time registered nurse, and many of the staff members are trained in first aid. An excellent hospital with modern facilities is located just minutes away. To find out more about Camp Shomria, please call Miriam or Tuvia at 736-1339.

SUMMER - 5 weeks

WINTER - 1 week

Camp Shomria

736-1339

Camp B'nai Brith - a camp for the 90s

Camp B'nai B'rith at Pine Lake, Alberta enters its 39th summer of providing quality Jewish camping to North American boys and girls aged 7 through 16. Located on scenic Pine Lake in central Alberta. B'nai B'rith continues to offer a truly unique summer program which includes traditional camp activities, the study of Jewish culture and values through songs, stories and celebrations and an appreciation of the significance of the State of Israel in modern Jewish life.

For '94 the camp has added a mountain biking program: expanded its arts and crafts facilities to include a ceramics studio, tie-dying, silk-screening, batik and sewing; increased the size of its Kibbutz 'mini-farm' to include a wider variety of animals; updated several specialty areas with new equipment, and finally, developed an impressive library of creative and innovative programs for all age groups. New director Jack Feldman is committed to making '94 the best summer in B.B. history!

The camp's facilities include a large swimming pool, Red Cross awards, skiing, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, mountain biking, riding, tennis, baseball, soccer, landsports, Maccabiah, arts and crafts, ceramics, Kibbutz 'mini-farm,' Oneg Shabbat Services, Israeli Song and Dance and special camp-wide programs and events. There are also optional hiking trips to the Rocky Mountains, and a five day canoe adventure down the Red Deer River.

Full Season — July 6th-Aug. 17th. July Half-season — July 6th-July 27th. August Half-season — July 27th-Aug. 17th.

For information contact Jack Feldman at Camp B'nai B'rith (403) 444-4282 or write to the camp office at 7200-156th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 1X3.

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Grades 1-3

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✡ Machon
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Grade 9

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For Registration Information:
Jack Feldman
7200 - 156th Street,
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CERAMICS ✡ ARTS & CRAFTS ✡ DRAMA ✡ ISRAELI SONG & DANCE

Camp stresses values

Located on Lake Kalamalka in the beautiful Okanagan Valley in B.C., Camp Hatikvah is a co-educational camp for children age 8-15.

One of the best sites in Canada, with two dock areas, one fully equipped for boating, water skiing and canoeing, the other for swimming.

Our program stresses Jewish values, Zionist commitment and individual creativity. The daily program typically includes swimming, boating, canoeing, water skiing, sailing, sports, drama, arts and crafts.

Great counsellors provide attentive, tender loving care.

Call or write for application forms/brochure: Camp Hatikvah, 16-5763 Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2V7 — Beverly Pinsky, Administrator (604) 263-1200.

CAMP HATIKVAH

A children's summer co-educational camp located in the beautiful Okanagan Valley in British Columbia

STAFF - SUMMER '94

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CAMPERS - SUMMER '94 - *FOR THE FUN OF IT ALL!*
Session I July 3-July 29, Session II Aug. 21-Aug. 21.
Boating, Waterskiing, Sports, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Overnights, Jewish Values, Zionist Commitment, Caring Counsellors.

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New facilities unveiled

As soon as the buses turn down the camp road, campers naturally become very excited. The long, winter wait is over; camp is about to begin.

Last summer, the level of excitement was greater than ever as the campers began to see the new facilities at Camp Northland-B'nai Brith. They enthused over the four green and red, state-of-the-art tennis courts. They marvelled at seeing three full-size basketball courts with four extra hoops for practising. They were amazed by the floor hockey pad, complete with boards to bounce shots off. And nestled in the woods they saw the Pavilion, a large, well-ventilated recreation centre which could be used for a whole myriad of indoor programs.

All the regular programs were still there for the campers to enjoy. Located on 750 picturesque acres in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp Northland-B'nai Brith offers privacy and space for campers to hike in the woods and explore the wonders of nature; to enjoy the crystal-clear waters of Moose Lake while paddling in a canoe, sailing, windsurfing, swimming, or fishing. A new waterski boat added the experience of biscuiting or kneeboarding to the already popular ski program. A covered outdoor deck expanded the arts and crafts centre to allow the creative camper to work either indoors or out. With two fully equipped baseball diamonds, soccer fields, volleyball and tetherball courts, there are facilities to suit every child's interest.

It is no wonder that parents ask to stay at camp after visiting day!

For more information, or to register your child, please call (418) 630-1180.

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COUNTRY CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS 7-15
LOCATED IN THE BEAUTIFUL HIGHLANDS OF HALIBURTON

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*Food Services under the supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

CAMPER REGISTRATION NOW UNDER WAY

For your application forms and more information, please call the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto (416) 630-1180.

Fun lakefront day camp

Camp Arrowhead, a lakefront day camp that has been serving cottage communities on Lake Simcoe for 37 years is thrilled to announce that for the first time this year, busing will be offered from Thornhill and Richmond Hill.

Campers age 3-15 from these areas can now take advantage of all the water activities including canoeing, kayaking, sailing and waterskiing, traditionally offered only at overnight camps.

As well as the water activities that are supervised and taught by qualified staff, Camp Arrowhead also offers a multitude of land sports, tennis instruction, arts and crafts, ceramics, drama and music. Add to that the overnights, special theme days and the new Adventure Program and campers are all set for a fantastic fun-filled summer.

The counsellors, under the direction of Molly Maguire and Ric Gunton, are experienced and enthusiastic, and as a result of the low counsellor/camper ratios, every camper gets the attention they need.

CAMP ARROWHEAD LAKE SIMCOE

For boys and girls aged 3-15. We offer a full range of activities including; Red Cross/Royal Life swimming, water skiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, camp craft, tennis, land sports, arts & crafts, ceramics, drama, overnights, special themes, Oneg Shabbat.

New for '94
Busing from Thornhill & Richmond Hill.

For information please call 889-1095.
Directors: Molly Maguire, Ric Gunton

Established 1956

Marky's Warehouse Outlet -summer camp headquarters

Marky's Warehouse Outlet has been in business for two years. Their major stock in trade is camp clothing and other camp gear from boots to water bottles. They have a full range of clothes, including socks, underwear, T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts and splash pants. They also carry hardware, as well as personal care items such as toothbrushes.

Partner Peter Riley calls Marky's "the one-stop camp shop," which can outfit the widest possible range of ages from children to adults. In the Warehouse Outlet's 7,500 square feet, parents and campers can find everything on the required equipment lists of summer camps, both day and sleep-over, in the Toronto area.

One of Marky's features is the traditional one-piece or two-piece camp pajama. For a small extra charge, a print may be heat-sealed on to the pajama; there are over 200 prints to choose from. Heat-sealed lettering is also available. Iron-on or sew-on name tags can be ordered; laundry markers are available for those who prefer to write their own names.

Team logos

Marky's carries plenty of clothing with team logos: Jays, Leafs & College teams. Their licensed products include a Looney Tunes section with an entire range of garments and all the characters. In addition, for both children and adults, there is a large denim section in blue and other colors; this section offers not only jeans, but also jackets, shirts and overalls. Brand names include Lee Cooper, Jonathan G and Red Star.

For cooler nights at camp, Marky's carries several lines of fleece-lined underwear and other warm clothing for all ages and sizes. Tops can be had with or without hoods. Among the brand names available are Hanes, Gym Master and Fruit of the Loom. There is also an extensive selection of men's and ladies' underwear by Jockey & Fruit of the Loom.

Customer convenience

Marky's offers a full line of plaid clothing: boxer shorts, short- and long-sleeved shirts with or without hoods, and bagger pants. Another specialty of the store is the Guatemalan look in shorts, pants and tops. There are money pouches, bracelets, scrunchies and hacky sacks as well. As a sideline, Marky's sells a wide range of sports videotapes.

For parents who bring their children, there is a play centre with toys and a slide. There is a self-service counter where hot coffee and cookies are always available. A TV and VCR are continuously in operation, playing sports tapes. For the convenience of customers making many purchases, there is no restriction on the number of items which may be taken into the fitting rooms.

Marky's is located at 7171 Yonge St. on the east side, in the same plaza as Hy & Zel's Supermarket. There is ample parking. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted; so are personal cheques. Full refund policy in effect if not 100% satisfied.

MARKY'S
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SUN. 12-5

Camp New Moon teaches life skills

For Al Goodman and his son Jack, camp is not just a profession but it is a way of life. Al started his career as a counsellor at age 16 and continued to work at many camps through his High School, University and Teaching career. While teaching at Forest Hill Junior High where he was Head of Physical & Health Education for 15 years, he purchased Camp New Moon.

Camp was an instant success and this year marks their 35th season.

Jack has followed in Al's footsteps. Having graduated from Phys. Ed. He continued on to receive his Ph. D. and now he and Al share the Co-Directors duties of the camp.

Intimate atmosphere

Al and Jack feel the most valuable aspect of their camp is the very warm intimate atmosphere that exists due to its smaller size. In spite of pressure of these past years to expand they have kept its numbers small. As a result every child receives individual attention and almost unlimited used of the facilities which are as numerous as most camps having double the number of campers. It is commonplace for campers to be able to sail or waterski or play tennis everyday if they wish.

This aspect comes into play particularly in the Junior Camp. Cabin groups age 7 to 10 are kept to a maximum of 8 children, each supervised by two to three counsellors. They have introduced shorter period of stay from 10 days to two weeks which allow first time campers an easier adjustment to being away from home.

Encourage participation

The general philosophy is to encourage as wide a participation as possible in order to develop skills that will be valuable in later life. In this regard the activities are a means to an end — to develop in everyone a sense of self-worth-mutual respect and consideration of others.

Those with special talents are encouraged to enhance them, and those who have limited talents are helped to find latent abilities and persue them.

The majority of campers are from Jewish homes and Friday night is special. Shabbat dinner followed by services prepared by the campers and the evening is completed with an all camp sing-song and camp fire. The atmosphere at this time embodies the very warm family feeling that permeates the camp for the rest of the week.

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Camp Connection

When shopping for camp at Camp Connection, parents are assured of high quality, durable merchandise at the lowest prices around.

So sure is owner Bryan Gerber of his low prices that he guarantees his customers that he will match any price. "I'm confident however, that no one will find lower prices for identical items anywhere. We beat our competition hands-down. Brand name items such as Keds running shoes and Jockey underwear are even cheaper at Camp Connection than they are in stores in the United States. "We've gone nuts slashing prices."

Not only are prices low, and service great, but the store is chock-full of merchandise — a one-stop camping store. In addition to such items as flannel shorts and pants, leggings, jeans, T-shirts and sweatshirts from kids size 4 to adult X-large, campers can get all the equipment they require, from sleeping bags and blankets to flashlights, pens, canteens, soap and toothbrushholders. "We even sell more Coppertone sunblock than anyone else because we sell it for less money. When we say our prices are good, we're not fooling around," says Gerber.

Lowest prices, best selection

Camp Connection staff, all campers and former campers, pride themselves on selling customers only what they need. "We sell sleeping bags at various prices, but we will tell the parents if a lower-priced bag will serve the same purpose as one that costs a little more. We also sell four different flashlights, but why pay more if you can buy a flashlight that will work just as well. We like to sell the basics. We do carry better merchandise, but we sell customers only what they need," Gerber stresses.

No misleading advertising

Shopping at Camp Connection is fun and stress-free. Staff is always willing to show parents around, suggesting what items their kids will need, and the little kids can enjoy some juice and play in the play area while their parents shop. "We often have kids come in the store who just do not want to leave. We not only help keep camp expenses down, we help keep shopping stress down. Parents come into our store knowing they are getting good prices, good merchandise, good variety and good service." says Gerber.

He says that the store is now being stocked for the coming camp season and suggests that customers shop early for the best possible selection. "The prices will not change. Someone can walk into the store today and again in two months and the prices will be indentical, but the selection may not be as complete."

CAMP CONNECTION

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- ☐ crew-neck sweatshirts
- ☐ work shirts
- ☐ baseball shirts
- ☐ t-shirts
- ☐ flannel boxers
- ☐ army pants
- ☐ jeans
- ☐ sweatpants
- ☐ cotton pants
- ☐ shorts
- ☐ bathing suits
- ☐ pajamas
- ☐ socks
- ☐ underwear
- ☐ thermal underwear
- ☐ (1 or 2 piece)
- ☐ robes
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Green Diamond is for children aged 5 to fourteen and serves 500 children each session. The baseball program is structured such that the fundamentals are stressed through hands-on individual instruction in each position. As a result of this, every child has the opportunity to develop their baseball skills according to individual ability, need and desire.

Rookie camp, for beginners aged five and six, consists of half a day of baseball and half a day of other activities, with one instructor for every five campers. At the level for children 11-14 years of age, there is a full day of basball and there is one instructor for every ten campers. Instructors must have experience.

"We put the fun in fundamentals," says owner Michael Belz, who believes that instruction and having a good time should go hand in hand. Green Diamond combines the training of a baseball school with the fun of a summer camp.

Cito Gaston, who is now in his fourth year as director of baseball operations, has had a great deal of input in designing the program. There are six diamonds, each of different size, with a home-run fence at a different distance from home plate, so that every child has a chance to hit a home run. There are six batting cages with automatic pitching machines.

A Blue Jay visits the camp during every two-week session. Among those who have appeared are John Olerud, Devon White and Tony Fernandez. There are also specialty weeks. In 1993 there was a pitching week with Ferguson Jenkins, the only Canadian Hall of Famer; and former Blue Jay great Ernie Whitt hosted a hitting camp.

Besides excursions to Blue Jay games, there are out-of-town trips. In 1993 there was a weekend trip to Boston; campers will be visiting Cleveland in 1994, to see the new stadium.

Green Diamond is in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, off the Stouffville sideroad east of Highway 404. There is door-to-door busing. To prepare children for longer stays away from home, there are optional one-night sleepovers.

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DISCOVER TORONTO DAY CAMP

Discover Toronto Day Camp runs for nine weeks from July 9 to September 2, with registration by the week. The camp is for children from seven to 14; there is a Counsellor-In-Training program for 15-year-olds. Discover Toronto has been operating for eight years.

The campers visit places like Canada's Wonderland, Wild Water Kingdom, Ontario Place and the CNE, and attend events like Blue Jays games; emphasis is on summer fun and the outdoors. Each week offers a different combination of events, each day a visit to a different place.

Each group of eight children has one counsellor and one CIT; staff are mature, responsible and carefully chosen. Children are constantly supervised, yet encouraged to feel free. Discover Toronto's program is what director Harsley Lichtbleu calls "supervised adventure".

Because events are on weekdays during the day, there are no lineups. Not being slowed down by adults, campers and their counsellors can move at a kid's fast pace. At the same time that the children are discovering Toronto, parents have a holiday from their children.

There are two overnight trips during the summer. The first is to Wasaga Beach; the campers spend the first day at the Beach, stay overnight at the Blue Mountain Hotel, and visit the Blue Mountain Slide Rides on the second day. The second trip is to Niagara Falls; the campers visit Marineland on the first day, ride on the Maid of the Mist in the evening, and on the second day visit Maple Leaf Village. These trips prepare children for longer stays away from home.

Groups are formed by age, and according to likes and dislikes. When campers are registered, they fill out a questionnaire about their preferences; "kids," says Harsley, "have a lot of input". Ads for Discover Toronto Day Camp include a calendar which children sometimes tear out of the paper and take to their parents, saying: "I wanna go *there!*"

The fee is $225 a week, and includes busing and tickets to events. There is supervised area pickup in North York, Richmond Hill, Ajax-Pickering, Scarborough and Mississauga; in Thornhill there is door-to-door pickup. Children are asked to bring a lunch from home. Early registration discounts apply before January 28 and April 1. The phone numbers, which are also fax numbers, are 740-CAMP and 1-800-265-5226. Visa and registration by fax are accepted.

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WEEK 3	18 ONTARIO PLACE	19 CANADA'S WONDERLAND	20 AFRICAN LION SAFARI	21 FAMILY KARTWAYS/ ROLLERSKATING	22 WILD WATER KINGDOM
WEEK 4	25 CANADA'S WONDERLAND	26 MARINELAND MAID OF THE MIST MAPLE LEAF VILLAGE (OVERNIGHT TRIP)	27 ◆	28 ADVENTURE DAY	29 FAMILY KARTWAYS/ ROLLERSKATING

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"We are fortunate to have such a fabulous site located right in the middle of town," says camp director Rochelle Wise.

Campers are encouraged to explore the valley in which the camp is located. Campers are also introduced to nature through experience on the camp's own miniature farm, which features a vegetable garden and many animals including pigs, ducks, chickens and rabbits. "Our campers enjoy visiting the farm," says Wise. "It is exciting for the younger campers for whom the animals become such special friends."

Crestwood also introduces its campers to the joys of camping out. Campers completing Grade 2 and up have the option of participating in a week-long trip to an overnight camp, and all campers are encouraged to participate in an in-camp overnight which features a cook-out and a traditional campfire and sing-a-long.

The camp experience at Crestwood also includes supervised arts and crafts (featuring a full pottery program), drama, dance, performance art, puppetry and various athletic activities. Pre-schoolers are offered a full sports program including T-Ball, soccer and co-operative team games, helping them develop hand-eye co-ordination and motor skills. An exciting archery program is always a favorite of the children. Tennis is available to older campers, as well as a challenging low-level ropes course.

Crestwood has a "very professional swimming program," Wise says, explaining that campers take part in two swim sessions daily, one of which is recreational and the other which is instructional according to the Red Cross guidelines. "We overhire qualified swim staff," Wise says, "because we want to ensure that our campers have the best swim instructors available, with small instructor-camper ratios." Crestwood has four heated swimming pools on site, and has the use of the olympic-size pool at nearby Glendon College.

Crestwood's Baseball Training Camp encourages campers who have completed Grade 1 and up to take part in an intensive program focusing on the development of skills and confidence, coached by experienced instructors. Campers in this program enjoy baseball in the mornings and join the rest of the camp for regular activities for the afternoon.

Campers never long for the conveniences of home while they experience the great outdoors. They are provided with convenient door-to-door transportation and are served full catered nutritional lunches. Crestwood School's air-conditioned classrooms and modern gymanasium are available for inclement weather.

Wise adds that campers revel in "the cozy, family-type atmosphere" of Crestwood. "Our (160) staff members are very close, and very spirited, building lasting memories for our children."

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In our current harsh economic climate, B. Silverstein and Sons and Chocky's Uptown continue their tradition of discount prices. "Because of our low markup, we will survive this recession," said Silverstein.

"People are looking for a bargain and we will sell at wholesale prices. Consumers keep coming back, not just year to year but generation to generation."

As the name suggests, B. Silverstein and Sons is a family-run business. Danny Silverstein's grandfather opened the first location on Spadina Avenue, and the family started Chocky's Uptown on Finch Avenue, near Dufferin, three years ago.

B. Silverstein & Sons and Chocky's have built up a loyal clientele because they sell durable high-quality products at rock-bottom prices and offer attentive personalized service. "We don't let people buy the wrong item," said Silverstein. "If it's the wrong size, we'll say so. We want our customers to be happy when they get their purchases home.

"We're not in business to make a quick buck, we're here for the long haul. We want first and foremost to give good service, the way my father and grandfather did from day one."

For shopping atmosphere, other clothing stores can hardly compete with B. Silverstein & Sons and Chocky's. "Shopping here is a family outing," says Silverstein. "Parents come down here with the kids, we give them bagels and coffee and they spend hours filling huge shopping bags."

He assures price-conscious shoppers that his stores are head and shoulders above the competition because of their wholesale prices and wide selection. "People don't want junk. They want the right goods and the name brand goods at the right price. No one else offers that."

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Books

By BERNARD J. SKIN

Knowledge of Judaism essential

A question for the new year: How much should a Jew know about Judaism to be culturally informed? Opinions, of course, will differ but may I suggest the following ten areas of knowledge (with acknowledgement to the late Rabbi Robert Gordis for his insights on the subject).

1. **A knowledge of the basic fundamentals of Hebrew.** This means being able to read the language fluently, thus being capable of joining in a religious service.

2. **A knowledge of "functional" Hebrew,** that is to say, of those words and idioms which all Jews used, irrespective of the language they spoke, and which they retained untranslated because they represent specifically Jewish conceptions, ideals and practices. Familiar examples include Shabbat, Tanach, kosher, get, kovod, rachmones, There are many hundreds more which should become part and parcel of the vocabulary of modern Jews.

3. **A familiarity with Jewish customs and ceremonies,** their history, development and meaning through the centuries.

4. **An interpretation of the basic Jewish religious ideas, which constitute the heart of Judaism.** Most Jews are uninformed about Jewish teaching on the issues of God and man, life and death, covenant and chosenness, messiah, prayer and the essential differences from Christianity and Islam.

5. **A survey of Jewish history from ancient times to the present,** of the events, movements and personalities that march across the centuries of Jewish experience. Without a knowledge of the past, we lack the key to the present.

6. **A knowledge of the Bible.** With a grounding in its background, language and ideas, modern Jews will discover once again that the Bible is the foundation of Judaism and much of modern culture.

7. **A conception of the Talmud and its literature,** including an understanding of its structure, form, major personalities, fundamental ideas and ethical teachings.

8. **An appreciation of modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature,** many of the masterpieces which are now available in English translation.

9. **A knowledge of the history of Zionism,** the modern resettlement of Israel, and the various schools of Zionist and Israeli thought. Jews need to know the story of the heroic struggle for independence and the establishment of the State of Israel. They should become familiar with its miraculous achievements as well as its massive problems.

10. **Finally, an understanding of the many-sided, contemporary Jewish scene in North America and in the world.**

Books in the all the areas indicated above are now widely available. They have reached an all time high, both in quality and in quantity.

The new year is an opportunity to embark upon a program of increased understanding and appreciation of our many-sided legacy. It will make some demands on time and energy. But the rewards are great. They include the awareness that Judaism is far more than a reaction to anti-Semitism, that the Jewish religion is more broad in scope than a series of prohibitions, and that Jewish literature is by no means a series of unending lamentations.

Frid does well in the Orient

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Misha Frid has just returned from a multi-media exhibition in Seoul where his sculpture met with acclaim and sold well.

SIART '93, hailed as the first international art show in South Korea, attracted numerous entrants from a dozen countries and sparked enthusiastic response.

For centuries, much of the Orient was cut off from outside influence, and it is only in the last 50 or 60 years that it has begun to open up, Frid notes, adding that even though an ancient culture flourished, the people, exposed at last to Europe and the West, "want to suck in everything — music, art, ballet."

He has acquired an Asian representative and will exhibit in Tokyo and Hong Kong this year.

Born 1938 in Moscow, Frid came to North America with his family in 1973. A Canadian citizen, he makes his home in Toronto, working out of New York as well.

Driven by a fertile mind, he reaches constantly for new methods of expression. At 53 he combines the confidence of experience with the vision of ongoing youth. His sculpture evolves. It is never stagnant.

Frid is a master of the classic bronze figure; yet he probes his imagination to develop changing form, added dimension. A recent series explored the hypnotic power of music as it affected the relationship between man and woman. There was a certain tautness in the figures as they played on one another. A new collection elongates the human form and strikes a contemporary male-female balance, an emerging freedom.

In one piece, man, representing nature, is symbolically portrayed as a tree. Woman lies in the grass, touching his roots. Both are concerned with the environment. A more provocative work reveals a woman trying to soar independently above a man who offers her liberty yet with a hint of reluctance. He recognizes the inevitable, but pulls back just a little.

Like other superbly trained artists who emigrated from the former Soviet Union, Frid feels the urgency to cross over from safe replication to the experimental world of the here and now. Always stretching, he moves from the grace of the cello and harp in his Music series, to the jazz scene. Striving for relevance, he is currently modeling and remodeling two figures, a laid-back saxophonist and a leaping dancer.

Nature, a bronze sculpture by Misha Frid.

Just as the Koreans want to absorb western culture, Frid needs to be part of his new world. But consistently his credo is to project beauty, to let the viewer dream.

For the first time in his career, he is giving classes in Toronto for professional sculptors, focusing on composition, portrait and live models. He will accept a limited number of other art students. And he is offering a specialized course in composition specifically for plastic surgeons who want to enhance their artistic knowledge and flexibility skills.

Through 1994, Frid will mount exhibitions in New York and other U.S. cities as well as the Orient. He is also looking toward exhibiting in Israel, where he has a brother and sister.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 422-2331

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Arts

Sherman play makes grade

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jason Sherman, a 31-year-old Jewish playwright, has joined the charmed circle of Canadian writers who have their plays premiere at Tarragon Theatre, the shrine of writers who have made the grade.

Sherman last year won the prestigious Chalmers Award for outstanding new play with *A League of Nathans* about three young Canadian Jews named Nathan and their differing concepts of Judaism and Israel.

His new play, *Three in the Back, Two in the Head*, which runs to Jan. 29, presented by Tarragon and Necessary Angel and co-produced with the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, does not have Jewish characters or a Jewish theme.

Sherman's latest play explores the motives of a Canadian scientist who wants to ensure world peace by working on a shield against nuclear attack, and his relationship with the Pentagon and the CIA, the latter agency ordering his murder. A military scientist against war is indeed a fresh idea but we never learn how he worms his way into the Pentagon. The plot's frame is an attempt by his son to clear his father's name, which goes awry when the son's own motives are called into question.

It's a "talky" thriller which keeps you pinned to your seat for 95 minutes, but anyone looking for new insights into politics and the arms game will be disappointed.

The acting and the staging are magnificent (a segment with reflecting mirrors giving double and triple images should win an award), but it is hardly a surprise that CIA agent (Ron White) is ruthless, that the Pentagon general (Guy Bannerman) is unprincipled but spouts morality, and that the Canadian scientist (Ken James) is caught in the CIA snares.

Sherman's strength is his ability to capture the double-talk and the "snow jobs" that people with power are able to use to defeat their opponents. The direction by Richard Rose is brilliant, the flashbacks are melded seamlessly, and the lack of substantial content can almost be forgiven, so cleverly are the dialogue and visual elements combined in the direction and Graeme S. Thomson's set.

Gershwin tunes outstanding in Mirvish's Crazy For You

By JEFF ROSEN
CJN News Editor

TORONTO — It's got music, it's got rhythm . . . who could ask for anything more?

Of course, when you're dealing with the Gershwin brothers — George and Ira — you get much more.

But what else could you expect from the creative team that produced such hits as *Embraceable You, But Not For Me* and *I Got Rhythm*? First introduced along with three others in the 1930 musical *Girl Crazy* these tunes are now back in Ed and David Mirvish's latest mega-musical comedy *Crazy For You*, appearing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre for an indefinite run.

Borrowing a number of Gershwin masterpieces from other sources, *Crazy For You* flows easily from one number to another — proof positive that good music never goes out of style.

Of course it helps when you have an engaging tale to tell, a talented cast and superb choreography to boot. While slightly dated (there was no such thing as politically correct back in the '30s) and corny, the story which connects the Gershwin classics is hilariously funny. It's a classic tale: city boy meets country girl, loses girl and finally gets girl after a whirlwind mixup.

Along the way there's even a chorus line audition which rivals the one found in *Chorus Line*, a scene in which two characters believe they are the mirror image of each other and a send-up from *Les Miserables*, the last mega-production to play at the Royal Alex.

And of course some very funny exchanges between characters, such as: She: "I did not come here to be insulted." He: "Really, where do you go?" and She: "Can you give me a room and a bath?" He: "Ma'am I can give you a room, but you'll have to get your own bath."

Like I said, pure corn, but in the best way. *Crazy For You* is sure to banish any winter blues which come your way.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Appointed last September, the **Art Gallery of Ontario's** new chief curator is **Matthew Teitelbaum**, whose family has had a long association with arts and culture, both in Toronto and internationally. Teitelbaum, former curator of Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art and Canadian galleries in Saskatoon and London, seems glad to be back in his native city.

"It's an exciting time to be working in Toronto," he says. "Toronto is a real centre for the performing arts and the literary arts, and we're hoping we can make it even more of a vibrant centre for the visual arts."

Besides shaping the AGO's permanent collection, the curator is responsible for special exhibitions, encouraging gifts, and "articulating the different roles that art may have in contemporary life and arguing for their importance." Teitelbaum readily concedes that he fulfils an entirely public role and that the public has a right, especially in an era of fiscal restraint, to make curators at public institutions squirm by scrutinizing acquisitions.

"Where I think it gets messy is when it relates to the economics of the situation. I think the notion that the National Gallery shouldn't be spending that kind of money on a canvas by Mark Rothko is simply misguided. If you use that kind of argument, you could always find more useful things than cultural activities to spend your money on over the short term."

Excited by the possibilities of the AGO's newly-renovated exhibiting space, Teitelbaum says his main challenge "is to place the Art Gallery more centrally in the imagination of the city. We want to convince people that the Art Gallery is a place where they can come to be entertained and also to learn."

Among AGO's many possessions are several paintings by the curator's father. The late Mashel Teitelbaum, who painted in both abstract and representational modes, gained his greatest recognition for a series of abstract canvases rendered in the 1960s. The curator's mother is Ethel Teitelbaum, a key volunteer with the Jewish Film Society, which screens movies in the AGO's Jackman Hall.

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By fluke, Toronto-based actress-filmmaker Cayle Chernin discovered descendants of the Russian family her grandfather had left behind when coming to Canada more than 80 years ago. In late 1992 she visited her new-found cousins and taped the reunion with the hope of making a feature documentary.

As part of the project, Chernin videotaped a reunion of her large Canadian family in Glace Bay last summer. While in Nova Scotia, she managed to sell television rights to the completed work to CBC Halifax. She intends to visit Israel in May to ensure the documentary includes several Russian relatives who have made aliyah. *Russian Relatives* is the working title of Chernin's film. A sneak preview has been scheduled for room 421 of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Chernin will introduce the screening, which is offered under the auspices of the World Jewry and International Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Admission is free.

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Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. between Bathurst and Avenue Rd., offers what its musical director Ben Steinberg says is "the most extensive music series of any synagogue in the city."

One of the congregants, **Louis Applebaum**, is a veteran composer with hundreds of works to his credit. His compositions have been heard at Canadian state functions such as the opening of Expo '67, the installations of three governors general, and visits by the Queen. An officer of the Order of Canada, Applebaum has received honors from many colleges and universities.

An original 18-minute Applebaum composition is set to receive its premiere performance at Temple Sinai on Friday, Jan. 21, as part of the Shabbat Shira ("Sabbath of Song") service that begins at 8:15 p.m. Applebaum's setting of the Alvin Fine poem Life's Journey involves cantor, double-chorus, organ and vibraphone. Performers under Steinberg's direction include cantor Thomas Schwartz and noted musician-composer Haygood Hardy on vibraphone and percussion. "Louis Applebaum wrote this work for us, and we have the privilege of presenting it," said Steinberg. "This is kind of a special event among special events. It's giving the whole congregation a glow."

The work and its premiere presentation have been dedicated to the memory of Kerry Sufrin, a young musician who passed away a year ago. His parents are Mel Sufrin, executive director of the Ontario Press Council, and Malcah Sufrin, formerly a teacher at Forest Hill Collegiate.

Steinberg has been Temple Sinai's musical director for 24 years. Some 1,500 families (about 5,000 people) are members of the synagogue, which he describes as "reform but quite traditional."

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

For the fourth time since 1988, a group of young Canadians is set to participate in a **March of the Living** tour of Poland and Israel from April 4 to 17.

Some 350 students, accompanied by about 70 adults, hope to visit important sites of Polish-Jewish history, such as Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin. According to the schedule, Yom Hashoah — Holocaust Memorial Day — will find the group at Auschwitz-Birkenau. As in previous tours, participants will walk the bleak path that hundreds of thousands of Jews and others trod on their way to annihilation.

Afterwards, they will participate in a religious service in the concentration camp, in commemoration of all victims of the Holocaust. They also plan to visit Holocaust-related sites like Treblinka and Majdanek. The group expects to be in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut — Israel Independence Day — and to tour sites of importance to Jewish history, survival and redemption.

In advance of the tour, its young participants (who are between 15 and 18 years old) are reading about and discussing the Holocaust to better understand what they will see.

"The point of the program is to shape a new generation of Canadian youth at a critical stage of their development," says Eli Rubenstein, national director of young leadership development for the United Israel Appeal of Canada, which is sponsoring Canadian involvement in the March. "We hope that the program will start a process that will one day blossom into a lifelong dedication to Jewish causes and concerns."

Afterwards, tour participants will be encouraged to express their emotions in art, music, writing and other creative forms, and to share their knowledge with audiences in their respective communities.

Amy Lerman, an 18-year-old OAC student (Grade 13) at York Mills Collegiate, says that her involvement in the 1992 March of the Living "was the most unbelievable experience of my life. I learned a lot — more than I expected to learn. I had been to Israel before, but coming there directly from Poland was very different. We came out of a place that had hated us and everything we stood for, and we went to a place that welcomed us."

The experience made the Holocaust "very real" to her, says Lerman, who is currently reading the novel *Schindler's List* to prepare herself for the movie. "The March of the Living is a very emotional and a very draining experience, but I would definitely recommend it."

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Jewelry, sandals, bits of cloth and hair — these and other artifacts from the ancient mountaintop fortress at Masada are being shown to the public now through April at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Archaeology.

In 73 CE, Roman forces besieged and eventually overran the Jewish encampment at Masada. Rather than surrender and be enslaved, the Jewish defenders chose death. Thirty years ago, when the late Professor Yigal Yadin supervised excavations at Masada, clay fragments bearing Hebrew names were found. Yadin viewed these clay fragments as the lots cast by the Masada defenders to determine the order in which they would commit suicide.

Other items on view include make-up and make-up accessories, cooking and eating utensils, and papyrus records of the Roman army's infirmary equipment. Inscriptions tell of shipments of food to Masada such as fish oil from Spain and apples and wine from Italy.

Entitled *The Story of Masada*, the exhibition is a joint project of the Hebrew University, the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Israel Exploration Society. Admission is free.

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Years ago, an uncle and aunt of mine used to enjoy spending their Passovers at a certain deluxe kosher resort in the Catskills. The tradition ended abruptly one year, however, when my uncle called up two weeks before Pesach to confirm his standing reservation. Seems the establishment had fallen into the hands of the Hare Krishna, who had converted it into a meditative retreat.

The moral? Things happen. Nothing stays good forever. All the fates and fortunes of the world are in perpetual flux. Just consider two contemporary examples, if you will: Mexico and Puerto Rico. Readers may recall that Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula was featured in last week's column. What was missing, of course, was any mention of the recent peasant rebellion-cum-guerrilla war against NAFTA, that last week prompted the Canadian government to issue a travel advisory. Although the Mexican troubles do not seem widespread, visitors should utilize common sense and caution.

As for Puerto Rico, reports spilled out last week of a grounded oil tanker that quickly ruined vast stretches of beach as well as any hope of a prosperous tourist season this winter. Tourism is one of Puerto Rico's top industries and hotels like the Hyatt Dorado Beach Resort, which had offered a comprehensive Passover package, may suffer tremendously. Thankfully, production of agricultural staples like sugar and coffee on the mountainous island remains unaffected.

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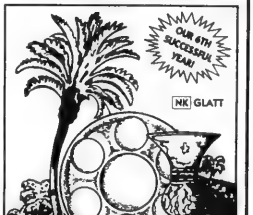

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By JUDY SAUL
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ORLANDO — The immediately recognizable pair of mammoth mouse ears, 16 storeys high, is difficult to miss. The instant I see them, I imagine the tinges of grey hair on my head beginning to fade. We are now on Disneyworld property.

But there is more to this place than its ability to make parents feel young again, or at least young at heart. Disneyworld is a multi-media experience where there's something for everyone. Because of its immense size, there is a myriad of decisions waiting for you even before you reach the front gate.

A well-written guidebook will help you answer many of your questions and others that never crossed your mind. Go to your favorite library to sample the types available, and decide which one is best suited to your family's needs. Then buy the edition you decide upon and start reading! Since Disneyworld (and the surrounding Orlando area) is always expanding, it is essential to buy an up-to-date book.

For this trip, I used Fodor's *94: Walt Disneyworld and the Orlando Area.* Two others I would recommend are Birnbaum's *Walt Disney World 1994* and *Walt Disney World with Kids* (1994) by Kim Wright Wiley. Using a guidebook will save you time as you familiarize yourself with the layout of the three theme parks. Here are some of the sightseeing strategies I found useful:

1. Go against the traffic flow. Most people start at the front of the park and work their way in. By planning your visit from back to front, you can see the more popular attraction when they're not crowded (early in the a.m. or late in the day).

2. The amount of ground you cover depends directly on the age of your children. The cardinal rule in travelling with children is to go at their pace! If you dare to disobey this rule it will only lead to tired and cranky travellers. (And the kids won't do well either.)

3. Know where you're going. Whoever has a good sense of direction can be in charge of the brochure provided at each park. Kids hate backtracking and seeing their parents become disoriented because they don't know east from west.

4. As far as eating goes, there's a wide variety of food available (including vegetarian). Check your guidebook for specifics. Whether you bring your own food or buy it on site, make sure your family sits down to eat. Fight the temptation to eat quickly; instead, take advantage of this time to digest not only your food but everything you've been exposed to so far. At Disneyworld it's easy to suffer from stimulation overload.

Epcot Centre is the ultimate model for stimulation overload. When it opened in 1982, Epcot was referred to as an "educational theme park," but those three words should never appear in the same sentence. Epcot does not stand for Every Parent Comes Out Tired. It stands for "Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow."

When Walt Disney originally envisioned Epcot in 1966, he said that, "Epcot is now emerging from the creative centres of American industry." Sadly, Mr. Disney did not live to see his brilliant idea come to fruition 16 years later.

Epcot is the park you find yourself spending more time in as your children become older. It is by far our favorite of all three parks. It takes two days to see Epcot in its entirety so if you only have one day, then plan it carefully.

I highly recommend that you put the Wonders of Life and Spaceship Earth (both from Future World) at the top of your list. As for the pavilions in the World Showcase, the ones representing Canada, the United States and China are superb.

As the guidebook states, "in Epcot the thrills are mostly in the mind." But isn't that the true allure of Disneyworld for adults? It is our minds that are being toyed with in Walt's gigantic playground. I have long suspected that Disneyworld was built for adults. Children don't need to be reminded of who they are. But to make adults feel like kids again, that's the magic of Disney.

Perhaps Disney's message is just that — feeling young is only a state of mind. You don't have to travel to Disneyworld each time to recapture that feeling, but it's a great way to get started.

This year, for the first time in my life, I experienced Space Mountain, a roller coaster ride in the dark. I overcame a childhood fear and felt exhilarated. I couldn't stop smiling. This feeling will not wear off as easily as my sun lotion did. And that alone is worth the price of admission. In these times of overpriced attractions that often fall short of our expectations. Disneyworld is truly a breath of fresh air.

Vienna Jewish museum a place of education

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

VIENNA — It's back.

Vienna's Jewish Museum, closed by the Nazis after the German annexation of Austria in 1938, was re-opened late last year.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony, the mayor of Vienna, Helmut Zilk — who was subsequently injured by a letter bomb sent by neo-Nazis — said that the city's history required the restoration of the museum.

"Without Jewish life, Vienna would not be what it is today," he declared. "This museum should be a place of memory, but also a place of education and discussion."

When the museum was originally inaugurated in 1897, Vienna was not only the capital of an empire, but the home of a large and influential Jewish community. Among its most prominent members were the novelists Franz Werfel and Stefan Zweig, the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud and the journalist Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism.

By 1936, 176,000 Jews lived in Vienna. Approximately 100,000 managed to get out before the outbreak of World War II. Many of those who remained behind were rounded up by the Nazis. Vienna's Jewish community was officially dissolved in November 1942, 10 months after the infamous Wannsee Conference in Berlin which decreed that the Jews of Europe should be systematically exterminated.

In all, 65,000 Austrian Jews are believed to have died during the Holocaust. Today, 8,000 people are registered with Vienna's Jewish community, the vast majority of East European origin.

The new Jewish Museum, at Dorotheergasse 11, in the heart of Vienna's old town centre, is housed in a refurbished mansion that was once in the possession of a Jewish banking family.

The core of its permanent collection, which will be displayed in its entirety in 1996, consists of three large collections.

The first of these is the Berger collection, the property of the municipality, with roughly 10,000 items running the gamut from religious and ritual objects to paintings and prints.

The second, owned by the Jewish community, is made up of religious objects, textiles, busts, paintings, drawings, prints, postcards, photographs and autographs. Containing extensive material from the pre-1938 museum, this collection is in poor repair and currently being restored.

The third collection, donated by philanthropist Martin Schlaff, is made up of 5,000 pieces of anti-Semitica: figurines and household utensils with manuscripts, paintings, prints, postcard and Nazi propaganda. A comprehensive exhibition is planned for 1995.

The museum began its activities with a number of temporary exhibitions, all of which close in 1994:

•*This Is Where Teitelbaum Lived,* which runs until May 15, is a compressed history of Jewish Vienna. The 1938 city telephone directory listed 17 Teitelbaums. The current one does not have a single entry under this name.

•*Wien IX, Berggasse 19,* which will be on view until March 5, showcases Edmund Engelman's photographs of Sigmund Freud, his wife Martha and their daughter Anna. Engelman took the pictures in the Freuds' apartment at Berggasse shortly before their emigration in 1938. He was apparently the last person to see their flat in its original condition. After the Freuds left, their household goods were scattered.

•*The Freudians,* which runs until March 5, consists of photographs of Freud and his disciples, taken by Nachum Gidal at the 13th International Conference of Psychoanalysis in Lucerne, Switzerland in 1934.

•*Song of Songs,* which ends its run on Feb. 13, is a visual interpretation of Manfred Hausmann's *Song of Solomon* by German painter and sculptor Heinz Mack. This exhibition consists of popular love and wedding lyrics.

•*Gertrud and Otto Natzler: Collaboration/Solitude,* March to June (exact dates are not given). The Natzlers, Viennese Jews who emigrated to the United States, were distinguished ceramic artists.

•*David Rubinger — Witness Of An Era,* March 25-June 19. Born in Vienna, Rubinger later settled in Israel. His photographs of the Jewish state have appeared in *Time* and *Life*.

Further displays, scheduled for the autumn and winter of this year, will be on the life and times of Joseph Roth, the novelist, and on the Sabbath.

The director of the Jewish Museum, Julius Schoeps, is chairman of European Jewish Studies at the University of Potsdam, near Berlin.

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By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

While out with the old and in with the new is a cliche that is applied to many situations, relationships and philosophies at this time of year, who would think to connect such a phrase to economics.

Specifically, who would have the desire to rethink, and ultimately, redesign part of the economic theories that have been applied for centuries?

The who is Professor Elhanan Helpman, a leading economist and the new director of the Economic Growth Program at The Canadian Institution for Advanced Research (CIAR).

Helpman will be taking over from founding director Professor Richard Lipsey. Helpman will be working with Professor Ed Safarian at the University of Toronto who has been appointed associate director. In his new role, Lispey will devote his time to preparing a major book on economic growth.

Helpman is currently professor of International Economic Relations at Tel Aviv University. The new international trade theory is his brainchild. He will direct the Institute's program from Israel.

The CJN recently spoke with Dr. J. Fraser Mustard, president of CIAR, in the Institute's downtown Toronto offices about Helpman and the new economic theory.

"Until Helpman did this work, economists didn't really have a good idea what the real returns were in the business of research and development (R&D)," says Mustard. He explains that while it was appreciated by some, it's difficult to incorporate technological innovations into a theoretical framework.

"Technology was seen as coming in and not considered as an economic force. What this group is doing is saying: 'Hey, you've got to put all these [technological advancements] within the framework.' "

How past technological revolutions have affected societies is clearly illustrated. For example, the first major revolution was the harnessing of fossil fuels as a source of energy which fundamentally changed the way society operated. Another saw changes in methods of production and transportation when electricity and

Elhanan Helpman

electric motors were used.

Professor Richard Lipsey has pointed out that we are in a major techno-economic paradigm shift. He emphasizes that these major technological advances produce wrenching social and economic changes, but huge opportunities for the future.

A paragraph quoted from a January 1992 article that appeared in *The Economist* further explains the concept. "As such studies multiply, the value of the new growth theory will become clearer. But it is to be hoped that its biggest effect will be to reorder the economic-policy agenda. This is influenced more than most politicians would admit by debates that they barely understand — witness Keynes and demand management after 1945, or Milton Friedman and the monetarism of the 1970s. The new growth theory confirms that governments are mistaken to concentrate so exclusively on the business cycle. If, however, it leads them instead to think harder about education, investment, research and development, trade reform, intellectual-property right and so on, it will be a breakthrough indeed."

Diagnosis

Mustard points out that those who depend on the business cycle alone are excluding the technological advancements that can and do have such a profound effect on all sectors of society.

"So many of your readers who play in the short term on the business cycle are being zapped by long-term change."

When it comes to Israel and Canada, both must become more idea-based, he says. Innovative ideas must be implemented because "if you can't drive and stay with it then your throat gets cut," he says.

The instruments used to create income flow, Canada's natural resources industry for example, may be in jeopardy.

He explains that if a country can't generate income flows from these instruments, employment cannot be sustained. Consequently, if the wealth base declines, wages will not remain at levels to which people have become accustomed. The ultimate result is downsizing - one of the factors contributing to the recession that Canada is currently experiencing.

"Israel and Canada are caught in the same change. A bank knows how to finance objects but do they know how to finance ideas? How do you assess risk and uncertainty?"

In order to begin implementing Helpman's new growth theory, Mustard says the Canadian government must consider four factors.

"One, it must get its diagnosis right — it's a drop in wealth-creating capacity that has hit us. Two, the large part of that decline is because the unit value of natural resources has declined. Three, we are in a period of profound technological shift, and four, you have to be able to move the economy into the new world."

Mustard believes that Israel is further ahead in this implementation process than Canada because "there is a broader awareness in the Israeli community of these issues than in Canada."

The close contact between Israel and Canada is strengthened by the appointment of Helpman as director of the program. Mustard stresses that "it is important the Jewish community understand that it's their support that makes it possible for Helpman to do this and that we still need the support of the Jewish community. By supporting us and Helpman, they are also supporting Israel and Tel Aviv University."

Economic News From Israel

Israel-Romanian Relations Grow

TEL AVIV — Micha Harish, minister of industry and trade, told a gathering of 72 Romanian officials the meeting "was a major step in the development of trade relations with their country."

Harish said despite the problem experienced by Romania in its post-Communist era, Israel definitely anticipates it will become an important trading partner.

This view is confirmed by others who greeted the delegation upon the conclusion of its one-week commercial seminar in Israel.

The major international business mission to Israel, hosted by Bank Hapoalim, follows the visit of an Israeli business and government delegation to Romania several months ago.

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A Cool Deal

TEL AVIV — An Israeli company has signed a deal with a Chinese firm to produce and sell air conditioners in the People's Republic of China.

Under the terms of the agreement, the two companies will build a plant in southern China, near the Hong Kong border, where production will begin in 1995, at an initial rate of 150,000 units a year.

In the meantime, the Israeli company, Electra Consumer Products, said it will begin selling its own air conditioners in China.

Electra is negotiating with several underwriters to finance the construction of the new factory in which Electra will hold 55 per cent interest.

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Business & Finance

IEDC David Yerushalmi

The Israel cabinet has approved the establishment of a Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ) in the south of Israel, near the Negev city of Beersheva. The objective of the zone is to stimulate export trade and generate substantial foreign currency revenue by providing an environment isolated from import duties, income tax and exchange control.

The proposed Israel FEPZ differs from its counterparts in other countries in that the government will have no financial interest in the zone. Instead the Israel FEPZ will be entirely the responsibility of the private sector. It is indeed from the private sector that initiative for creation of the zone has come, in the form of a private corporation called the Israel Export Development Company (IEDC). Under this banner, a group of senior American Jewish businessmen sharing a history of philanthropic commitment to Israel, has spent nearly two years and $3.5 million (US) researching and campaigning for its establishment. Their quest is not entirely selfless as they are the leading contenders to receive a franchise from the government to develop and manage the 500-acre site allocated for the zone — a franchise which is potentially extremely lucrative.

The zone's most enthusiastic advocate is IEDC chairman and chief executive officer, American-born lawyer, David Yerushalmi. Isranet News reporter, David Hersham, spoke with Yerushalmi in IEDC's Jerusalem headquarters.

Isranet: *Are the new economic realities of the peace agreement likely to affect the establishment of the zone?*

Yerushalmi: It is now certainly not the first priority. The government will be getting a huge sum of money if the Gaza/Jericho plan goes through and any time the system gets a huge sum of money it is less urgently inclined to look at any economic reform package. However, the basic facts have not changed. Unemployment is unacceptably high, with no private sector jobs being created, and net direct foreign investment is negative. Bank of Israel figures show that $234 million (US) was invested abroad last year by Israelis, but only $23 million was invested in Israel from abroad. Israel needs the zone (*because*) you can't suffer that kind of haemorrhage of foreign currency reserve.

Isranet: *With the influx of funds as a reward for the peace accord, might the Knesset not dismiss the zone altogether?*

Yerushalmi: No, at this point it's a commercial deal. The finance minister understands that in Washington and among American Jews, the FEPZ proposal is seen as the one concrete example of economic reform. Now Israeli politicians are completely behind it because they know they have to do something, they know the old system is collapsing. The're aware of what Washington politicians are saying privately, which is that even if we wanted to continue to give you huge sums of money — and Israel gets more money (*in aid from the U.S.*) than any other country in the world — something has got to change.

Isranet: *One of your principal stated motives in lobbying for the FEPZ is to help reduce Israel's dependence on American aid by creating a very substantial source of foreign currency revenue for Israel. Can you quantify the expected investment from abroad and the net gains in foreign exchange that this will supposedly produce?*

Yerushalmi: We expect over $750 million (US) in direct foreign investment within the first two to three years. That alone is more than has been invested from abroad (*by way of direct foreign investment*) in the last eight years. This figure represents the investment of about 60 companies employing initially 15,000 to 20,000 people. All salaries will be paid in foreign currency. The law allows 2 per cent of foreign workers for management and training, the remaining 98 per cent will be Israeli. They will receive their salary in foreign currency, convert it into Israeli shekels and deposit it in Israeli banks. This alone means an enormous foreign currency influx to offset balance of payments. There is also the additional element of payment for goods and services coming into the zone from Israel. People are not aware that in every zone around the world, for every job created inside the zone, three jobs are created outside in services, and in peripheral or related industries. These will be Israeli companies who will set up in the Negev around the zone where they will receive capital grants and subsidies. They will service the zone, and the money they will be paid will again be in foreign currency. The types of businesses will be security, repair and maintenance, translation services, catering, hotels and some goods. We already know that computer companies coming to the zone want to integrate their products with Israeli products. One of the things Israel has to offer is an enormous source of synergy back and forth — what we call backward linkages to the economy.

As the zone will be a hi-tech not a smoke-stack zone, a lot of the exports will not be goods per se. The products will be software development, data processing, R & D, telecommunications and international financial services — the value of these services is difficult to measure beforehand.

Isranet: *The perennial question raised about all zones is whether the zone will genuinely create new employment? or will it not really just be job substitution, as existing domestic companies competing on uneven terms with zone rivals are forced to shed jobs?*

Yerushalmi: There is an underlying assumption in your question that there is full employment in the Israel hi-tech sector. We have letters of commitment from prospective zone companies identifying 40,000 new jobs and that figure still stands.

The benefits of the zone are not even close to benefits available to Israeli companies. Even in the non-development areas, a company like Scitex receives exchange rate insurance, a huge sum of money in R&D grants as well as decreased tax at a nominal rate of 10 per cent. Effectively their tax rate is minus. There is no way a company like Scitex would be interested in coming into the zone. For every dollar invested, they get 38 cents from the government. A foreign capitalized (*Israeli*) company has less taxes than a zone company. An Israeli company that knows the system is better off operating in Tel Aviv than in the zone. Others in development areas even get wage subsidies. We don't compete fairly because Israeli companies have better benefits than we do.

Why is the zone workable? Because the companies coming into the zone are foreign companies who would not normally come and do business here. Why? For a number of reasons enumerated in studies carried out by the Israeli investment authorities: frequent changes in government fiscal policy, bureaucracy and taxation. It has little to do with geopolitical reasons as you might have thought. The fact is if you can create an environment where businesses can exploit Israeli labor — and I mean this only in a positive sense — where the government won't tell you how to run your business or come in on your back pocket and where you know that if you apply to do business in the zone you will receive approval in 21 days, you have created an even playing field that foreign companies want to try out. Companies like Sears Technology are saying "We want to get Israelis hired now and see what kind of talent there is out there."

Isranet: *How do you respond to the charge that the zone, in common with others worldwide, will be run on cheap labor and exploit its workers?*

Yerushalmi: All the basic conditions of Israeli labor laws are in place including minimum wage, sick leave and maternity leave and we will be bound by international labor treaties. We insist though that every zone company has the de jure right to have a personal agreement with its workers, including binding arbitration, a process which legally prevents strikes. The zone will be watched like a hawk, both [Minister of Labor and Social Welfare] Ora Namir and [Minister of the Environment Yossi] Sarid have said so. We're an experiment and will be under the closest scrutiny, which is why our zone is not going to look like anything Israel has ever seen.

Isranet: *You spoke earlier about having the unilateral support of Israeli politicians and yet criticism in the press has been severe — you have even been described as tyrants. Who then is unhappy about the zone?*

Yerushalmi: The people who are against it are the people entrenched in the system. The bureaucrats and certain people in the manufacturing sector feel that opening up the Israeli economy to competition is a bad thing. The latter get money from government through subsidies and grants and have no international competition. The insiders make huge amounts of money while the rest struggle to get by, which is why there is so much emigration and such a huge black market. The people who benefit most from the old system are very nervous. We were told by politicians, "We have to isolate the zone politically so we can tell the favored manufacturers they can't touch you."

Israel is a closed system where very few control the purse strings. There are two governments — the elected or political government and the tenured government or civil service. Without bureaucrats who effect change, change does not happen. The finance minister made it clear he was for it, while the bureaucrats led by Yoram Gabai, then head of Revenue, said they were against it. But they weren't against it substantively, it's reform they were against. Gabai's reaction was, I don't like American Jewish businessmen telling me how to do things. His committee rejected the FEPZ idea completely on the grounds of its being discriminatory against Israelis, yet *we* were the ones who asked for a general law for everybody.

The press are part of that system too. The media receives its information from the civil service. You are allowed to attack the elected government, but not the civil service. When I attacked Yoram Gabai, the media was astounded and that's when they started turning against us.

Isranet: *Assuming the legislation is approved by the Knesset, what would be the next stage of the proceedings and when would you anticipate that the zone would become operational?*

Yerushalmi: A tender commission consisting of an FEPZ committee and government officers will decide on the area. The next step is for all parties to submit a tender, providing a business plan, identifying the number of jobs and showing a proposed development of the designated zone. The winner will be leased land for a term of 49 years by the Israel Lands Authority.

Isranet: *You have invested a significant sum in lobbying for the zone. Should you be successful in the tender, do you expect to make an equally significant return?*

Yerushalmi: The zone will be very profitable if two conditions are met — if the Knesset passes the legislation in the same form as it was passed by the cabinet, and if we market the zone properly. We are currently marketing the zone with no land and no law. If they make substantial changes to the law we have to wave goodbye to companies. In almost every country it is governments who promote the zone, not private entrepreneurs taking all the risk. Another element is that the Israeli government has not really yet learnt to believe in free markets — take Shimon Peres' famous reply when asked his position on free market reform and privatization, "We believe strongly in making money through free markets, and we spend it through government." We've said we don't want any money from the government, we just want them to pass the law and when they see the income . . .

Isranet: *What is the extent of both the commercial and sentimental involvement of American Jews in the project?*

Yerushalmi: All IEDC shareholders are committed Jews who have dedicated considerable time and money to Israel — that was a prerequisite. Financing the building of the zone are investment bankers with particular Israeli connections — Jewish personalities within Salomon Brothers, Bear Stearns and Lehmann Brothers — we focused our search in that direction. They have given very strong commitment to this project, which they would otherwise not provide in Israel.

Companies that will fill the zone are a different element, these are multi-national companies from all over the world, most of them are publicly owned companies — these are the companies that will bring literally billions of dollars of foreign investment to Israel and employ Israelis. Originally we had thought of concentrating on bringing Jewish companies in.

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Don't become confused if you hear or read that the RRSP maximum contribution rises by $1,000 to $13,500, on Jan. 1, 1994. The higher limit only applies to 1994 RRSPs. In other words, you can't use it to calculate your contribution claim for a 1993 RRSP, even though you can delay your contribution to as late as March 1, 1994.

What is new for the 1993 tax year is that for the first time, common law spouses are treated as married spouses for tax purposes. (Spouses have to be of the opposite sex, however.) This means common law spouses now qualify for spousal RRSP contributions.

A spousal RRSP is the ideal way for a couple to achieve what's termed income splitting. That is, the spouse with the higher income shifts some of his or her income into the name of the lower income spouse.

The lower income spouse is entitled to contribute to his or her own RRSP, up to the allowable individual limit, even if the spouse receives a spousal RRSP from the higher income mate.

The objective is to lessen the ultimate retirement income of a high-income spouse, thus easing the tax burden by building the retirement income of the lower income spouse. This process will lower the family's total bill.

Statistics Canada says that a lot of Canadians haven't been taking full advantage of the RRSP tax shelter. It estimates only 22 per cent of eligible contributors used the total allowable limit for RRSP contributions in the 1992 tax year. The average age of contributors was 42 years old, with a median income of $30,300 and a RRSP contribution of about $2,000.

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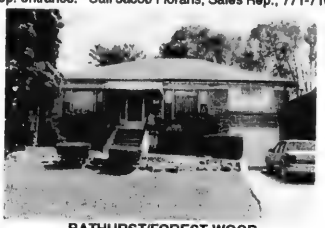

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Changes sought in school start

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada's two major Jewish advocacy groups have launched a country-wide campaign to persuade public school boards not to start the next academic year on Sept. 6 — the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) say beginning classes on the first day of the High Holidays places Jewish children in the public system at an unfair disadvantage.

BBC has mailed letters to school boards, teachers' unions and education ministries and is assembling other materials pointing out the conflict on Rosh Hashanah and other potential problems this coming Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, which all fall on weekdays.

BB's League for Human Rights is urging educators not to hold classes Sept. 6 and 7.

Congress wants the 1994-1995 public school year to begin earlier or later than the 6th in order to accommodate Jewish students and staff, says CJC's national director of community relations, Bernie Farber.

"The first two days of school are key, especially for younger children. It would adversely affect Jewish students if they missed them," Farber told *The CJN* last week.

Rosh Hashanah falls on Sept. 6 and 7 this year. Labor Day is Sept. 5. Even though each school board sets its own calendar, Farber said most boards across Canada are slated to begin the academic year on Sept. 6.

CJC is in something of a hurry on the issue, because school boards, at least those in Ontario, are required to submit their 1994-1995 calendars to the Ministry of Education prior to the March break.

As well, since all boards must assign a provincially-mandated number of days toward a school year, the two days of Rosh Hashanah, if taken off by everyone, would have to be made up, either before or after Sept. 6.

Congress has advised community relations staff in all regions to raise the matter with local boards and provincial education ministries.

If the next school year is left unchanged, "staff, students and parents of the Jewish faith would be placed in a position of choosing between their faith and attending school," states a report prepared for the York Region Board of Education — Canada's fastest growing board — by its race relations advisory committee.

A subcommittee of the race relations committee has come up with seven options the board can consider, including allowing the school year to start Sept. 6, as scheduled; beginning the year on Sept. 1; convening classes Sept. 1 and 2 and resuming on the 8th; considering the 6th and 7th as professional days for staff, with classes to start on the 8th, or delaying the start of the school year to Sept. 8 for everyone.

Jose Fernandes, race relations coordinator for the York Region board, told *The CJN* he's in favor of starting classes for all students on Sept. 8.

"This is an issue of equity. One Jewish family in Sudbury deserves the same consideration as the thousands in York Region," Fernandes said.

He said the board has received "a number" of queries and complaints from Jewish parents.

Rosh Hashanah is considered a significant religious holiday by the board, Fernandes said, meaning Jewish staff and students can be excused from classes. Normally, there are no special events or exams those days.

Starting school Sept. 6 "could prove to be extremely disruptive" to Jewish students and staff, and non-Jewish students who would have to begin their year without their regular teachers, the race relations subcommittee report states.

"Jewish students and staff in schools with a small Jewish population would find the tide of first-day events has passed them by and left them ill-prepared."

All those inconveniences can be avoided if the year begins Sept. 8, the report says.

The York Region board oversees 70,000 students in 125 schools. At some schools, Jewish pupils make up 40 per cent of the student population, Fernandes noted.

The report now goes to the board's director, who draws up the calendar in consultation with various unions. Fernandes allowed that the teachers' unions may not agree to begin work before Sept. 6.

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KENYA'S PRESIDENT VISITS

Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem during his recent trip to Israel. It was the first trip to Israel by a Kenyan leader since the African nation won independence 30 years ago. arap Moi announced that Kenya's embassy in Tel Aviv, closed since 1973 when the two countries broke diplomatic relations, will soon be reopened. [IPPA Photo].

Rabin says his tough stance on security is succeeding

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is maintaining that Israel's tough stand on security issues is beginning to show positive results in the negotiations with the Palestinians.

Rabin made the assessment last Sunday, when he met with reporters to discuss the meeting in Oslo the day before between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Peres and Arafat were in Oslo to attend the funeral of Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Jorgen Holst, who had been instrumental in lining up a series of secret talks last year in the Norwegian capital that led to the historic self-rule agreement between Israel and the PLO.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, also in Oslo for the funeral, met separately with Peres and Arafat in an effort to get the Israeli-PLO negotiations back on track.

The negotiations for implementing the self-rule accord have been stalled on several security issues, particularly the question of who will control the border crossings between the Gaza Strip and Egypt, and between the West Bank town of Jericho and Jordan.

At the Oslo meeting with Arafat, Peres reportedly demanded that Israel maintain exclusive control at the Jordan River crossings, and that travelers would encounter Palestinian border personnel only after an initial screening by the Israeli army.

Arafat reportedly did not contest this position.

Peres also told Arafat that a $25 million fund is being established in Holst's memory that would be used to finance projects in the Palestinian autonomous regions once the accord went into effect.

The two are scheduled to meet again this weekend in Switzerland.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiations on security and the transfer of civilian responsibilities were scheduled this week in the Sinai border town of Taba.

Also this past Monday, bilateral negotiations resumed in Washington. Israeli and Syrian negotiators met for the first time in four months to discuss the normalization of relations between Jerusalem and Damascus.

On the eve of the resumption of Middle East peace talks in Washington, U.S. President Bill Clinton and Jordan's King Hussein held a private meeting last Friday at the White House.

A spokeswoman at the Jordanian Embassy in Washington said that Clinton and Hussein also discussed other elements in the U.S.-Jordanian relationship, including aid to Jordan.

"Jordan seeks assistance in terms of its debt problem," she said.

Arafat flew to Cairo on Sunday and met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. He then flew on to Damascus, where he offered his condolences to Syrian President Hafez Assad, whose son, Bassel, died Friday in a car accident.

From Damascus, Arafat was scheduled to fly to Saudi Arabia for what would be his first visit there since the rupture of relations between the Saudis and the PLO during the 1991 Gulf War.

Golan withdrawal opposed

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A large majority of the Israeli public opposes a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights, even in exchange for a full peace with Syria and appropriate security guarantees.

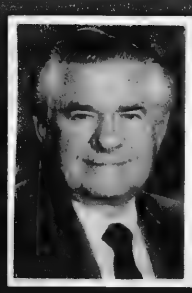
Such a complete withdrawal from the strategic heights is the price Syria has repeatedly demanded for peace, though Syria has so far refused to fully spell out the extent of the peace it is willing to offer, as Israel has demanded.

According to a survey conducted by the Dahaf Institute last week for the daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot*, 61 per cent of the Israeli public opposes such an exchange, with 37 per cent supporting it. The margin of error for the poll is plus or minus four percentage points.

However, the idea of a partial withdrawal for a full peace wins wide favor: 62 per cent say they would support a limited withdrawal, and 36 per cent would oppose.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin this month declared he would hold a national referendum to approve a withdrawal from the Golan, which Israel captured in 1967 and annexed in 1981, in the event that an agreement was reached with Syria.

That followed the meeting Jan. 16 between Syrian President Hafez Assad and U.S. President Bill Clinton, at which time Assad was seen to have moved closer toward offering Israel a full peace in exchange for the desired withdrawal.



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The cast of the Yiddish version of The Mikado.

Oy Vey'z Mir it's the Mikado

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gilbert and Sullivan may turn over in their graves, but Toronto audiences are going to hear a Yiddish version of *The Mikado* at Harbord Collegiate March 5 and 6.

Instead of the tuneful lament *Tit-willow*, it will be *Oy Vey'z Mir* and instead of *Pooh Bah* it will be *Shmir Mir* (pay me a bribe).

The haunting words of *Tit-willow* will be replaced by: "Oyf a boym bay a vaser a foygele klein, zingt vey'z mir, oy vey'z mir, oy ve'z mir. (On a branch near a river, a small bird sings woe is me, woe is me, woe is me.)

And, in this version, the Lord High Executioner becomes the Kop-Haker (head chopper) and Ko-Ko becomes Chai-Shpay (I spit.)

The Friends of Yiddish is bringing the Yiddish section of the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island to perform *Der Yiddisher Mikado* for the first time in Canada. They've played it all around the United States for 10 years.

It's an auspicious event, for in the hallowed halls of Harbord Collegiate, the New York performers will join in a gala reception following the Saturday night show with, among others, famed Harbord alumni Frank Shuster, former mayor Phil Givens, conductor Victor Feldbrill, composer John Weinzweig, Izzie Shopsowitz, Dr. Fred Papsin and Murray Chusiel, who played in G and S operettas on the Harbord stage.

Murray Nesbitt, now a New York city law professor, whose older sisters attended Harbord, will return to his native Toronto to play the lead.

Tickets for the gala are $50 with the proceeds to support the University of Toronto Yiddish Studies Program. For gala tickets, call 635-2883, extension 700. Tickets for the two Sunday performances are $18, or for groups of 25 or more, $16. They are available at Ticketmaster outlets, 872-1111.

Funding problems slow new Associated campus

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Associated Hebrew Schools still needs several million dollars before it can complete the new building on its Thornhill campus, parents were told at a recent information meeting.

The 100,000-square-foot building, now enclosed by a roof, walls and windows, was targeted for occupation in September 1994, but according to school president Harry Krakowsky and building chair Lou Greenbaum, "we cannot guess when the Thornhill campus will open."

Krakowsky said that the completion of the new building depends on several factors, including selling part of the Neptune site to a non-profit housing corporation, tearing down the old Neptune building and putting up a smaller one, renovating the Finch campus to make room for the junior high school, and renovating the Leslie campus in order to add administrative offices. "A big portion of the money we need will come from land sale of the Neptune campus. Selling that land will bring in about $4 million and after that we will be short about $2.5 to 3 million. Once the land sale is completed, everything else will happen at once."

He said that the school is now waiting to hear from the Ministry of Housing regarding the allocation for the Neptune site. "If we receive favorable news from the province within the next four to eight weeks, it is still possible to open the new school in September 1994."

According to Krakowsky, the school has received authority to borrow up to $2.5 million from the bank, but the board of directors fears putting the school at risk by borrowing so much money.

He said that because of the fall United Jewish Appeal campaign, all the school's fundraising efforts had to be put on hold, but the campaign has now restarted. "We are waiting to see what the campaign does. We are on our way but we may have to take a slight pause to see where we are going."

He stressed that school fees will not be raised in order to bring in funds for the new building and denied rumors that there will be a capital levy. "There is no thought or discussion about that. Tuition is used for operation, not capital costs. Historically, the bulk of building funds has come from outside the parent body."

He said that a possibility for September could be to open the nursery and kindergarten wing "but to do that, most of the building would have to be completed, which is still a lot of expense. We have a school system of almost 3,000 students and we must be prudent."

Personal appeal to be made

When asked about the school's fundraising plans, Henry Koschitzky, chairman of the board, said that a personal appeal will be made to several hundred people for funds. "We have targeted people who have an interest in day school education and a group of volunteers has agreed to approach them individually. It is not an easy campaign but we have managed to raise about $2.5 million."

Sheldon Goodman, vice-president of the school and chair of the Neptune building committee said that the government in Ontario has always supported non-profit housing in one way or another and is confident the school will shortly receive favorable news about Neptune.

Several parents put forth the idea of raising tuition in order to cover costs, and one suggested doing everything possible to open the school. "We must make every effort to open by September or we will lose students. I support the idea of some sort of general pledge. I have the feeling that everyone here can afford to pledge even a small amount to the school."

Rabbi Abraham Soffer, educational director, disagreed that parents would pull their children from the school if it did not open on time. "We have conducted the school in this manner very well. What is so terrible about waiting another year?"

According to Debbie Berlach, however, whose two children go to Clark campus by school bus, "We could save the huge bus fees if the school opened in September, because we can walk to the new campus from our home. We had envisioned this campus when we bought our house."

Krakowsky said that Associated Hebrew Schools cannot compare itself to the other day schools who have recently completed new campuses, because "with all its facilities our building is complicated and expensive. We are building it as cost-effectively as possible. We are a private day school, however, that is not funded by the province, so we must look to the community. We are looking at an average pledge from parents at all campuses of about $10,000 over the next five years. It is not an easy job but Jewish education is the best thing for Jewish continuity. We all believe in it and are working on it. Whether the school opens in six, eight or 12 months, it will open and it will be full."

Toronto among UJA leaders

TORONTO — New North American UJA statistics show Toronto just below Los Angeles for total campaign donations.

This year, Los Angeles, the number three city in North America in UJA donations, raised $41.9 million, compared to Toronto's $40.5 million. The Jewish population of Los Angeles at 501,000 is more than three times that of Toronto.

Only three cities in North America topped Toronto for overall UJA contributions — New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Most centres reported reduced gift giving this year compared to last. Toronto's tally is expected to increase by about five percent.

According to Dr. Stephen Speisman, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives, and a well known Toronto historian, the city has a rich reputation for Jewish generosity.

"Whenever this community saw a need, they got together and did something," he points out.

Toronto's first co-ordinated community fundraising drive, called the United Campaign, took place in 1917. In 1937, as the depression clung to Canada and Jewish organizations were going into bankruptcy, Toronto Jewry, says Speisman, once again responded to a critical situation.

"The 1937 campaign was an extraordinary one considering the economic conditions."

Many institutions Torontonians take for granted were the result of historic fundraising efforts. Speisman cites the city's first Jewish home for the aged and Mount Sinai hospital as examples of large charitable enterprises begun by small groups of women.

Much of the motivation for all this generous community consciousness was anti-Semitism.

"This was not a hospitable place for Jews, so Jews wanted to stand together. It was a matter of protection," says Speisman.

Preliminary UJA donor survey data shows anti-Semitism is still a major concern. While worries about prejudice may have motivated donors to give, this year's record results for Toronto's UJA campaign are being attributed to the Challenge Fund which matched all gift increases.

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Director Carol Polter (left) and volunteer Gitty Jakabovits provide social services to the ultra-Orthodox communities at the new Ahavas Chesed. [Howard Kay photo]

Project helps ultra-Orthodox plug into Quebec social services

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Ultra-Orthodox Jews are often uncomfortable seeking social services at public, and even Jewish communal institutions. Their strict religious code, as well as cultural differences, may limit their use of services offered by agencies unfamiliar with Orthodox practice. Misunderstandings may arise on both sides.

Many frum families simply do not know what services exist outside their communities.

Enter five women from these communities, whose aim is to act as liaison between the social service agencies and the ultra-Orthodox, as well as advocates on behalf of their needs and consultants to agencies who can serve them.

The project is called Ahavas Chesed (love of kindness) and it is directed by Carol Polter, a member of the Agudah community, who describes herself as "an Orthodox woman with a keen social conscience." Ahavas Chesed opened an office in December with a $20,000 grant from the Jewish Community Foundation.

All of the five volunteers are graduates of a CEGEP (community college) level social counselling program at Beth Jacob Seminary, an ultra-Orthodox women's college.

They have raised families and consider themselves familiar with life's challenges.

The project grew out of a survey Polter conducted among representatives of the chassidic sects in the Outremont area, as well as the Tash in Boisbriand north of Montreal, the Agudah and other non-chassidic communities in the de Vimy area, and the Lubavitchers concentrated in Snowdon — a total population estimated at 10,000.

She interviewed 36 key leaders: the rabbis (without whose support she knew she could not proceed); teachers; the traditional chesed workers (mature women who take charge when there is a family problem); and businessmen.

The same problems were clear in each community: poverty, underemployment, and the strain, especially on women, of raising large families. Contrary to the perception, according to Polter, these communities are not always able to "take care of their own" when a crisis arises.

A frequently cited difficulty has been with homemakers. These workers are needed to relieve mothers unable to cope alone or replace them if they are ill.

Homemakers, who are assigned by local community health centres (CLSCs), have to understand, for example, kashruth, the ultra-Orthodox concepts of modesty and the attitudes of these families to raising children.

Most of the ultra-Orthodox live in areas served by the Cote des Neiges and St. Louis-du Parc CLSCs, not CLSC Rene Cassin, which has a Jewish orientation. When the Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre (JFSSSC) and other social service centres were disbanded last April, most of their responsibilities were transferred to the CLSCs.

Polter hopes she can help explain these sensitivities, and when possible, find an Orthodox woman to assist in these homes. In fact, she did just that when the parents of a very large family had to be away for medical treatment, and she obtained foster care money through the Ville Marie youth protection centre.

Generally, she has found the public agencies very receptive to learning about the particular needs of ultra-Orthodox Jews, she said.

The Jewish agencies also need to better understand this segment of the community, Polter said. Few on their staffs are Orthodox and thus these communities are reluctant to seek help from them.

An immediate project is training volunteers from these communities to man Shalom Line, Federation CJA's telephone listening service. Polter thinks greater mutual understanding between caller and listener is possible this way.

In addition, she is hoping Shalom Line will be open in the morning for this group because that is the best time for women to call in, when their families are out of the home. Currently, Shalom Line opens at 4:30 p.m.

Polter does not believe that spousal abuse is more prevalent among the ultra-Orthodox than elsewhere; in fact, she thinks it is less common. But she does recognize the limitations abused women in these communities experience in getting help, and that the problem is not always resolved in the traditional way, by the rabbis.

If a battered woman were to call Ahavas Chesed, Polter said she and her staff would try to counsel her, and bring in an Orthodox professional social worker or psychologist and/or the woman's rabbi, if necessary. Ahavas Chesed has been working closely with Ephraim Rudski, an Orthodox social worker formerly with the JFSSSC.

Polter sees a need for parenting classes and instruction in budgeting; but for members of this community, any such programs must be segregated by gender. Most family life education programs offered by the Jewish Baron de Hirsch Institute are not.

She also would like to launch job retraining programs in the communities to alleviate growing poverty.

All this, however, will require resources far beyond those of Ahavas Chesed. Poulter is hoping that the communities it is intended to serve will help fund the project when the seed money runs out.

"We do not want to usurp anybody else's services. We will work with everyone," Polter stated.

Ahavas Chesed is located in the medical building at 6000 Cote des Neiges Rd., Suite 575. It is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; telephone 737-3029.

Hezbollah member ordered deported

Claims terrorist group operates in Canada

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Hezbollah, the radical Muslim group widely accused of terrorist acts in the Middle East and elsewhere, operates in Canada, according to a suspected member who's been ordered out of the country.

The government has "a solid basis of evidence" to believe Mohamed Hussein Al Husseini is a Hezbollah member and might engage in terrorist acts in Canada, Mr. Justice Bud Cullen of the Federal Court ruled recently in upholding Al Husseini's deportation.

In his ruling, obtained by *The CJN*, Cullen cited a report from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), which says Al Husseini admitted membership in Hezbollah and that it operates in Canada, but denied active participation and claimed he was not a terrorist carrying out assignments.

However, "the evidence before the [responsible federal] ministers tells a different story," Cullen stated.

According to a Southam News report published last week in *The Ottawa Citizen*, Al Husseini, who is in his early 30s, entered Canada in 1991 with false documents and received refugee status two months later.

He was ordered out of the country last month by an immigration adjudicator and is now in custody in Montreal.

Cullen's ruling cannot be appealed but Al Husseini is asking Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi not to send him to his native Lebanon, where he has "a serious chance of suffering persecution," his lawyer, Claudette Meghile, was quoted as saying.

Al Husseini could be sent to the country from which he entered Canada or to his last country of residence, but public documents reveal neither.

After a largely secret hearing, Cullen said it is the belief of CSIS and the immigration minister that Hezbollah, which means Party of God, "is a known terrorist organization which has engaged in a wide range of terrorist activities both inside Lebanon and internationally. These activities include bombings, kidnapping, hijacking and murder."

The court said CSIS and the immigration minister believe Al Husseini "is a member of Hezbollah and [that] there are reasonable grounds to believe Al Husseini will engage in terrorism or acts of violence."

While "membership alone in Hezbollah does not automatically brand a person a terrorist," Al Husseini "only offered a few bits of evidence denying the CSIS claim."

The Lebanon-based Hezbollah, along with other radical groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad, strongly opposes the Israel-PLO accord and has vowed to scuttle it.

According to Southam, Al Husseini tipped off federal officials when he applied for landed immigrant status. The solicitor-general and immigration minister then issued a rarely used national security certificate ordering his detention.

Under the Immigration Act, anyone who will engage or has engaged in terrorism or is a member of a terrorist group cannot be admitted to Canada.

According to Canadian Press, Al Husseini's is the second case to come to light this month of Canadian immigration officials granting refugee status to a suspected terrorist.

The Immigration Department admitted earlier that it allowed Madi Ahmed Abdil Awi, wanted by French police as an Islamic Jihad terrorist, into Canada as a refugee in 1991. He has since fled the country, CP says.

The ruling on Al Husseini was welcomed last week by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

"This man is obviously not a true refugee seeking haven in Canada and deserves to be removed," said community relations chair Hal Joffe in a statement.

CJC said it is "particularly alarming" that Al Husseini testified that Hezbollah operates in Canada.

"CJC urges the solicitor-general to initiate and publish a comprehensive CSIS investigation into the presence, strength and activities of Hezbollah in Canada," Joffe said.

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Reich slams Shamir's attack on peace plan

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The former head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations says it was ill-advised for former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, during a recent visit to the United States, to call on the Jewish community to openly oppose the Labor-led peace process.

"This is not the Shamir I knew," said Seymour Reich, addressing the annual Canadian Zionist Federation-eastern region (CZF) Israel seminar at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

It was Shamir, noted Reich, now the president of the American Zionist Movement, who during Likud's tenure led the rallying cry for Diaspora Jewry to show public support for Israeli policies.

"If it was wrong then [to criticize Israel publicly], it is wrong now," Reich told an audience of about 150 who braved record low temperatures to attend the all-day seminar. "I submit that it was not healthy for Shamir to come and openly oppose the process."

In a sense, Reich said those who used to call for a "unified voice" vis-a-vis Israel have found themselves "hoisted on their own petard."

Reich is bothered by the "confusing signals" coming from Israel on this issue. Deputy Prime Minister Yossi Beilin sees a completely open debate as healthy, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has asked for a "unified voice."

In Reich's view Beilin's intellectual approach "does not take in the real world."

But in other cases, he suggested, the debate is getting out of hand.

Reich mentioned specifically the recent planting of bombs by Jewish extremists at Jewish organizations in New York as acts that must "clearly be condemned."

Those on the right, in particular, "have an obligation to denounce it."

The escalation of violence by Palestinian and Jewish rejectionists in the territories is also cause for concern, although he said there is no "equation" to be drawn between the two since the vast majority of Jewish protests have been in reaction to Palestinian attacks.

Incidents such as outright murders of Arabs by extremist Jews have mercifully been rare, Reich said.

The situation of the peace process is in such a state of constant flux that it is virtually impossible to make predictions, he said.

But to be sure, "the devil is in the details."

Four months since the signing of the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles (DOP), the euphoria has all but shrunk away, as has, at least for the time being, majority Israeli support for the process in the wake of widening violence, said Reich.

United Jewish Appeal leaders in the United States are no longer talking about fundraising for Palestinians, he said.

Israeli leaders are willing to let DOP Israeli withdrawal deadlines expire if security worries are not addressed, and this is proper since "security is the paramount issue, not dates," Reich said.

Reich, however, was critical of Ezer Weizman for not leaving Israel even once since he became president to meet with the Diaspora and talk about the new relationship to be forged as the forces for peace seek to prevail.

Weizman had told him that if the Diaspora wants to see him they should make aliyah.

"But I told him it is not enough to serve tea to visitors. There has to be a debate about this relationship."

In Reich's view, the need for a continuing "partnership" will be just as great despite some in Israel who claim Israel "no longer needs Diasporan support" and an overall "rethinking" taking place over the Israel-Diaspora relationship.

Israel's centrality and Israeli advocacy has to be reaffirmed and discussed, as does the Jewish state's future as a source for investment in a potential era of peace, as the context of the current crisis of continuity confronts the Jewish world.

"We have to face the tachlitic (substantive) issues of the day," Reich said.

Fielding questions later from the audience, Reich said there exists a "grave issue of civil disorder" in Israel resulting from implementing the terms of the DOP.

But he did not consider a "unity" government with Likud a realistic prospect. The Jewish democracy is "hanging by a thread," he said, as it tries to reconcile poles-apart visions of peace.

Reich said it should be remembered that depite accusations that Labor reversed its policy after being elected to talk to the PLO, it is a reality of political life that "governments change their views as developments change."

In fact, Reich said, when the peace talks first began in Madrid while Likud was in power, it was that government that "opened the door" to talks with the PLO since it knew the Palestinian negotiators were taking their orders directly from the organization.

So "who's fooling who?," Reich asked.

The CZF seminar was co-sponsored by Canada Israel-Committee (Quebec region), the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, Jewish National Fund, and the synagogue's Men's Association.

BBC backs Liberal fight against racism

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) has responded to last week's Speech from the Throne in a letter to Prime Minister Jean Chretien from Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, BBC. In the letter, Dimant expressed support for the Liberal government's commitment to fighting racism and hate crimes.

"We were pleased to note that Justice Minister Allan Rock, in a later statement, raised the possibility of introducing sentencing enhancement for racially motivated crime," Dimant wrote. "Sentencing enhancement is among the many steps that we have urged government to adopt in the fight against hatemongers, including the creation of a Joint Forces Operation between various law enforcement and government agencies."

BBC's League for Human Rights will be holding a hate crimes symposium in Toronto in June, Dimant advised Chretien. The symposium will include police and government representatives, in the hope of facilitating partnership.

The league has monitored right-wing extremism, hate group activity and racially motivated crime in Canada for over 30 years. "We have worked closely with various government and law enforcement agencies to provide information and to develop education and training guidelines and programs in the areas of race relations and hate/bias crime," Dimant said in a news release.

"The government's announced support for the Court Challenges program [which provides funding for court challenges under the Charter of Rights] and the introduction of new measures to combat racism and hate crimes are both timely and commendable," said Stephen Scheinberg, national chair of the league.

Vancouver federation founder gets Order of Canada

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

VANCOUVER — Vancouver lawyer Arthur Fouks, known to many as the founding father of the Jewish Federation of Vancouver, was recently named a member of the Order of Canada.

The Order was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service. Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn will present the insignia of the Order to this year's 80 recipients in a ceremony to be held at his official residence, Ottawa's Rideau Hall.

Fouks received his honor in the philanthropy category. "He has vigorously garnered support for and championed initiatives in health care, education, the arts and the community. The University of British Columbia and its Health Sciences Centre figure prominently on the lengthy list of organizations that have benefited from his involvement," reads a release from Hnatyshyn's office.

Arthur Fouks

When he received an honorary Doctorate of Laws from UBC, his undergraduate and law school alma mater, in 1977, the citation read, "Few can know what he did for the university behind the scenes in its relationship with the public and with the Government. And few are aware of his generosity to the university."

Fouks received a second honorary doctorate in 1989 from Simon Fraser University, with which he also has a long history of involvement, dating back to its establishment in 1965.

Fouks' fundraising and organizational skills have assisted institutions such as Vancouver General Hospital, where he was instrumental in raising money to buy its first brain scanner and to build its $6 million eye care centre.

Fouks also assisted in organizing the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of B.C., the Elizabeth Fry Association and the B.C. Association for the Mentally Handicapped. He played a major role in raising building funds for Children's Family House of B.C., which houses families of hospitalized children.

An associate counsel at Ray, Connell, Barristers and Solicitors, Fouks' career over the past 45 years has included 12 years as vice-president and director of the Bank of British Columbia (1973-1985). He has held a number of other prominent positions in the business community.

Active community member

Fouks' philosophy is to "give back to society what you take out of it." In the Jewish community alone, he founded the Vancouver Young Jewish Leadership Group, which he still serves in an advisory capacity, and the Jewish Federation of Vancouver, of which he is a board member; has served as vice-president of Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre; chaired two United Jewish Appeal emergency campaigns; and raised money to restore the historic Congregation Emanuel synagogue in Victoria. He is a former executive member of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (Pacific Division).

A longtime member of the Confratellanza Italo-Canadese, Fouks was also a founding member of the Canadian Council for Native Business, a charitable organization to assist Native businesses.

Other beneficiaries of Fouks' generosity and interest include Arts Umbrella, a non-profit organization to facilitate the teaching of the arts to children; Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University; the B.C./Yukon Heart Foundation; Canada Park in Israel; and Boys Town Jerusalem, a vocational school for disadvantaged boys.

Fouks is "a tremendous philanthropist and highly regarded visionary. He does things for all the right reasons," said Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Vancouver.

Skinheads ordered to view film

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Two Southern California skinhead leaders who had plotted to start a race war were sentenced last week to prison terms, after undergoing a sensitivity program that included viewing the film *Schindler's List*.

Christopher Fisher, 20, leader of the self-described Fourth Reich Skinheads, was sentenced to eight years and one month in prison. His co-defendant, Carl Daniel Boese, 17, received a sentence of four years and nine months. Both had pleaded guilty to reduced charges of making and using explosives for criminal purposes.

The two were arrested in July as part of a widely publicized sweep of white supremacists in Southern California. The sweep also netted a half-dozen members of two other racist groups, the White Aryan Resistance and the Church of the Creator, a pseudo-Christian sect which preaches that blacks, Jews and others are evil.

After an 18-month surveillance by the FBI that included infiltrating the skinhead group, the subjects were arrested in time to prevent enacting of the first part of Fisher's plan, which was to kill Rodney King, the black motorist whose beating by white police officers and the policemen's subsequent acquittals incited mass riots in Los Angeles.

The racists' plot included blowing up a landmark black church and machine-gunning its congregation, and sending letter bombs to prominent Jews in Orange County, south of Los Angeles.

Fisher admitted that he and his followers had vandalized a synagogue in the town of Westminster and bombed two houses and a car. No one was injured in the attacks.

As part of plea bargains by Fisher and Boese, the chief federal prosecutor, Marc Greenberg, proposed that they and 10 teen-age white supremacists be exposed to a three-day program of counseling and discussions, primarily at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles but also with representatives of the American Jewish Committee.

As part of the program, the skinheads talked with Holocaust survivors, met with rabbis and black ministers, held discussions with teenagers from minority groups and viewed *Schindler's List*, Steven Spielberg's Holocaust epic.

The skinheads also met with convicted murderers and other inmates at the Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles, an experience that seemed to have made the strongest impression on the group.

Results of the novel experiment, which was reported at length on the front pages of *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*, are not yet apparent or clear-cut.

Some of the youngsters seemed to show genuine contrition, while others remained defiant.

One participant asked if the term "kosher" referred to tainted meat, and questioned how much of the proceeds of a $1 candy bar would go to Jews.

Evaluating the three-day course, Greenberg said, "I don't know if this will work or what kind of impact it will have. But at least we tried."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, observed that the sentences imposed on Fisher and Boese "sent an important signal to young people who may think it cool to be racists. The signal is that society takes hate crimes very seriously."

During his recent swing through eastern Europe, U.S. President Bill Clinton laid a stone at the Prague grave of Rabbi Judah Loew, the venerated Jewish theologian who, according to legend, created the mythical Golem. [RNS Photo/Reuters].

Arab boycott may be reviewed

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Arab League is reconsidering elements of the economic boycott of Israel, U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown has announced.

The Arab League's secretary general, Esmat Abdel Meguid, told Brown that, at its next ministerial meeting in March, the league would consider rescinding its so-called secondary and tertiary boycotts, Brown said last Friday in Cairo.

The secondary boycott imposes trading sanctions against companies doing business with Israel. The tertiary boycott, in turn, imposes sanctions on companies that trade with firms that have broken the terms of the secondary boycott.

"I am hopeful that this commitment will result in a decision eliminating the secondary and tertiary boycotts, and I look forward to a day when the boycott, in its entirety, will be ended," Brown said in a statement.

"This is a welcome development for U.S. companies seeking to do business in the region and would have a positive impact on the peace process and stability in the region," he said.

The secretary and Meguid met late Thursday in the Egyptian capital.

Brown was quick to telephone Jewish leaders Friday with news of Meguid's commitment.

Among those contacted were officials of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

During his Middle East trip last week, Brown urged Arab leaders to end the boycott, which has been in effect since before the founding of Israel in 1948 and affects both Israel and companies doing business with Israel.

Changes in school year sought

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Fernandes said if Ontario's Education Ministry is going to get involved, "it better be soon."

So far, the only institute of learning to accommodate Rosh Hashanah has been the University of Manitoba, which agreed to delay the beginning of the school year in response to requests from local rabbis and Jewish students and staff (*CJN*, Jan. 13).

Louis Lenkinski, chair of CJC Ontario's community relations committee, recently wrote to provincial Education Minister Dave Cooke, pointing out the conflict for Jews and asking that boards make appropriate arrangements.

Cooke wrote back, saying Congress should bring the matter to the attention of individual boards.

Lenkinski returned the volley, asking that the minister provide boards with guidelines.

Ed Reed, a spokesman at Ontario's Education Ministry, told *The CJN* the matter "is a thing we would consider doing a memo on." However, there's been no firm decision on whether to issue one, Reed said.

Ministry guidelines say a school year must start on or after Sept. 1 and end on or before June 30, with at least 190 school days in effect.

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Los Angeles earthquake shakes Jewish community

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Special to The CJN

LOS ANGELES — "A dybbuk, full of sound and fury" is how a leading Los Angeles rabbi described last week's deadly earthquake that claimed two Jews in Northridge, among nearly 60 dead, and damaged dozens of synagogues and Jewish institutions.

But, Rabbi Harold Schulweis said, "it was not an act of G-d."

"I think that G-d figures largely in how we respond to the challenge, whether it's sickness, death or any other crisis," declared the spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom, a Conservative synagogue in Encino, near the 6.6 magnitude quake's epicentre.

But "it's an immoral theology to put the blame on G-d for this disaster," said Rabbi Schulweis. "When we use our hands and our hearts to help others, that is where we find G-d."

As the dust settled following the earthquake, the most powerful in modern Los Angeles history, members of the Jewish community, like so many others in the ravaged city, began cleaning up, assessing the damage and seeking solace.

The Los Angeles earthquake claimed its first known Jewish victims with the death of David and Cecilia Pressman, members of Temple Ahavat Shalom in Northridge. The couple died in the collapse of the Northridge Meadows apartment complex, which claimed 12 other lives.

At least eight families belonging to Ahavat Shalom were left homeless by the quake.

A number of facilities housing major Jewish institutions also suffered serious damage, as did several prominent synagogues, schools and community centers. Jewish leaders, who battled snarled telephone systems and twisted freeways to organize their response to the quake, said it might take weeks to determine the extent of the wreckage.

The epicentre was in the San Fernando Valley, a region abutting Los Angeles in the northwest. Although the quake affected homes, buildings and freeways throughout the metropolitan area, the severest damage was in the valley, home to 240,000 Jews.

One of the hardest-hit sites was the University of Judaism, located in the Bel Air hills. Damage costs are expected to total at least $1 million and could rise much higher, according to Rabbi Robert Wexler, the school's president.

As students and staff were helping to clean up debris, maintenance crews were boarding up holes where more than 40 plate-glass windows had blown out. Water leakage from the air conditioning had damaged second-floor offices, including precious Judaica books. And 100 feet of stucco and wire had dislodged from the third floor terrace overhang and crashed down to the second-floor terrace below.

"It looks as if a bomb went off," said Rabbi Wexler, who expressed relief that no students or staff were injured during the quake.

Just after the earthquake hit, the 110 students who live in campus dormitories met outside on the basketball court, part of an emergency plan. "It was remarkable how calm they were and how maturely they handled everything," Rabbi Wexler said.

Down the road from the university, Stephen S. Wise Temple also suffered serious damage. The 2,800-member congregation, the city's largest, was without water for several days. Windows broke and ceilings fell in a few rooms; synagogue and day school activities were canceled last week.

Alan Rabish, a rabbi at the synagogue, said he was lurched from sleep in his Sherman Oaks home by a loud rumbling sound that he recognized instantly.

"For the first few seconds I thought it was going to be brief like the others, then it kept going," said Rabbi Rabish. "Then I started hearing dressers and TVs falling around me. I realized this was a whole new ballgame."

Although his house was damaged only slightly in the quake, his composure was more than a little rattled. "We lost a lot of sentimental things, but they are only things," he said. "The shattered nerves are going to be much more difficult to repair."

Another Jewish facility to suffer damage was the 6-year-old Bernard Milken Community Campus, housing the main Jewish agencies for the western San Fernando Valley. The campus, already closed down temporarily to correct serious construction deficiencies, suffered major water damage, fallen ceilings and cracked walls, according to John Fishel, executive vice president of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation and former director of Federation CJA in Montreal.

There was possible structural damage to the Jewish Community Building in west-central Los Angeles. Floors were littered with papers, crockery, photographs and computers.

Steven Windmueller, director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, reported that several offices were blocked by filing cabinets which had fallen against the doors. "The offices are in total disarray," he said. "Every cabinet, every wall hanging, every piece of paper has moved."

Despite its proximity to the quake's epicentre, the Hillel House at Cal State Northridge escaped relatively unscathed, although the interior was a jumbled mess.

The two campuses of the Jewish Homes for the Aging in Reseda weren't so lucky, according to vice-president Marlene Bane of the Valley Jewish Business Leaders Association, a Homes support group. Although no residents were injured or evacuated, psychologists remained on campus around the clock to minister to the senior citizens. All medical equipment remained functional courtesy of two back-up energy systems.

Over the hill in Pico-Robertson, B'nai David-Judea Congregation executive director Marc Porter Zasada expected silence when he arrived at shul on the Monday morning the quake hit. Instead, he discovered a larger-than-usual morning minyan consisting of congregants who were awakened by the 4:30 a.m. tremor.

Less heartening news awaited him inside the ornate, art deco sanctuary, where chunks of plasterwork fell from the ceiling and cracks appeared in the wallwork pilasters. The 15-foot wooden ark was leaning precariously on its pillars, he said, with the 12 or so Torahs jumbled up inside.

Despite the damage, there was surprisingly little looting and other crime. In contrast to the riots that rocked the city in May 1992, people showed an unexpected desire to help one another, said Rabbi Gary Greenebaum, who toured the worst areas of quake damage in his role as president of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

By midweek, Jewish organizations were scrambling to coordinate relief efforts around the city. Some funds were set up by various agencies to collect donations.

The Jewish Federation Council and its agencies reactivated the emergency program put in place during the devastating Los Angeles firestorms of early November, including an emergency hotline and provisions for providing food and shelter for the homeless.

Fishel said the Jewish community was "up to the task" of rebuilding. "We have a very large community system that is highly committed and we know what we're doing."

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Jewish organizations have been deluged with telephone calls from around the country, with callers wanting to know how they can help the victims of the earthquake that devastated the Los Angeles area last Monday.

As a result, Jews have a broad choice of groups to which they can donate disaster relief.

"The response has been very positive, but it is still early to tell how much money we will collect," said Jean Bowdish, administrative assistant for the Social Action Commission of the Union of Hebrew American Congregations.

Donations can be sent to UAHC Commission on Social Action, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

The Conservative movement's disaster relief fund is centered at United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010, U.S.A..

Relief funds can also be sent to the Union of American Orthodox Congregations, Emergency Earthquake Campaign, 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001, U.S.A..

The American Jewish World Service, judging from the volume of calls, expects to collect more than $50,000.

The organization, which in the past collected donations to help victims of an earthquake in India, reported that response is greater now, perhaps because many people have friends or relatives in the Los Angeles area.

AJWS's address is 15 W. 26th St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

The Council of Jewish Federations has also set up a relief fund: CJF Earthquake Emergency Fund, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003, U.S.A.

B'nai B'rith International is collecting contributions, which can be sent to the B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.

Canadian communal workers return from L.A. disaster

By RON CSILLAG
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TORONTO — Five Canadian Jewish communal workers were in Los Angeles during the earthquake. All are safe and sound back on terra firma.

Jay Brodbar and Jeremy Cohen, planners with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, joined federation staffers Maxine Finkelstein from Montreal, Jean Gerber from Vancouver and Lorraine Bentley from Winnipeg for the 1994 Federation Planners Institute, held in Los Angeles this month.

About 50 communal planners from across North America were there.

Cohen and Brodbar stayed at a Hilton hotel in Universal City, only miles from the quake's epicentre.

The two shared a room and at 4:30 a.m. local time on the 17th, "Jay woke me up and said, 'Jer, I think it's an earthquake,' " Cohen told *The CJN*.

"My bed moved back and forth and I heard glass breaking and metal bending and grinding. You could feel the whole building bending one way and then the other. It was terrifying.

"Then, it just stopped. The building's internal alarms and emergency lights came on. We could hear screaming in the halls. My concern was that the whole building would collapse."

Cohen and Brodbar grabbed some clothes and bolted down 16 flights of stairs to the hotel lobby, where guests, many still in night clothes, encountered shattered glass on the floor from a chandelier that had fallen. At the hotel's cafe, falling mirrored ceiling tiles had sliced right through some chairs.

"We went out the front door. I saw orange balls of fire in the distance and heard sirens," recalled Cohen, who said he's still "spooked" by the ordeal.

Hotel personnel eventually brought out blankets and "we all huddled together, making instant friends," remembered Brodbar.

No one was hurt at the hotel, which was built to withstand most earthquakes.

Although shaken up, Cohen and Brodbar ended up staying in Los Angeles until the following night. Delegates attending the conference, which went on as planned, even experienced two more aftershocks.

"The whole room would shake," said Cohen. "People would automatically not sit under the chandeliers."

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פֿון חנה ערליך

ייִדיש, די שפּראַך אויף זייערע ליפּן, אין וועלכער זעקס מיליאָן פֿרויען, מענער און קינדער זיינען אומגעקומען; ייִדיש, די שפּראַך מיט וועלכער ייִדישע מאַסן פֿון דער גאַנצער וועלט האָבן גאָטעמט און גערעדט; ייִדיש, די שפּראַך אין וועלכער אונדזערע גרויסע-דיקע שרײַבערס האָבן געשאַפֿן די גרעסטע אוצרות פֿון אונדזער ליטעראַטור און קולטור; ייִדיש, די שפּראַך, וואָס „יונעסקאָ״ האָט אָנערקענט אַלס איינע פֿון די וועלט-שפּראַכן, איז אין דורך א רעזולטאַט נאָך לאַנגע יאָרן פֿון ירידה.

נאָך יאָרן פֿון אָפּהענטיקייט און גלייכגיל-טיקייט האָט זיך די ייִדישע געזעלשאַפֿט און איר פּירערשאַפֿט אָנגעהויבן צו אינטערעסירן מיט דער ייִדישער שפּראַך און קולטור. דער „ייִדיש קאָמיטעט״ און די „קולטור געזעל-שאַפֿט״ אין טאָראָנטאָ האָבן לאַנגע יאָרן אָפּ-געהיטן און באַמיט זיך אויפצוהאַלטן דעם המשך פון ייִדיש און ייִדישער קולטור, דורך איינאָרדנען ייִדישע לעקציעס און פֿאָרשיי-דענע אַנדערע אונטערנעמונגען. זיי האָבן טאַקע א סך בייגעטראָגן צו דעם איצטיקן רענעסאַנס.

באַווירקט פון דעם רענעסאַנס, האָבן א גרופּע יונגע מענטשן מיט אן ערך צען יאָר צוריק, געגרינדעט די אַרגאַניזאַציע „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״, וועלכע ציילט היינט צו טאָג אַרום 250 מיטגלידער. זיי האָבן זיך געשטעלט פֿאַר א ציל צו אויפהאַלטן און שטאַרקן די ייִדישע שפּראַך און קולטור אין טאָראָנטאָ און אויף ווי ווייט מעגלעך אין גאַנצן אָנ-טעריאָ. כדי דאָס צו דערגרייכן האָבן זיי, צו-זאַמען מיטן „ייִדיש-קאָמיטעט״, אַרגאַניזירט א ברייטע נעץ פון ייִדיש-קלאַסן פֿאַר אַנהויבערס און עלטערע (די וואָס האָבן אַמאָל געקענט ייִדיש און פֿאַרגעסן). עס פונקציאָנירן אויך קלאַסן אין אוניווערזיטעט פון טאָראָנטאָ. אויסער דעם האָבן די „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״ איינגעשטעלט א גרופּע, וואָס טרעפֿט זיך אַלע צוויי וואָכן אין פֿאַרשיידענע הייַמען און שמועסן אויף ייִדיש איבער פֿאַר-שיידענע טעמעס. כמעט יעדן חודש קומען פֿאַר אונטערנעמונגען, בײַ וועלכע עס טרעטן אַרויס אַרטיסטן און זינגערס, וועלכע לייענען ייִדישע פּאָעזיע און פּראָזע און זינגען ייִדישע פֿאָלקס-לידער.

די „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״ האָבן אויך אָרגא-ניזירט א שטודיר-גרופּע. מיטגלידער קומען זיך צונויף יעדן חודש צו הערן און דיסקוטירן לעקציעס אויף ייִדיש-ליטעראַרישע טעמעס. כמעט יעדן חודש קומען פֿאַר אונטערנע-מונגען אין פֿאַרבינדונג מיט ייִדישע יום-טובֿים און אַנדערע געלעגנהייטן. די „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״ גיבן אויך אַרויס א קליינע צייט-שריפֿט, „דאָס בלעטל״, אין וועלכער מען קען געפֿינען אַרטיקלען וועגן ייִדישן לעבן אין טאָראָנטאָ און אויך מעלדונגען וועגן צוקונפֿ-טיקע אונטערנעמונגען אויף ייִדיש.

די מיטגלידער פון „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״ קומען זייער גערן צו די אונטערנעמונגען. די אַסאָציאַציע ארגאַניזירט אויך אַ סך אַנדערע אַקטיוויטעטן, אַזעלכע ווי אַ חברישע אָן אַנגענעמע. זיי האָבן גרויס הנאה פון די פֿאָלקס-לידער, רעציטאַציעס און אינסצעניזאַציעס אויף ייִדיש.

צום סוף וויל איך נאָך דערמאָנען די סוף-וואָכן, וועלכע קומען פֿאַר יעדן יאָר מיט גרויס דערפֿאָלג. די „פֿרײַנד פון ייִדיש״ אר-בעטן מיט גרויס איבערגעגעבנקייט. זיי האָפֿן, אַז נאָר אין גיכן וועלן זיי הערן דעם מאַמע-לשון-ייִדיש קלאַנג אין די מיילער פון זייערע קינדער און אייניקלעך.

ארף אייער חתונה

דער פֿילאָזאָף משה מענדעלסאָן איז אַמאָל איינגעלאַדן געווארן אויף א מיטאָג צו אי-נעם פון די דייטשישע פרינצן, אים אַוועקגע-זעצט צווישן א פראָטעסטאַנט און א גלח, נאָר מאכלים האָט מען אים דערלאַנגט באַ-זונדערע, וויייל מען האָט געוואוסט, אַז קיין טריפֿהס עסט ער נישט.

ביים עסן רופט זיך אַן דער קאָטוילישער גלח:

-- ה' מענדעלסאָן, וווין וועט איר שוין מעגן עסן מיט אונדז צוזאַמען די זעלבע מאכלים?

-- אויף אייער חתונה -- האָט אים דער ייִדי-שער פילאָזאָף געענטפערט.

Beilin rejects need for 'Diaspora charity'

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, known for his penchant for provocation, set off a firestorm of protest here last week when he told an international meeting of Zionist women that Israel has a strong economy and does not need Diaspora charity.

"This is the truth," said Beilin, according to Associated Press reports. "If our economic situation is better than in many of your countries, how can we go on asking for your charity?"

The Isranet news service quoted Beilin as saying "Israel is a rich country, I'm sorry to tell you ... you want me to be the beggar and say we need money for the poor people..."

Beilin made the remarks after a speech to the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO), prompting loud protest from delegates.

According to press reports, Beilin subsequently was taken to task by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who defended the role of Diaspora Jewish organizations and their appeals for Israel.

Meanwhile, members of the WZO's executive sharply criticized Beilin's remarks at a meeting, warning they could harm fund raising campaigns for Israel.

"The greatest mistake that Israel can make is to separate Diaspora Jewry from the State of Israel and to callously stop the contribution of Diaspora Jewry to the ingathering of the exiles and the building of the State of Israel," Simcha Dinitz, chair of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, said in a statement released after the meeting.

"Whoever proposes disturbing the partnership between Israel and the Diaspora does not understand the essence of Zionism, that Israel is not just the country of the Israelis, it is the homeland of the entire Jewish people," Dinitz said.

Those close to Beilin, however, insist he said nothing new. They say he was merely talking about the need to redefine the Israel-Diaspora relationship and has been doing so for a long time.

"But the (WIZO) ladies began to yell at him and didn't want to listen to his message," said a source in Beilin's office who declined to be identified. "There was no dialogue."

Beilin's message, the source said, is that the peace process is beginning to allow Israelis the "luxury" of turning away from all-consuming security matters to raise important cultural and social questions that have been neglected.

"We have to rethink the organization of institutions, whether it's the Histadrut (trade federation), Kupat Holim (national health system) or the Jewish Agency, which began in 1929," he said.

"In 1994, it (the Jewish Agency) should address and redefine its function and objective," the source said.

What concerns Beilin "is the continuity of Jewish life," he said. Beilin wants to shift some of the focus from charity for Israel to investing in the education of Diaspora Jews, for which "entities like the United Jewish Appeal are instrumental."

"That it may be time to change the structure of the UJA is Yossi's point of view, not a fixed policy," the source stressed.

Above all, "he wants debate and dialogue," he said, noting that Beilin just "puts the questions on the table."

Menachem Revivi, director-general of the United Israel Office, which represents United Israel Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and UJA in Israel, said he thought Beilin's statement was "very provocative" and not helpful.

"It comes with good intentions" of modernizing long-held traditions, he said, but it also reflects a failure to understand what the philanthropy represents for Diaspora Jews.

"It represents their wish to be connected, to be responsible, to be partners in what is theirs as much as ours," he said.

Revivi said he would welcome the Israeli government taking the initiative to say to the Diaspora that, "after 45 years, we are in a situation where we can rewrite the covenant and set a new agenda for the Jewish people and divide the labor" between Israel and the Diaspora.

But "we do need world Jewry, as much now as in the past," he emphasized. "We are a Jewish state and they are our best allies, as much in peacetime as in war."

Still, Revivi seemed to support one of Beilin's major points.

"Maybe now is the time to see what else should flow into the pipeline," he said. "I agree Israel should (address) its own responsibility for Jewish continuity worldwide."

Beilin's strength, said the source in Beilin's office, is that he "confronts them (Diaspora Jews) with a different reality" that will have to be faced as the younger generation of Israelis rises to positions of leadership.

"Jews and Israelis should sit down and talk about what this (the generational change) means," he said.

GAZA TENSIONS RUNNING HIGH

A masked Palestinian in Gaza city sets fire to tires to protest the killing of three Palestinians in Gaza. [Isranet photo]

Israel, Vatican name envoys

ROME (JTA) — Four weeks after the signing of their mutual recognition agreement, Israel and the Vatican have announced the names of the envoys who will be representing the two states in their first diplomatic ties.

Israel named a veteran diplomat, Shmuel Hadas, to represent the Jewish state in the Vatican.

The same day, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Andrea di Montezemolo as the Vatican's first envoy to Israel.

The Archbishop will have the title of special representative pending a full exchange of ambassadors, a move expected to occur within a few months.

Montezemolo, 68, has considerable experience in the Middle East. He currently serves as the Holy See's apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and as the apostolic nuncio to Cyprus.

On Dec. 30, Israel and the Vatican signed their historic agreement, opening the way to the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

There were reports that the Vatican had objected to the possible appointment of a rabbi to serve as Israel's first representative to the Holy See.

Reports surfaced in the Italian, American and Israeli media that the Vatican was blocking the appointment of Rabbi David Rosen as Israeli ambassador.

The British-born Rabbi Rosen, a former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, is the Jerusalem-based director of interfaith relations for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

Rabbi Rosen was a key negotiator in the talks leading up to the Israeli-Vatican agreement.

Montezemolo had said openly that the first Israeli ambassador to the Holy See should be a career diplomat.

The Vatican stressed that the bilateral agreement is a state-to-state rather than a theological accord.

Harry Wall, the ADL director in Israel, was quoted by as saying the Vatican's stance would suggest "a slight touch of dual standards, since, after all, Vatican representatives abroad are clerics."

In a separate development, Israel appointed its first ambassador of Arab descent last week.

Yussuf Haj-Yihy, a retired judge from the West Bank town of Taiba, was named Israel's new ambassador to Finland.

The Jerusalem Post reported that Haj-Yihy called his appointment "a blessed step toward more Arab intellectuals having high-ranking positions in the state and toward (Israeli Arabs) regaining their rights."

Students defend yeshiva

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Students at a yeshiva at the ancient synagogue north of Jericho said last week they would offer passive resistance to any effort by the army to evacuate the site.

The Israeli military issued orders to vacate the yeshiva immediately for renovations that reportedly were requested by the yeshiva authorities.

But officials with the yeshiva say they suspect the military's real purpose for the evacuation is to shutter the yeshiva, which opened four years ago at the seventh-century Shalom al Yisrael synagogue near Jericho.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

LYATZKOVITCH

Zalman Lyatzkovich, of Toronto, seeks help in solving the "riddle" of his surname. He has not encountered a similar name except once in a subtitle of a Yugoslavian movie.

Lyaskovichi is a tiny village near Pinsk in White Russia. Some authorities attribute the derivation of the name to "Elye" or Eliyahuh (Elijah).

BEIERBACH

Levi Beierbach, of Calgary, has given me a list of 10 names. Some of them like Schneider (tailor), Vogel (bird) and Pfeiffer (whistler) have been considered in earlier columns.

He believes his own name refers to a person who lives near a river, probably because Bach is German for brook or stream.

Actually, his name is a misspelling of Bauerbach, a village 45 kilometres northwest of Stuttgart in Germany.

SHIMKOVITZ

The hard-working Shimkovitz family, which turns out a wide variety of tasty food in its downtown Toronto restaurant, Regions, owes its surname to a Polish shtetl called Siemkovice, not far from Czestochowa in Central Poland.

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The Bene Israel of India

A unique story of Jewish survival

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Lunchtime at Sir Jacob Sassoon School in Bombay [Patricia Rucker photo]

BOMBAY, India — "Anti-Semitism? No, we have never experienced any problems because we are Jewish — not here in India.

"But I remember when I was studying in the United States. I was told not to say I was a Jew, because it could make difficulties for me. I was told to say simply that I was Indian. I could not understand that."

Dr. Joyce Shankaran is a high-ranking medical official with the government of the Indian state of Maharashtra, whose capital is Bombay. Elegant in a sari, she was one of two score or so prominent Indian Jews who had come to a reception welcoming our group of North American Jews to India.

Nearly half a world away from our homes, we were struggling with jet lag. But the dislocation in time paled in comparison with the dislocation in perception. Accustomed to handling reports of Holocaust revisionism and neo-Nazi resurgence, we were not prepared for a community of Jews who have never experienced anti-Semitism. And they, in turn, did not understand our persistence in verifying that, yes, really, there was no discrimination against Jews in the country in which they have lived for centuries.

The Jews of India have a unique history or, more correctly, histories. They are made up of three distinct communities — Bene Israel, Cochini, and Baghdadi — but what they share is a common experience of acceptance within the embrace of Indian culture.

For millenia, the Indian subcontinent has taken in the diversity of peoples who have flowed across its mountains and plains. The Buddha was born here; the Muslim Moghuls flourished here; the Tibetan Dalai Lama found sanctuary here — the predominant Hindu faith has traditionally accommodated diversity. For the Jews of India, this has been a blessing. For those of us who came from North America to speak with them, and to learn from them, it was a revelation.

North American Jewry is very taken with the issues of continuity these days. With the growing acceptance of Jews into North American society comes a growing intermarriage rate, and a growing fear that our acceptance will inevitably result in our disappearance as a distinct and viable community in North America. The Jews of Bombay, committed to maintaining their identity in the face of diminishing numbers, offer an object lesson in Jewish survival which should be taken to heart by Jews throughout the Diaspora.

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There are an estimated 5,000 Jews in India today, a sharp drop from nearly 30,000 in the middle of the century. (To keep those figures in perspective, the Canadian Jewish population is presently more than 350,000; and the total population of India today is more than 900 million.)

Of those 5,000, nearly all live in the Bombay area, and nearly all are Bene Israel — literally, the children of Israel.

The origins of the Bene Israel are shrouded in mystery. According to one account, their ancestors escaped by sea from Israel in the second century BCE, fleeing persecution by the Hellene tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes (the same against whom the Maccabees revolted.) Shipwrecked off the Konkan coast, just south of Bombay, the 14 survivors — seven men and seven women — took up the trade of oil pressing, produced children, and, lacking Torahs, maintained Jewish belief and practice as best they could.

They said the Shema; circumcised their sons on the eighth day after birth; observed the Sabbath; and differentiated between "clean" and "unclean" fish.

Cut off from the rest of the Jewish world for centuries, they were "discovered," — perhaps as early as 1000 CE, according to Bene Israel tradition — and as we know from written records, by the Jews from Cochin, in the far south of India, in the middle of the 18th century. They absorbed the religious knowledge of the Cochinis, who had never lost touch with Jewish communities in West Asia; learned Hebrew and the Bible from Christian missionaries who arrived with the British East India Company — but spurned any attempts at conversion; enlisted, as Indians, in the (British) Indian army and civil service; and began moving into Bombay City.

By the mid-19th century, they were established as tradesman and clerical workers, and in small numbers in the professions; had built a number of synagogues; and had a well-established communal life centred on Bombay and the northern suburbs of Thane and Pune, although some families remained in the Konkan villages.

When, towards the end of the 18th century, the Baghdadi Jews started to come to India from Syria and Iraq, they at first worshipped with the Bene Israel in Bombay. But they began to regard with suspicion the degree to which the Bene Israel had adopted the local dress and language, Marathi. Questioning the strictness of their observance of Jewish law, particularly in matters of divorce and remarriage, and in some cases even their Jewishness, the Baghdadis refused for decades to worship with the Bene Israel; marriage between the two groups was almost unheard of. (The issue was finally settled, in Israel in 1964, with the full acceptance of Bene Israel as Jews.)

The Bene Israel continued to found their own schools and congregations, including the liberal (i.e., Reform) Jewish Religious Union, initiated by Jerusha Jhirad, the first Indian Jewish woman (in fact, the first Indian woman) to become a doctor, when she returned from interning in London in 1924.

Indian independence in 1947 and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 brought about a mass emigration of Indian Jews which in effect has brought the history of the Baghdadi and Cochin communities in India to an end, leaving only the Bombay Bene Israel as a viable Jewish community in India.

But even the Bene Israel are only a fraction of their former size. Like other Jews, and Indians in general, they were seized with the desire to search out a better life overseas, in the United States, Australia, Great Britain or Canada.

But it was the new Jewish state that exerted the strongest pull. When the Jewish Agency arrived with an invitation to the "Ingathering of the Exiles," they responded with enthusiasm, sending even young children on Youth Aliyah, to be joined later by parents and grandparents. Not even the questions of their religious status, nor charges of discrimination against them in Israel, could deter them.

Today, there are an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 Bene Israel in Israel — more than five times as many as remain in India.

The lost Jews of India have returned home.

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For those who remain in Bombay, the distinctions between Baghdadi and Bene Israel have vanished. Building a viable Jewish community is all that matters.

The Sir Jacob Sassoon School is named for the scion of the fabled Baghdadi family of merchant princes who built it in 1903. It sits on the same plot of land as the magnificent Magen David Synagogue, also built by the Sassoons.

When we arrived at the school, which teaches children between the ages of four and 16, it was lunch hour. Those who had finished eating were playing in the small schoolyard,, noisily but without the roughhousing common on North American playgrounds. At the tables, mothers in saris and burkhas (the traditional orthodox Muslim dress worn in India) served hot lunches from multi-layered metal tiffin boxes.

The school is situated in a once-Jewish, now predominantly working-class Muslim area. Of the 700 students, principal Bulboo Sen told us, only about ten per cent are Jewish. The majority of the rest are Muslim from the neighborhood. All attend the daily religious assembly, but those who do not wish to join in the Hebrew prayers are not required to. The school is closed on Shabbat and all Jewish holidays.

Sen has been principal of the academy for more than 20 years. She is proud of her students, and very aware of the sacrifices their parents have made to send them to a private school. "All the children are doing better than their parents. That is what you educate them for."

The Hebrew studies principal, Rabbi Abraham Benjamin, acknowledges that the Hebrew education is not as intense. Basic Jewish religious knowledge is taught one hour a day, and in the higher classes, the weekly Torah portion. "If you would like to help us," Rabbi Abraham asks, "send us Jewish books."

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Elijah Jacob, an energetic, intense 33-year-old with a Masters degree in chemical technology and an MBA, is country representative for the Indian office of the Jewish Joint Distribution Campaign. He left a successful career in industry, he said, "because I was making my company wealthy. I realized that if I could direct my efforts and see that the community benefits from what I do, it would be much more satisfying."

He believes that the local community has not only stabilized, but is growing, and expects a population of 6,500 to show up in the 1996 census.

Under the chairmanship of the distinguished English-language Jewish poet Prof. Nissim Ezekiel, the JDC has focussed on assistance to poor Jews, aiding about 100 families per month.

It maintains an old age home with 12 elderly residents, and a home for six Jewish orphans from the villages who lost their parents in the recent monsoon floods. A seventh lives with his grandmother in the old age home.

The other priority of the JDC is fostering Jewish identity among young people. Ezekiel displays the Rosh Hashanah edition of Kol Bombay, packed with puzzles, contests and crafts, information on Jewish holidays and history, and even "Hebrews' Humour," (from Talmud Berachot).

He lists his goals: that Shabbat will be celebrated in every Jewish home; that there will be a minyan in each and every synagogue; that there will be an Indian-born rabbi and (with a grin) a Jewish prime minister.

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How did the Bene Israel survive as Jews through the generations of their isolation?

It is too simple to say that the Hindu caste system prevented assimilation and encouraged separateness. It may have been a factor — but Christian attempts at conversion were, to the chagrin of the missionaries, politely but universally rebuffed.

They had no need to band together in self-defence against a hostile society. Nor did they develop elaborate communal institutions until comparatively recently, when they moved into urban areas.

What appears to have kept the Jewish spirit alive in the Bene Israel is their devotion to their faith.

What they knew, they held to, even though they thought they were the only Jews in the world. And when they learned that they were not, they returned, eagerly and joyously, to the congregation of Israel.

Elijah Jacob told us that in India, "Jews are looked on as very special."

They are.

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The News in Brief

MiA's Parents to Visit

OTTAWA — The parents of missing Israeli soldier Zacharia Baumel will be in Ottawa Feb. 6 and 7 to meet with government officials and bolster Western support for the search for all four Israeli MiAs. Yona and Miriam Baumel left last week for the United States, where they will appear at rallies on college campuses and meet officials. Israel's Embassy here could not be more specific about the Baumels' plans. The families of the missing servicemen are taking advantage of the upsurge in interest in Syria's role in the peace talks and are launching publicity campaigns abroad. Following the recent summit in Geneva between U.S. President Bill Clinton and Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad, Yona Baumel said he hoped there would be some mention of the MiAs, "but we are very practical." Zacharia Baumel went missing in the 1982 battle of Sultan Yakub in Lebanon. A U.S. Congessional mission is investigating the fate of the four servicemen.

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Calling Science Students

TORONTO — Outstanding science students who plan to enter university this fall may apply to take part in the month-long Bessie F. Lawrence 26th International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Six students will be chosen to represent Canada. The intensive program, conducted in English, includes three weeks on campus working in small research groups as well as a stint at a field school in the Negev. Students choose from a range of research topics including medical research, environmental problems, alternative energy sources and advanced technology. The program will run from July 6 to August 5. For further information and application forms, please call Edie Bayer at (416) 733-9220. Application deadline is March 1.

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UNIFIL Drops Complaint

TEL AVIV — A Finnish soldier serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon was slightly wounded last week when the UNIFIL post north of the southern Lebanon security zone came under shelling. UNIFIL filed a complaint against Israel but then retracted it when it learned the shell that hit the soldier had been fired by the South Lebanon Army, Israel's ally, and not by the Israel Defence Force. The attack caused extensive damage to the post. The incident occurred after a roadside bomb attack against an SLA patrol, in which an SLA soldier was slightly wounded. The Believers Resistance, a radical Shi'ite organization that broke away from the Amal Shi'ite movement several years ago, claimed responsibility for the attack against the SLA unit. UNIFIL has lost 195 soldiers since deploying peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon in 1978. The U.N. force currently has about 5,400 troops operating in the region.

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Undercover Work Continues

JERUSALEM — The IDF's Duvdevan undercover unit has not decreased its activity since the signing of the agreement with the PLO, the unit's commander, said in a report in the latest issue of the army magazine *Bamahane*. The commander also insisted there's no doubt about the unit's continued existence, noting that in the past, more operations were conducted by agents in civilian dress, while now more are commando-style. "It's clear that the hunt for wanted fugitives must continue," the commander said. "Since the [PLO-Israel] agreement was signed, the fugitives have become more motivated, bolder. They are now acting both at night and during the day, and against both soldiers and settlers. In the last year, Duvdevan has apprehended 72 fugitives."

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Holocaust Artifacts Handed Over

SYDNEY — A well-worn boot, items of jewelry and reconstructed skull fragments were at the center of a unique presentation at the Sydney Jewish Museum this month. With the dissolution of the war crimes investigatory unit by the Australian government due to be completed by the end of January, the Australian Archives gave, in perpetuity, photographs of and items exhumed from the mass graves of Jews of the villages of Gnivan and Serniki, in the Ukraine. The exhumations and subsequent reburials in accordance with Jewish law were part of the Australian government's investigation of allegations that people who found haven in Australia had been involved in the murders of the Jewish villagers more than 50 years ago. It was part of a series of scientific and historical investigations conducted by the Special Investigations Unit, which provided grim physical proof of the brutality of the Nazi murder machine.

Italy Backtracks on Election

ROME — Confronted by widespread protests over its decision to schedule crucial general elections on the first day of Passover, Italy's caretaker government has backtracked and put together an emergency decree that will enable observant Jews to vote. The decree, which was expected to be enacted after approval by both houses of a parliament that was formally dissolved last week, will extend the duration of the elections to two days. This will allow voters to go to the polls until 10 p.m. on March 28, two and a half hours after sundown on the second day of Passover. Jews and their supporters expressed satisfaction with the latest developments, although the entire affair has left a lingering bad taste.

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Georgia Backtracks Too

TBLISHI — The government of the former Soviet republic of Georgia has backtracked on its effort to tax Jews leaving the country. Early this month, the Georgian government announced that passports, previously issued for a nominal charge, would cost $300, which is equivalent to several years' salary in Georgian currency. The Jewish Agency for Israel, which maintains an office here in the Georgian capital, attributed the measure to a desire for foreign currency, on the assumption that world Jewry would pay for the passports. President Eduard Shevardnadze said he had not known of the measure in advance and told the Jewish Agency he would cancel it. Now, it is reported that there may be a $50 passport fee.

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Jews, Rightists Hold Gatherings

BUDAPEST — Large crowds gathered here last week to commemorate the 49th anniversary of the liberation of the Budapest Ghetto. Members of the Jewish community, together with high-ranking Hungarian politicians, gathered to remember the actions of the Soviet Red Army, which liberated the ghetto on Jan. 18, 1945. As well, a candlelight ceremony was held in memory of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of 100,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II. Meanwhile, right-wing elements held a gathering of their own in an outer district of the Hungarian capital. Dozens of people gathered to hear nationalistic and anti-Semitic speeches. The extremists vowed to hold such meetings every week.

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Number of Soldiers Killed Doubles

JERUSALEM — The number of soldiers killed in action doubled for the second year in a row, Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair, head of the IDF's manpower branch, told the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee last week. The number of soldiers who died in accidents of all kinds, however, dropped from 37 in 1992 to 17 in 1993. For the first time in IDF history, there were no fatalities in training accidents. Yair explained that increased terrorist activity led to the death of 45 soldiers in southern Lebanon, Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last year, up from 24 in 1992 and 11 in 1991. Twenty-six soldiers died in southern Lebanon and 19 in the territories. Seven soldiers died in traffic accidents involving military vehicles in 1993, compared with 11 in 1992 and 14 in 1991. Three died in accidents involving weapons and ammunition dropped, compared to five in each of the two previous years. Five soldiers died in accidents during military operations; one was electrocuted; and another died in a work accident. Thirty-eight soldiers committed suicide, including 31 conscripts, four in the regular army, and three reservists. Nine of the 31 conscripts who killed themselves were immigrants. According to Yair, the number of suicides was about the same as in previous years, but constituted a relative decrease since the total number of men and women in uniform was larger. The army found that only two of the 31 conscript suicides were related to military service; in one of the cases, a soldier killed himself after being harassed by his commander. All of the new immigrant suicides were linked to absorption difficulties, army investigators found. According to Yair, 30 soldiers died in non-military traffic accidents last year, compared to 34 in 1992 and 28 in 1991.

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Cabinet OK's Airport Plan

JERUSALEM — Israel's cabinet last week approved Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar's plan for the construction of a new terminal at Ben-Gurion Airport at a cost of some $850 million. Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur was the only minister who objected to the plan, arguing that too much land would be needed for the project. Kessar said the new terminal should be given the highest priority, as it would increase the speed with which passengers could transit the airport. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he would do his best to expedite the project so it could be ready by the country's 50th anniversary in 1998.

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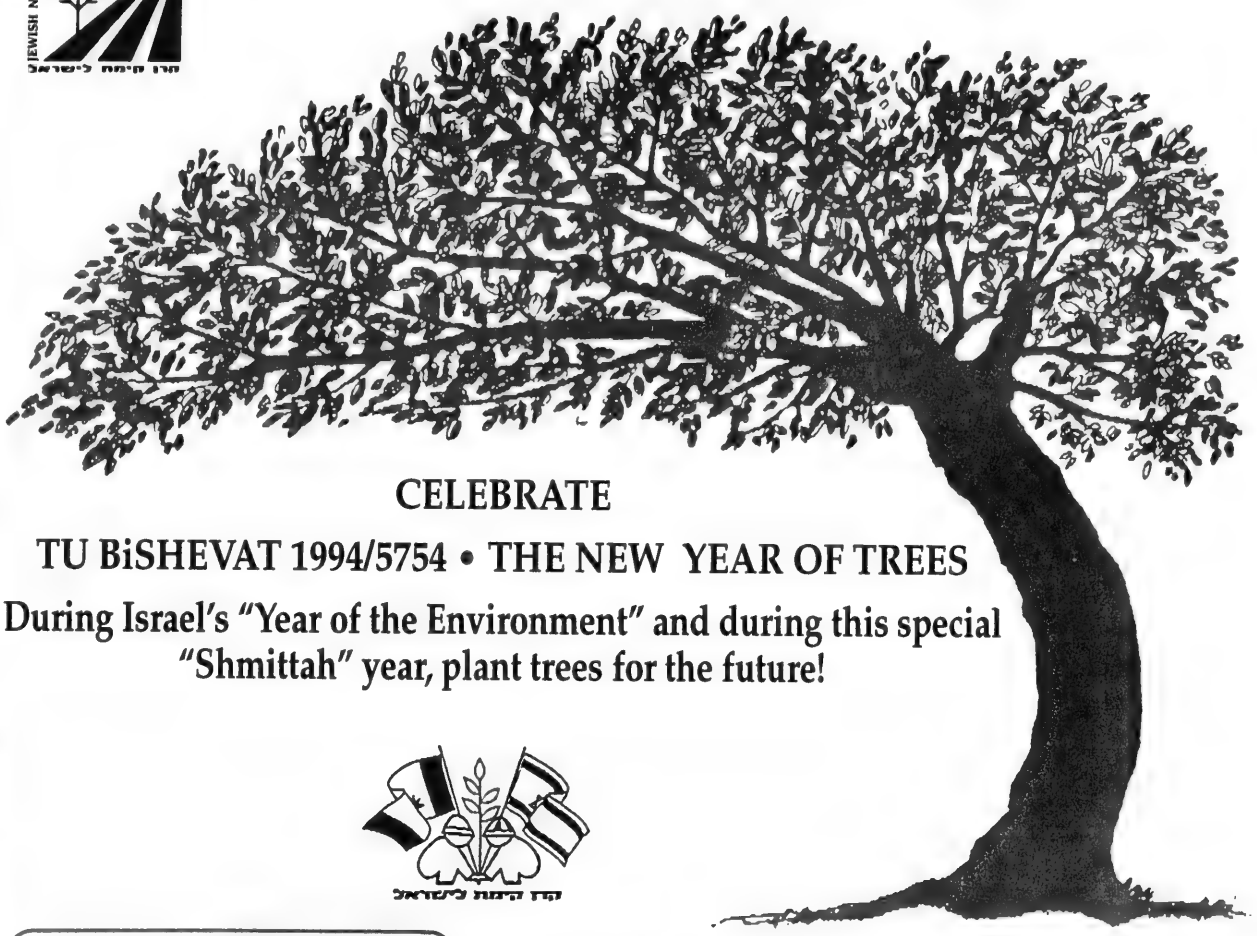

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Front Line

Assad in Geneva: no breakthrough, but a new start

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The Clinton-Assad meeting in Geneva was well-prepared in advance and produced the modest results, described by U.S. President Bill Clinton as "having brought the goal of peace closer." To understand what happened behind the closed doors during the nearly five hours of discussions, one should consider the state of mind and the motivations of the two participants and pay careful attention to the atmosphere as well as the public statements of their joint press-conference.

Leaving his own problems at home, Clinton had gone to Geneva after a tour of European capitals where most of the vital issues he addressed were left basically unsettled. In Moscow, he signed an important denuclearization agreement with the presidents of Russia and the Ukraine, the smooth implementation of which is all but certain. He also assured Boris Yeltsin of his unwavering assistance and friendship, but left him insecure at the helm of his very troubled country, with his reform policy in shambles. Rarely in the history of U.S. leadership has such a marathon been undertaken. In a world freed of the familiar dangers of the cold war, but unable to handle its current economic and social difficulties, the outbreaks of wild nationalism come at a time when, because of its diminished political clout and limited financial means, the one remaining superpower can do little to help.

But everything is relative. Compared to all the festering conflicts on the world scene, tackling the Middle Eastern conflict seems somewhat more promising. This is why, after a frustrating week spent in the vicinity of the unstoppable bloodshed in former Yugoslavia and in the middle of the unfinished drama of the once mighty Soviet Union, the Clinton team must have approached the meeting with the inscrutable Syrian leader with the feeling that a serious attempt to revitalize the stalled Middle East peace process should now be made.

Yeshayahu Anug

For President Hafez al-Assad, the aging ruler of a country in trouble for having lost its political, economic and military anchors with the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the chance to improve relations with the U.S. and the West, has become the first priority. In the past two years, despite his having agreed to participate in the Madrid peace conference, Assad had been ambiguous in making his intentions known. By allowing a number of terrorist organizations to maintain their headquarters in Damascus and by facilitating Hezbollah activity in Southern Lebanon at the embarrassing and high cost of remaining listed as a terrorist country, Syria had established its role as a potential spoiler of any solutions that were not to its liking.

The secretly negotiated Israel-PLO accord took Assad by surprise and injured his pride. When the peace talks with Syria were relegated to secondary priority by Rabin, with the temporary acquiescence of the U.S., Assad, who regards his country as the pillar of the Arab world, managed to prove in South Lebanon that he can not be ignored. He proved it twice: first by heating up the area and then by cooling it off completely, shortly before going to Geneva.

He must have reluctantly come to the conclusion that there was no direct ticket to the heart of Washington and that pacification with Jerusalem was the passport to rehabilitation. Though he refuses to settle with the Israelis for less than Anwar al-Sadat got from them, he cannot produce the same kind of positive psychological shock that helped Sadat so much in changing the mood of Israel almost overnight. He stammered publicly in Geneva when asked what he meant by full peace in exchange for full withdrawal, and left it to Clinton to spell out what he had presumably hinted at in private.

Yes, the ball is now in Rabin's court, but it is a ball that Rabin can handle slowly and carefully. Israel's prime minister said repeatedly that the degree of withdrawal "on the Golan" will be in proportion to the degree of peace available; he never said that full peace will lead to full withdrawal. He is not going to be more explicit now.

So there was no spectacular breakthrough in Geneva, not even in the Syrian-U.S. relationship, more pressing for Assad than the Golan Heights. There was only a decision to "examine jointly" the various components of the problem - very much like the prescription for progress in Israel-Syrian relations, where the talks to be resumed this week in Washington, after a hiatus of four months, will, in President Clinton's words, have "to relate withdrawal to the issues of peace and security."

More must have been said during the face-to-face meeting in Geneva than was reflected by the press conference, which for the Syrian dictator must have been an unusual experience. But the picture is not all that obscure. We face a new beginning with more American involvement than before. This leads to the question of how important it will be for the Clinton administration to energetically pursue the goal and how crucial (and rewarding) it will be for both Syria and Israel to co-operate with the Americans.

In Israel, the hopes and fears related to the controversial Golan issue will dominate the scene in the days and weeks to come, and lead to bitter confrontations between the various political groups and to renewed tests of the government's stability. To handle the new situation, Rabin is now floating the controversial idea of a popular referendum to be held if the negotiations with Syria show "that the demanded territorial cost will be significant." Since no referendum has ever been held in Israel, special legislation would be required, and it is doubtful whether it will come to that. But by launching this trial balloon Rabin is confusing his opponents at home who can not possibly come out against "consulting the people" whom they claim to represent.

In conclusion: As Assad did not commit himself to expell the various terrorist groups that operate from Damascus immediately, Syria remains on the list of pariah countries for the time being. Although he spoke of a strategic decision to make peace with Israel, he missed the opportunity to break the psychological barrier between the two countries.

Geneva did, however, reopen the road to bilateral negotiations and with the U.S. looking over their shoulders, the negotiators could well achieve some results. Bearing in mind that both Clinton and Assad have talked persistently of 1994 as of the year of peace, one should not dismiss this possibility out of hand.

Yemenites in Israel face a difficult transition

By LARRY YUDELSON

Yosef Keim does not want his complaints to dissuade anyone — including his relatives still in Yemen — from joining him in Israel.

"Everyone has to come," he insists, as God is fulfilling the promise to gather the exiles from all over the Earth.

But nonetheless Keim has harsh words about his new home, and his complaints echo those of other recent Yemenite immigrants.

Some even speak of returning to the Arab country where they were kept isolated from the outside world for 40 years.

In the past year, half of the Jewish community of Yemen has departed, and the rest are expected to follow.

This was the first major emigration since 1954, although some Jews were able to sneak out in 1962 during the chaos of the civil war between North and South Yemen.

In the past three years, the newly unified Yemenite government has followed a relatively liberal course, which includes the right of Jews to leave.

The Yemenites have faced a profoundly difficult transition.

It is a transition from a way of life that has changed little in the past 2,000 years to a modern society where daily life involves mortgage payments, electric bills and jobs that do not allow for the traditional mid-afternoon siesta.

Unlike the 45,000 Yemenites who arrived in Israel in 1949 and 1950, these newcomers are not being housed in tents, nor are they having their side curls shorn.

They are being housed initially in Jewish Agency absorption centers, alongside immigrants from Ethiopia and elsewhere.

But they remain distinctive.

At an absorption center in Ashkelon, Yemenite men crouch on a ledge bordering the sidewalk.

Next to them, women sit separately, their long-sleeved dresses, resplendent in rich blues and greens, distinctively Yemenite. Little girls play in long skirts and pantaloons.

"The broad majority are extremely happy, and you can see that in people continuing to leave Yemen," said an American familiar with the Yemenite immigrants.

"You can find people among any immigrant group...who have high expectations and who are disappointed," the American added.

Count among the disappointed several immigrants at an absorption center in Rehovot.

"We are not like the Russian Jews who come with one child and one dog," an exasperated immigrant told a group of Americans visiting from the United Jewish Appeal recently.

"We have 11 children. We were jewelry makers in Yemen, but we tried it in Israel, and it didn't work out," he said.

A traditional Yemenite Jew.

"Now we have to learn another job. We have problems. We can't speak Hebrew, to write and to read. We don't have a profession."

And, in fact, some have two wives.

Should they thank the government for providing two very generous mortgages to buy two apartments for them?

Or should they curse the two bills they get each month?

"Electricity, rent, health insurance, rent, telephone, everything," said Amriyom Barhiali, counting off on his fingers the bills that keep coming in.

"I have nothing. I have nothing to eat. Eight months I've been here. I have no food. What to eat? How will I make money? I have family in Yemen, an auto, money, it's true. Now I don't have anything," said Barhiali, a middle-aged man with a thin, expressive face and long side curls.

He went to the Interior Ministry to apply for a passport to return to Yemen. They sent him a bill for 1,300 shekels — to repay roughly $500 (U.S.) in government assistance to help him settle.

"I don't have the money to pay the government," he complained.

According to a report in *Yediot Achronot*, one family at the Rehovot absorption centre has already left Israel, and five more are planning to follow.

The families were convinced to leave Israel by anti-Zionist Satmar Chassidim and are relocating to Brooklyn, the newspaper reported.

Numerous Satmar Chassidim have visited Yemen over the years and tried to convince the Jews there to stay.

In Yemen, most of the Jews were silversmiths. Their craftsmanship was renowned, and with their departure, some of the sparkle has gone from the Yemenite markets.

But in Israel, they find they can no longer sell their wares to tourists or others willing to pay high prices.

And the bills keep piling up.

"In Yemen, you can get by working only two days a week," said one woman who works with the Yemenites in the Rehovot absorption centre, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"You sell one piece of jewelry and can go home. They never learned about time, about sitting in school," she said.

"Now they come here and we say, 'You have to go to work.' He finds work, and says, 'What, do you think I'm a slave? They won't let me smoke, want me to work 10 hours a day.' "

Arnon Mantver, director-general of the Jewish Agency's aliyah and absorption department, says the Yemenite Jews are being well taken care of.

"They will realize that this system is more supportive than in Yemen. There is social security that takes into account their situation," he said.

"If they won't be spoiled by different groups who try to intervene, they will fit in very well," he said

Other veteran Israelis also give short shrift to the Yemenites' complaints.

"When they came in 1949, my family had a very hard absorption," said one woman of Yemenite origin who works with the new immigrants. "They had no houses, only tents. When it rained, it came in. The wind blew, and whoop! There went the tent!"

But that is not how the newcomers see it.

"When they came, you could just throw a stone and claim the land. Today you have to pay 200 shekels for a $50,000 mortgage," complained one.

A look at those numbers — less than $70 monthly payments for a $50,000 apartment — and it is clear that the Yemenites are being heavily subsidized by the government.

And it is also clear that they do not fully understand the society they have entered.

For Keim, the biggest shock is religious and political.

"The laws here aren't good," he said. "The prime minister is no good."

Keim's complaint was that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat, Arabs are killing Jews with abandon, and he, a Jew, had to surrender his own weapons when he immigrated.

"In Yemen I had a knife, I had a pistol," he said.

Even the religious situation is confusing.

"I can't tell a Jew from an Arab," Keim said. The Jews in Israel, he said, do not wear yarmulkes or side curls.

Keim finds little solace in the mantra often told to new immigrants: savlanut — patience.

But the woman at the absorption centre thinks patience will be rewarded for the new Israelis from Yemen.

"I believe they will manage here in Israel," she said. "They live real life. They're street-smart." *(JTA)*

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Today we celebrate Tu b'Shevat, the New Year of Trees. This calendar year, 1994, is the Year of the Environment in Israel and therefore Tu b'Shevat has a very special meaning for all of us at this particular time.

We think of ecology as a 20th century concern, largely developed from the stresses our civilization has put on the natural world.

In our puny response to the increasingly frightening technology of today and the fears people harbor over the plight of the earth, we as Jews recognize the warnings contained within our Judaic tradition for hundreds of years.

Tu b'Shevat is one of those observances which goes unnoticed by most of our people. This is regrettable, because it is the celebration of the fact that ecology, the newly discovered cause of so many of our young people, is a Jewish cause, if not a Jewish word.

Our agrarian ancestors made many references to trees and plants. They spoke of the righteous man being like the tree planted near the water, with roots growing deep into the soil for stability.

The Torah instructed the people that even during warfare, fruit trees were not to be cut down to make weapons. The Torah also instructed that we were to ignore the fruit crops of the first few years, giving the trees a chance to grow to maturity.

When Jews began to return to the Promised Land at the end of the 19th century, they planted trees to combat the swamps and erosion which had taken over the land. By destroying the trees, those who had conquered the promised land over the centuries had rendered it almost incapable of supporting human habitation.

Only the Jews, after all those years, made any effort to plant trees and give the land stability. We are told that when Theodore Herzl visited Eretz Israel, he planted a tree to signal the beginning of Zionist development. Since that time, the Jewish National Fund has planted more than 200 million trees to benefit the new inhabitants.

How important is it to plant a tree? Our sages of old said that if one is planting a tree, and the Messiah should suddenly appear, the planting was not to be interrupted. One should finish the planting, then turn to the Messiah. He will understand, for trees are life itself.

For most Canadians, it's not physically possible to plant a tree in Israel on Tu b'Shevat. However, we have a shaliach — the local office of the Jewish National Fund. When we plant trees in Israel, we are making a statement of support for the people of Israel and of love for the land of Israel, ensuring beauty, strength, and a clean environment — and symbolizing our hope for a peace with strong roots.

Celebrate Tu b'Shevat 1994 by planting your trees.

Pathways to peace

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, spoke for a lot of people when he said in reaction to Hafez al-Assad's recent statements in Geneva that the details of the Syrian's dictator's "peace" offer are "pretty foggy." Moreover, Assad neglected, in his talks with U.S. President Bill Clinton, to specify what Syria meant by normalization of relations with Israel.

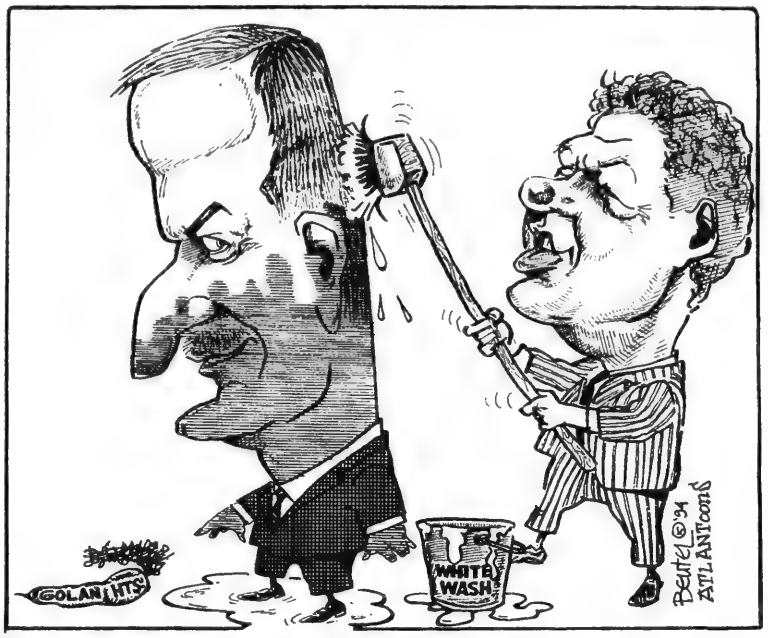
In fact, except for one minor note, the Syrian president repeated, robot-like, the demands that his regime have made habitually since the abortive 1973 Syrian-Egyptian attack on Israel — that Israel withdraw from all Arab lands. Those demands, reiterated with nauseous regularity even before 1973 (they go back to 1948 and Israel's victory in the War of Independence), have always been the major stumbling block to peace in the Middle East.

Despite Clinton's optimistic reading of Assad's declaration that his regime was willing to enter "into normal relations with Israel" — a semantic improvement over Syria's former "total peace for total withdrawal" refrain — there is still much sober and prudent analysis required before Israel can embrace even the possibility of a dialogue with the Syrian dictator.

The major problem with any negotiations to be carried out with Damascus is the credibility factor. For 46 years now all Syrian leaders including the incumbent have promised to wipe Israel off the face of the Middle East map. Their threats, moreover, have not been idle ones: Syrian armies have tried to implement their leaders' genocidal aims against Israel in every major war which has involved Israel and her Arabs neighbors.

Now Assad appears to have learned a more diplomatic turn of phrase. Whether this represents a mellowing of his position or merely the masking of his true beliefs under more decorous prose is a question that Israelis must ask themselves, keeping in mind the famous dictum of former U.S. secretary of State Henry Kissinger — "when people have continually threatened to kill you, it is not altogether surprising that they might also lie to you."

The peace process in the Middle East must inevitably involve Syria but the road to be travelled before that occurs is, judging from Assad's slightly nuanced but still rigid political posture, a very long one.



Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ONLY THE STUDENTS CAME

My family and I responded to the large advertisement in *The CJN* of a meeting about Jonathan Pollard. We took the opportunity to attend a fascinating lecture and discussion group on Jonathan Pollard's courageous actions on behalf of Israel.

The meeting, organized by the Network of Canadian Jewish Students and led by Jonathan's sister, Carol Pollard, attracted about 50 people, most of them students. Only about 10 came from the general Jewish community.

It appears that the Toronto Jewish community would rather spend their evenings seeing and discussing *Show Boat* and *Miss Saigon* rather than go to a meeting to hear about and help one of the greatest Jewish tragic heroes of our time. What a shame!

Jonathan Usher
Toronto

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THANKS YAD VASHEM

I read the article "Visit to Yad Vashem Gives Educators New Outlook on Teaching the Holocaust" in your paper's Dec. 23 issue.

I think it is important for your readers to know that the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem sponsored both Haia Hasson and myself when we took this course. The contribution and commitment of this organization to the training of teachers in Holocaust education is invaluable. It is important that their work be recognized.

Gayle Edwards
Toronto

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DENVER YOUTH LIKES US

I am an 18-year-old meteorology student at Metro State College of Denver. Last winter it was my privilege to tour the length of Canada by rail, and I was very much impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the Canadian Jewish community. I would therefore enjoy corresponding with any young people of similar age in Canada who would like to exchange ideas and interests.

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REPLY TO RABBI ELLIS

I wish to respond to the letter from Rabbi David Ellis of Congregation Tiferes Israel, N.B., which you printed in your Jan. 6 edition.

Dear Rabbi Ellis:

I am writing to you as a Jew, a feminist, and a woman who doesn't just "flow with current social trends." Jewish feminists do not want to abolish latke making, or full-time motherhood, nor do they wish to make all women choose to have careers and abandon their children to others. Feminism these days goes by many different names, such as equality, sharing, liberation, accessibility, and economic reality. Feminism is not about Hellenism. Feminism is about the present, and the future.

I wonder, Rabbi, how many times you have spoken with (not to) young women in your congregation? Have you asked them if they plan to stay home and raise families, while someone else pays the rent? When was the last time you went shopping for groceries to make Sabbath dinner, much less the rest of the week? When was the last time you searched for an affordable apartment, furniture, a car, and all the trimmings for a child? I suspect it was long ago. The fact is, Rabbi, that now it takes two incomes to make a living above the poverty line. Staying home to make wonderful meals and care for our children is a noble goal, but is not always economic reality. How many women are you supporting through single motherhood, divorce, and unemployment? How many thousands of dollars in tuition are you paying for Jewish education for your children?

Feminism is about giving everyone choices. It's wonderful if a woman decides to stay home and take care of her family. It's also wonderful for a woman to fly a plane, run a business, and lead her congregation as rabbi. She'll make another fantastic role model for our children. It's up to you and me, Rabbi, to make the Jewish community viable — not just to another overworked and underpaid woman. Men and women need to learn how to provide equally to family and community life, so that one partner can support the other, instead of separating and segregating ourselves into little corners of appropriate choices.

No longer can we all live as a mythical nuclear unit, with Daddy bringing in the only income. I wonder, Rabbi, if your congregation is like the one where I grew up. The rabbi there wondered where all the young people were going. Why they didn't come in as often, or stay as long. Why they left the city, and didn't return with their children. As long as the only solution to our stressful times is to return to the past, Rabbi, no one will come back. For equality is the future, and it will be glorious and fulfilling.

Naomi Rebecca Boulton
Scarborough, Ontario

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"UNTHINKABLE"

With the advent of the surprising Israeli-PLO agreement, one may often hear or read, "Only a few months ago it would be unthinkable."

So it would be and, judging by the ensuing events, still is.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

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TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

Re: Berensteins Retain Hope In Fighting Tourette's (*CJN*, Jan. 13).

We were thrilled with the article by Leila Speisman. The public awareness value is priceless and very much appreciated. As you know, early diagnosis is quite imprtant, especially to the family dynamics and the affected person's self-esteem.

Thank you for your careful and skillful treatment of a very complicated and often misunderstood disorder.

Barry and Sybil Berenstein
Toronto

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YAD VASHEM REQUEST

Alex Avraham, director of the Pages of Testimony at Yad Vashem, is looking for Kenny Slollone, approximately 35 years old, originally from New York, graduated Hebrew University in 1985, married to a Canadian.

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Torch-lit memories of Germany sixty-one years ago

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

When the new year of 1933 began, I was a young man, preparing to write my law school finals. It had been a turbulent time for me, at the universities of Heidelberg and Berlin. Communists were fighting National Socialists, and both were trying to sink the Social Democrats. Street fights were common, one government was succeeded by another and, though inflation had finally been brought under control, unemployment was high and the fourteen-year-old Weimar Republic was shaky.

We Jews enjoyed the freedom which the Republic gave us, but though the Nazis (as the National Socialists were called) were raucous and abusive, we cherished the pious belief that they would not come to power — certainly not by themselves. For there was no absolute majority for any party in the Reichstag, the imposing structure in the heart of Berlin where the German parliament was sitting.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Then, what we had hoped would never happen did occur: aging President Paul von Hindenburg invited Adolf Hitler to take the reins of government. It was Jan. 30, 1933, sixty-one years ago.

I remember it as clearly as one does remember events that are written with the pen of pain. Nothing much happened during the day, except the radio announcement that Hitler was the German Chancellor. Fear now became palpable.

I went into the streets — contrary to my parents' advice — to see what was going on. In those days I still had a shock of hair blond enough to make me invisible as a Jew. There were lots of people around, and there was a rumour that the Nazis were going to stage a big march.

They did. You could see the torches coming down the street. Borne by brown-clad S.A. men, the quasi-military thugs who had served as Hitler's private army, they came marching in lock-step and singing the *Horst Wessel* song, "Hold high the banner, close the ranks. . . ."

There were other songs too, including the infamous ditty that had been on the lips of the Nazis ever since they took to the streets: "When Jewish blood will spurt from our knives, things will go twice as well!"

I went home, deeply depressed. But who could know at that moment that within weeks our democracy would freely surrender itself to the monster it had spawned? And how would Ernst Roehm, the leader of the S.S. troopers, know that a year and a half later, he would be killed by his old friend and comrade, Adolf Hitler himself?

And how would anyone in those days have dreamt that in few months we would live under a total and brutal dictatorship, where law was what the Fuehrer decreed?

In retrospect, it is easy to figure out that everyone should have known what was happening. To be sure, a few did. One of my father's closest friends left Germany that night with his family, abandoning all his earthly goods. He went to America, and there I would see him again later on, ensconced in a properous business, representing the Bata company with whom he had had long-time business relations in Europe.

But he was one of the very few. The rest of us thought that the storm would blow over and that the German people would come to their senses. Unfortunately, they did not and yielded to the lure of the charismatic lunatic, who promised them employment and glory.

That was 61 years ago, and now another seducer has arisen who models himself after Hitler, this time in Russia. The world, and, even more important, the Russian people better take a good look at the man to whom so many gave their votes. If they don't, the kind of destruction that Hitler let loose may befall the world once again.

PLO chief can't keep his agreement with Israel

By MOSHE SHARON

Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking at his annual meeting with news editors, stressed that agreements must be implemented. Yet he also explained that the PLO cannot delete clauses from the Palestinian charter which call for Israel's obliteration as an independent Jewish state. The fact that the PLO has not yet begun to implement even this component of the agreement - which is the only concession on its part - is not accidental, and it has nothing to do with the fact that such changes in the charter need the convening of the Palestine National Council.

The PNC can be convened, but PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat has very little say in it. He cannot deliver the goods. Yet Israel is ready to accept this violation of the agreement, and even find justification for it.

At present, Israel is offering the Palestinians autonomy. This means that the source of authority remains in the hands of Israel, the state bestowing the autonomy. It also means that the autonomous region cannot have any symbols of independence, and that the head of the autonomous administration cannot call himself "state president."

The PLO has a flag and an anthem, and Arafat (alias Abu Ammar) is always called Ra'is Dawlat Filastin, "president of the Palestinian state." All the official papers now used by the PLO carry the emblem of the Palestinian state, and a logo which reads: "The State of Palestine," in Arabic and English. The PLO also intends to issue Palestinian currency and passports.

And the world is ready for all these moves. The international political community and the media have already established the Palestinian state, and Arafat is only waiting for the first opportunity to announce it. He has promised to play the game of "autonomy," but made it clear from the start that he has given up none of the major goals of the organization created almost 30 years ago.

Arafat couldn't keep the agreement with Israel, even if he wanted to. He doesn't control the Palestinian street. The Muslim leadership does - and it has been offering the Palestinians real and meaningful objectives.

It is misleading and dangerous to describe Hamas and the other Muslim groups as "fundamentalist minority" or "extremists" when they represent a majority of the population in both Gaza and the West Bank. They are the real leaders, armed and organized, and they will never accept the existence of a Jewish state on what they regard as holy Islamic land. For them, every Jew is a target.

For Arafat, then, the Islamic movement is an asset, not an impediment. The government has endowed him, free of charge, with the image of peace lover, while terrorist activity against Jews continues.

The PLO will receive everything due to it according to the agreements, Hamas will kill Jews, and Arafat, freed from any responsibility even to denounce the murders, will be able to count on Israel's government and media to stress that the killing is the work of the "enemies of peace."

For Arafat, there is no reason to discard the good services of the Islamic movement. Why should he fight his own brethren in Gaza, who represent the majority of the population, and make life easy for the Israelis, when he can always claim he wasn't allowed to have enough power to control the Palestinian street?

We shall soon hear Arafat saying that if he is to control Gaza he needs tanks and heavy artillery, and probably also a few helicopters and planes. The terror will continue, and there will be those who will find ways to "understand" it: As long as there is one Jew on the other side of the Green Line, they will ascribe terrorist activity to the irritation caused by a Jewish presence.

It is possible, then, to outline the most likely scenario even without details of the government's secret understandings with the PLO.

Clearly, the PLO and the rest of the Arab countries, emphasizing the Israeli withdrawal, not "peace," regard the whole political process as a stage in achieving the goals of the Palestinian Covenant.

In the territories evacuated by Israel, the PLO will create a state with all its symbols and institutions.

Israel has no way of countering such a development, nor any way of monitoring the PLO's military power in Gaza. It will not go to war against the Palestinians if they create an army with triple the agreed number of "police."

The PLO and Hamas will not fight each other. To think that two Palestinian brothers will kill each other to please Jews is utter nonsense. Terror against Jews will continue under the guise of a PLO-Hamas enmity and will be "understood" by some Israeli politicians and accepted as a norm by the world media.

Delegitimization by both the media and government of the Jewish inhabitants in Judea and Samaria will continue. This will make it easy to blame them for the collapse of the "peace."

The "peace process" contains all the elements of failure. Most Arabs aren't yet ready to accept a Jewish state as a legitimate, separate and distinctly European entity in the Middle East. Even the most moderate Arabs speak about the need for Israel to "integrate" into the area — to lose its special Jewish identity and culture and become virtually Arab.

Second, Israelis and Palestinians neither speak the same language nor have the same aims. The Israelis are thinking about real peace; but for the Palestinians, "peace" is merely a tactical move in a much broader national strategy, at the end of which they wish to see the end of Israel.

Were Saddam Hussein asked to describe PLO strategy in this political process, he would term it "the mother of all deceits." *(JPFS)*

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Don't butter/margarine your bread on the wrong side

By JACK CHISVIN

If you are at the bottom of the pile, life must seem like an endless struggle for survival. Those who view the world from a privileged position have totally different concerns. Fortunately, it is the nature of humans that regardless of where they find themselves in the dung heap they have the ability to laugh at their situation. Throughout history, as Jews found themselves more often relegated to the bottom of the dung heap than to the top, they have refined humor to make it a distinctive art. Perhaps that explains why so many stand-up comics are Jewish, and why they stand up.

Humor helps define a society and all ages and cultures have evolved their own indigenous form of humor. Depending on how it is presented, humor can be a medium for flaunting grandiosity and ostentatiousness, revealing arrogance, mocking pretentiousness, and ridiculing human absurdities. It can be graphic or subtle, insulting or gentle, caustic or poignant. As a social commentary, the message humor conveys can often be more lasting than the laugh it delivers.

Visualize the following — a member of the clergy addressing a congregation from the pulpit: "So, in closing, I say to you: don't litter, eat plenty of roughage, squeeze right, and remember your postal code." In an understated way, that single cartoon says more about present North American society and the occupants of the comfortable pew than could be portrayed in an entire essay. But would our perspective change, and would the cartoon be more or less amusing if the preacher was caricatured as a Rabbi instead of a minister or priest, or a woman instead of a man?

Jack Chisvin

In his most recent book, simply titled, *Jewish Humor*, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, analyses the Jewish character through a collection of jokes and anecdotes, categorized by issues: family relationships, business, religion, politics, discrimination, and others that fall somewhere in between. He summarizes all the contradictions and anxieties and the paradox of being Jewish in this one joke.

A Jew travels from his small Polish shtetl to Warsaw. When he returns he tells his friends of the wonders he has seen: "I met a Jew who had grown up in a yeshiva and knew large sections of the Talmud by heart. I met a Jew who was an atheist. I met a Jew who owned a large store with many employees, and I met a Jew who was an ardent communist." "So what's so strange?" the friends asks. "Warsaw is a big city. There must be a million Jews there." "You don't understand," the man answers. "It was the same Jew."

Amongst the collection in my library are a number of books on Jewish humor including *The Big Book of Jewish Humor* compiled by William Novack and Moshe Waldoks. It is an anthology of quotations, jokes and stories which are not specifically ethnic in origin, but as the name implies have a Yiddish tam (Jewish flavor). I am particularly fond of the little vignettes found throughout the book, the likes of which over time, have become associated with Jewish folklore. They are not belly-busters, but little rib ticklers that reflect a gentle wit and kind of logic which borders on the absurd, typically as follows:

A man came to his rabbi with a shila (a question). "Why is it," he asked, "that a buttered slice of bread always falls buttered side down?" "Let's see if that's true," said the Rabbi. The Rabbi buttered a slice of bread and let it fall. This time the buttered side was facing up. "It's obvious," said the Rabbi, "you've been buttering the wrong side."

"Sam, please close the window. It's cold outside." "Nu, and if I close the window, will it be warm outside?"

Levine brings a package to the post office. "It's too heavy," says the clerk. "You'll have to put more stamps on it." "And if I put more stamps on it," replies Levine, "that'll make it lighter?"

Two men went out for a walk, when suddenly it began to rain. "Quick," said one man, "open your umbrella." "It won't help," said his friend, "my umbrella is full of holes." "Then why did you bring it?" asks the first. "Because I didn't think it would rain," the other replies.

Two litigants come before the Rabbi. After hearing the first testimony, the Rabbi says, "It seems that you are right." But after the second man speaks, the Rabbi says, "It seems that you are right." "How can this be?" asks the Rabbi's wife who has been listening to the arguments. "How can both of these men be right?" "Hmm," contemplates the Rabbi, "you're right, too."

"Ladies and Gentlemen," the manager announces, "I am sorry to have to tell you that the great actor Yankel Leib has just had a stroke in his dressing room, a fatal stroke, and we cannot go on with tonight's performance." At this, a woman in the balcony stands up and shouts, "Quick, give him an enema!" "Lady," says the manager, "the stroke was fatal." "So give him an enema," she repeats. Manager: "Lady, you don't get it. Yankel Lieb is dead. An enema can't possibly help." Lady: "So, it wouldn't hurt!"

You laughed — didn't you? — and it didn't hurt. On the contrary, as we Jews have learned, a minute of laughter can soothe an hour of pain. My wish for you in the new year is that every day be a day filled with humor, but be careful not to butter your bread on the wrong side.

Features

Russia's businessmen thrive

Reporting from Moscow and St. Petersburg, Sheldon Kirshner interviews two Jewish businessmen who have prospered on the ruins of communism.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

They are a new breed in Russia's post-Communist society.

They are businessmen, a word and a concept that were scorned during the bygone Soviet era.

Marxist ideology equated business with capitalism and capitalism with exploitation. Private enterprise was forbidden under the law, although it was occasionally tolerated by the authorities.

Since the demise of communism, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the effort by the Russian government to create a free market economy, tens of thousands of businesses have emerged, and with them, a class of freewheeling entrepreneurs.

Evgeny Satanovsky, 34, and Michail Mirilashvili, 33, are among the most prominent.

A former metallurgical engineer, Satanovsky is president of the Moscow-based Ariel Corporation, which buys and sells metals, chemicals, auto parts and consumer goods, manufactures wallpaper and produces processed metal products.

A physician by training, Mirilashvili has real estate holdings, trades in oil and furniture, and owns six of St. Petersburg's estimated 13 casinos. He is one of its wealthiest citizens.

Both are involved in Jewish community affairs. Satanovsky is a vice-president of the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad), the umbrella organization of Russian Jewry. Mirilashvili is a patron of the Maccabi sports club.

Satanovsky works out of a suite of plain offices in a typically drab building in central Moscow, built by a tea merchant at the turn of the 19th century.

Mirilashvili's quarters, in an ochre villa once at the disposal of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, are in a buccolic, park-like setting near the Neva River. The walled compound is guarded by hard-looking men in camouflage fatigues. Late-model automobiles — a blue Mercedes 600SE and a maroon Lincoln Town Car — are parked in a driveway steps away from the front door.

Established late in 1989, Satanovsky's conglomerate consists of 10 companies and three manufacturing plants. He has 50 employees in Moscow and about 200 in the rest of the old Soviet Union.

Portly, amiable and voluble, with a fairly good grasp of English, Satanovsky is reportedly one of the richest Jewish businessmen in the city. Together with such figures as Yevgeny Kissin, a financier linked with the Russian Exchange Bank; Lev Weinberg, chair of the Russian Manufacturers' Association; and Konstantin Borovoi, founder of the Russian Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange, Satanovsky is a force to be reckoned with in Russia's business circles.

A Jewish activist in the pre-perestroika period, Satanovsky is a third-generation engineer from an assimilated family, who risked his career and his livelihood when dissent was quite a dangerous undertaking.

In 1981, when the study of Hebrew was still prohibited, he enrolled in an underground ulpan. In 1986, he and the current president of the Vaad, Mikhail Chlenov, organized an anti-Pamyat rally. A year later, he was one of the founders of the Jewish Historical Society. In 1988, he and others set up the Jewish Cultural Association.

Satanovsky's entree into the brave, new world of business was through the Jewish Information Service, a Jewish book-publishing venture which he and a few partners launched in 1989 with a loan of about 15,000 roubles (approximately $1,000 US).

Harassed by the KGB's anti-Zionist department, the Jewish Information Service specialized in samizdat, or illegal, crudely-published, clandestinely-circulated books. Satanovsky churned out thousands, but the incipient business was anything but lucrative.

"Jewish books don't bring profit," he said.

A little more than two years ago, intent on making the Jewish Information Service profitable, he reorganized it and began producing vodka and wine bottle labels as well as wallpaper. Eventually, Satanovsky and his associates turned a handsome profit, and then diversified.

Satanovsky claims that he is not a hard currency millionaire and that he and his family live simply in an "ordinary flat." He said he drives a company car and is not averse to using the subway.

Profits are ploughed back into the company, and he pays himself about $1,000 a month, an exceedingly comfortable salary by Russian standards, one that enables him to take vacations abroad, an almost unheard-of luxury in present-day Russia. Still, he plays down his affluence. "Some of my managers earn more than I do."

Satanovsky's success has enabled him to become a philanthropist. He provided start-up funds for the Vaad, and now finances some of its special programs. He is also spearheading a campaign to create a fund-raising agency for the Vaad, a Russian version of the United Jewish Appeal.

Last year, Jews in Russia raised about $1 million (US) for Vaad's 1992 budget, but it was insufficient. "We need more and more and more." Hence the necessity of a structure along the lines of UJA.

As late as three years ago, Satanovsky contemplated aliyah. His friends, and his brother, are already in Israel. But he has no immediate plans to leave.

"Israel is a very nice country, but it has a crazy economy, with too much Soviet-style socialism and Orthodox obscurantism. For us, Israel is the home of the future."

Besides, he added, he wants to build a strong and viable Jewish community in Russia. He is convinced it can be done. "More and more Jews are interested in staying here. Thousands of Jews have returned from the United States and Israel in the past two years. One of my vice-presidents emigrated to Australia. He was back within two months."

Satanovsky claims that, economically speaking, Russia has a colossaly bright future. "It's like the Wild West. I'm very optimistic."

Russia, he declared, can become a prosperous nation in 10 to 12 years. Though he worries about its political stability, he firmly believes that the opportunities in such fast-growing sectors as consumer goods, gas, oil and timber are limitless.

"Russia is already capitalist. Just look at consumer demand. The market is full of TVs, videos, cars. To succeed here, a businessman must provide good quality at a reasonable price."

But, he added, "the market is already flooded with dreck."

Even if a businessman satisfies his customers, he faces a myriad of problems.

"We have an unstable banking system. Major international banks are not represented in Russia. We lack credit facilities. The distribution system is poor."

Satanovsky resents the widely-held Russian perception that the well-off, with their decent standard of living, are by definition engaged in underhanded activities.

"I'm honest and hard-working," Satanovsky countered. "I don't deal with alcohol, tobacco or casinos."

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Mirilashvili, a Georgian Jew, appears stylish in a white shirt, black pants and gray sports jacket. By all appearances, he could be a Westerner. He sits behind a huge ebony desk with a cordless telephone. Along one wall is a matching cabinet. Otherwise, the room is bare.

Swarthy and of medium height, Mirilashvili speaks Russian through an interpreter. He enunciates his words slowly, softly and deliberately. He leaves the distinct impression that he is ill at ease giving an interview to a foreign journalist.

Born in the town of Kulashi, he arrived in St. Petersburg 16 years ago. His father was an engineer; his grandfather was the proprietor of a textile factory. He considers himself a religious Jew, and observes kashrut.

Mirilashvili studied medicine and specialized in pediatrics. Four years ago, fed up with his meagre $50-a-month salary, he left his profession for the allure of business. He wanted to provide a better life for himself, his wife and his children.

"It was not difficult," he said, referring to the transition. "Maybe I was lucky."

On the strength of a loan, he embarked on the road to capitalism, and has not looked back. All his interests, including the casinos he and his partners operate, are in Russia. He has several thousand employees, but prefers to call them "colleagues."

He has ties with Israeli and Canadian businessmen. Among his acquaintances is Sid Greenberg of Montreal, the former national president of Maccabi Canada, whom he thanks for hospitality during a recent trip.

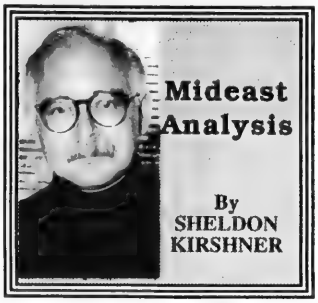
Like Satanovsky, Mirilashvili has no interest in emigration, although he feels that aliyah should be the long-range goal of an Orthodox Jew.

His involvement in Jewish community affairs is confined to Maccabi, with which he has been associated since 1990. He and others bought the airplane tickets for 150 athletes who represented Russia at the last Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Mirilashvili is loath to discuss his wealth, possibly because it generates inordinate envy among most Russians.

"To be rich in Russia is not good," he said ruefully. "There is a lot of jealousy."

Evgeny Satanovsky in his Moscow office. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]



Israel's relationship with the United States has rarely been better. "It is hard to remember when the White House, Congress and the American media were so friendly to Israel," the Israeli ambassador to Washington, Itamar Rabinovich, has said.

A year after taking office, Bill Clinton is being compared to Ronald Reagan, whom many analysts considered the president most favorably disposed to Israel since Harry Truman.

Clinton has established warm relations with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the top officials in his administration charged with planning and implementing Middle East policy are staunchly pro-Israel.

Clinton is credited with ending a tense period in Israel-U.S. relations, characterized by sharp disagreements over Israeli settlements in the territories, American loan guarantees to Israel and a lack of personal empathy between their predecessors, George Bush and Yitzhak Shamir.

By comparison, Clinton and Rabin have forged strong working ties based on mutual trust. In large part, the improvement stems from Rabin's belief in territorial compromise, a position long advocated by Washington.

Clinton's foreign policy team is dedicated to deepening the United States' strategic partnership with Israel in the pursuit of peace and security. Apart from Warren Christopher, the secretary of state, the key decision-makers are: Dennis Ross, the State Department's Mideast co-ordinator; Anthony Lake, the national security advisor; his deputy, Samuel Berger; and Martin Indyk, the president's special assistant for Near East and South Asian affairs, who once served as deputy director of research for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Since Israel's September 1993 agreement with the PLO, the Clinton administration has made the peace process a high priority, and promised Israel it will be well-compensated for taking risks.

Clinton and Israel

In the face of cutbacks in the foreign assistance program, the president vowed to maintain the current level of U.S. aid to Israel, some $3 billion annually.

There had been suggestions that the United States, given the climate of fiscal restraint in Washington and its new responsibility to Russia, would not be able to meet this commitment. William Harrop, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, had warned of impending reductions, while Senator Daniel Inouye — one of Israel's best friends on Capitol Hill — had declared, "It would be foolish to think it could go on forever."

The White House, however, insisted that aid programs to Russia would not affect Israel, the largest single recipient of U.S. assistance.

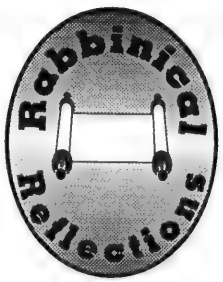
Clinton made that clear by recalling Harrop and temporarily replacing him with William Brown, the previous ambassador. Last September, the 1994 foreign aid appropriations bill, totalling $12.5 billion, cleared the Senate. Israel's share is $1.2 billion in economic aid and $1.8 billion in military assistance. (Egypt, the United States' primary ally in the Arab world, will get $2.1 billion. Russia will receive $2.5 billion.)

By all accounts, Washington's overall aid to Jerusalem will increase if Israel's accord with the PLO is implemented, and if the Israeli government signs peace agreements with its Arab neighbors. (It will be recalled that Israel received a huge infusion of U.S. funds, over and above its regular aid, after its 1979 treaty with Egypt.)

In addition to outright aid, the Clinton administration has reaffirmed the United States' interest in maintaining Israel's "qualitative military edge" over the Arabs.

At his last meeting with Rabin in the White House, Clinton gave Israel permission to purchase the newest American computers and electronic monitoring equipment, as well as the latest U.S. fighter plane, the F-15E. Furthermore, the United States is continuing to fund the Arrow missile program, touted as an essential component of Israel's future defence system.

Of course, Israel and the United States don't see eye-to-eye on each and every matter. Clinton, for example, criticized Israel's deportation of 400 Muslim fundamentalists in December 1992. But this incident had no detrimental impact on Israel's links with the United States.



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This week I celebrate with the Almighty's blessings a very special personal event — the aufruf (being called to the Torah the Shabbat before one's wedding) of my first-born son; next week, G-d willing, will be the first wedding of one of my children. I was asked to write about Tu b'Shevat which we celebrate this Thursday. With your indulgence I would like to combine the two.

Parenthetically, I was intrigued by the difference with which a Jewish groom prepares for his wedding and l'havdil how others prepare. My impression is that others celebrate with a stag party, get drunk, have a last fling, etc. The Jewish groom prepares by being called to the Torah, by hearing words of Torah from a rabbi on that Shabbat, by fasting on the day of the wedding, and by the kiddushin ceremony, the ceremony of sanctity under the chuppah, followed by a week of sheva brochos. What a contrast!

In speaking of Tu b'Shevat, the holiday of trees, I was struck by two things. One, the comparison of a tree to a person, as the verse in the Torah says, "for man is likened to the tree of the field," (Devarim 20;19). Two, I reminded myself of one of the most beautiful Talmudic passages in reference to a tree. (See Tractate Taanis, 5b-6a).

The Talmud tells us that when Rabbi Nachman was about to depart from Rabbi Isaac, Rabbi Nachman asked for his blessing. Rabbi Isaac replied by telling him that his request might be compared to the following.

A man was journeying in the desert; he was hungry, weary and thirsty. He came across a tree, the fruits of which were sweet, its shade pleasant, and a stream of water was flowing beneath it. He ate of its fruits, drank of the water, and rested under its shade. When he was about to continue his journey, he said: "Ilan, ilan (tree, O tree), with what shall I bless you? Shall I pray that your fruits be sweet? They are already sweet! Shall I pray that your shade be pleasant? It is already pleasant! Shall I pray that a stream of water flow beneath you? There is already a stream that flows beneath you! Therefore I pray that it be God's will that all of the shoots taken from you be like you."

So also with you [continued rabbi Isaac]. With what shall I bless you? With knowledge of Torah? You already possess knowledge of Torah. With riches? You have riches already. With children? You have children already. So I pray that it be God's will that all your offspring be as [beautiful as] you."

When a young man is about to be married, he is hopefully going to produce, with the Almighty's help, many sweet fruits that will branch out into many generations. I pray that my son, as with all Jewish brides and grooms, will be blessed with furtherance of Torah knowledge, with riches, and with children. I pray that he will be as a tree with a solid trunk, deeply rooted in his Jewish faith and heritage that will withstand the winds and storms that often seek in life to uproot it. Above all I pray that he and his dear kallah (bride) will develop into two beautiful human beings, strong in their observances between Man and God; strong in their relationships between themselves and their fellow men. Their ultimate blessing and ours, will be that people shall bless them by praying that their offspring will be as beautiful as they are.

May we all merit being able to recite soon, especially the sixth brachah of the sheva brochos, the blessing: "Blessed are You Hashem, our God, King of the universe, Who created joy and gladness, groom and bride; mirth, glad song, pleasure, delight, love, brotherhood, peace, and companionship. HaShem, our God, let there soon be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride; the sound of the grooms' jubilance from their canopies and of youths from their song-filled feasts. Blessed are You, Who gladdens the groom with the bride." Auf simchas. Amein!

CORRECTION

The opening paragraph in Rabbi Bulua's Rabbinic Reflection column of Jan. 20 should have read: "In next week's Torah reading, Yisro. . ."

Tu b'Shevat a celebration of trees

By RABBI BERNARD RASKAS
Special to The CJN

ST. PAUL (JTA) — Tu b'Shevat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, is the Jewish Arbor Day, a holiday known in the Talmud as the New Year's Day of the Trees.

A verse in Deuteronomy (20:19) says, "You must not cut them [trees] down. You may eat of them, but you must not destroy them."

Judaism endows trees, indeed all growing things, with reverence. Trees have a special sense of sacredness and must be treated with a special respect and protectiveness, as they are essential to life itself.

A single tree can carry the workload of five average room air conditioners running 20 hours a day. Trees can add from $3,000 to $7,000 to property values. An acre of young trees provides enough oxygen to keep 18 people alive. Trees provide sound barriers that reduce noise pollution.

Leaves are the food factories of the world: we could not exist without them. Through the process of photosynthesis, leaves take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, the sun's energy from the universe and water from the soil to produce the essential ingredients of food.

Just think how the world's trees quietly contribute to the shaping of our environment.

A wise man wished to discourage his four sons from making rash judgments. In winter, he sent the eldest to see a mango tree. In the spring, he sent the next oldest son on the same errand. In summer, the third son made the journey. And in autumn, the youngest boy followed the path his brothers had taken. Then the wise man called them together.

"Describe the tree," he said.

The first said that the tree looked like a burnt and barren stump. The second disagreed, describing abundant green foliage. The third spoke of colorful blossoms. The fourth said that all three of the brothers were wrong. "Its fruit was like a pear."

"Each of you is right," said the father, "for each of you saw the same thing in a different season."

So it must be when we view the conduct of other people. We should refrain from passing judgment until we are certain that we have seen "the tree in all its seasons."

In the order of creation, trees were created on the third day. Then metal came into being. When the trees realized that metal could be used to fashion implements of destruction, they became alarmed over the threat to their future.

So the trees protested to God, saying, "Why did you create an ax which will destroy us?" God replied, "In order for an axe to function, it must have a handle of wood. If you do not permit yourselves to be used improperly, you will not be destroyed."

This comment has profound and far-reaching implications. Trees, like all forms of creation including human beings have the potential for good and for evil. It is their use that determines their outcome.

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A young student at Yeshiva Bnei Tzion-Bobov Champlain Blvd., Downsview. [Morris Miller photo]

Miller trains lens on community

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Morris Miller, a Thornhill 58-year-old public accountant, the most enduring sights are those of a sallow-faced boy in cheder, an 80-year-old woman laughing heartily at a Yiddish concert, or a jut-jawed Jewish war veteran marching in a Remembrance Day parade.

That's why Miller, whose hobby is photography, has trained one of his dozens of cameras and lenses on the people he believes represent the vibrant Jewish community of which he is a part.

For the past two years, since he revived his interest in a boyhood activity, he's been popping up and down at concerts, parades, meetings, walkathons, in fact wherever the action is, and in particular where there is an activity connected to Jewish culture of today.

And he's been refused admittance to some synagogues and some Jewish buildings because officials feared that he wanted to peddle his pictures, despite his protests that all he wanted to do is record Jewish life.

"There is a tendency in the Jewish community to value only things that are a hundred years old," Miller said.

"We need a separate gallery or sections of our museums devoted to current Jewish life. Our young people shouldn't just see the dark past but things which show the rejuvenation of our Jewish culture."

Part of his wish was fulfilled recently when the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., (789-5502) mounted an exhibit of 41 of his photos of the Jewish music scene in Toronto, running to Jan. 30. They show singers, musicians, and performers at rest, in full flight, or meditating behind the scenes. There is a chance you were in the audience when he took the picture.

Miller never takes posed shots, never lines people up in a row, and he never tries to control the event he's covering. At many concerts and meetings he's had to battle the worst possible lighting conditions. "I just wait until the right moment comes along; you can't get a good picture if you're stingy with film."

In operating his own darkroom, Miller gets help from his wife, Etti, and their youngest daughter, Tamara. Another daughter, Naomi, is married.

Faced with a growing cataract in one eye, the photographer had to concentrate on the viewfinder with his left eye, but following successful surgery to remove the cataract, he can now handle the camera with either eye.

Toronto resident Mary Winer enjoying a concert by Claire Klein-Osipov at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. [Morris Miller photo]

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United Way funding for Jewish groups stays flat

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There's good and bad news — and a question mark — this year for the nine Jewish agencies in Metro which received funding from the United Way.

The good news is that five of those agencies' United Way allocations will go unchanged from last year.

The bad news isn't so bad, given that at three agencies, the drop in funding is not that dramatic. The only sharp decrease in transfer payments will be to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which will get 33 per cent less than last year.

And the question mark is at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC). Last year, it received just over $462,000 from the United Way. This year, the amount of the allocation is pending, since the cash-strapped JCC has not been able to provide the United Way with necessary financial projections.

Last year's sum has been "earmarked" for the JCC but is being delayed until the centre can provide the United Way with an idea of where its finances are heading, United Way spokeswoman Susan Pigott told *The CJN*.

Pigott said the JCC should know about its grant by the end of February.

At a news conference last week, United Way president Anne Golden called the 1993 campaign "the most difficult in our history, but very successful."

The United Way will distribute $38.1 million this year to some 250 community groups and health and social service agencies.

About $31 million will go to United Way member charities; a further $2.5 million to charities in Ajax, Pickering, Oakville and Peel and York regions; $850,000 in short term grants to non-member charities and $3.8 million to agencies designated by donors.

This year's allocations are based on a record $46.5 million raised during the 1993 drive, $1 million more than in 1992.

Because of the sour economy, only 19 of the United Way's 133 member agencies will see an increase this year, Golden said.

The United Way allocates over $3 million to Jewish agencies in Metro, or about eight per cent of its total grants.

Several Jewish agencies receive more funds from United Jewish Appeal than from United Way. Some get less from UJA. Baycrest receives no UJA dollars.

Three agencies, Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) and Baycrest, receive the lion's share of their budgets from the provincial government.

Before the recession hit, Jewish agencies received yearly increases from the United Way of between five and 10 per cent.

- The third largest recipient of United Way funds, JF&CS, will receive just over $1.34 million this year, the same amount as last year.
- Jewish Vocational Services will get $397,916, the same as a year ago.
- The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care will receive $380,079, down $10,000 from a year ago and a decrease for the second straight year. But Baycrest should net the same sum as last year because of donations targeted specifically to it.
- The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living's grant will remain the same as last year, just over $143,000.
- Senior Care's allocation for this year, $108,981, is unchanged from 1993.
- The most dramatic drop in United Way funding will be at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, whose social planning committee will receive $45,701 this year, down from the $68,000 it got in 1993 and half of what it received two years ago.
- Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa will receive $44,170, the same amount as last year.
- The Jewish Camp Council's 1994 allocation will be $18,168, a slight drop from last year.

A year ago, Jack Chisvin, then president of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, said the federation had agreed to a reduced allocation as a trade-off to limit cuts at other Jewish agencies.

Current president Bernard Ghert said the federation "is doing as much as it can to absorb the cuts, to avoid affecting the agencies." He stressed the importance of the UJA campaign and the need for support from the Jewish community.

'Fake' Ethiopian Jew in community

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A man claiming to be an Ethiopian Jew with a sick wife and twin daughters told such a convincing story that one Toronto couple gave him about $700 in cash.

He gave a false address and the couple has alerted police and given them a description.

"He seems to be moving downtown; the first call we had a couple of months ago was from Beth Tzedec Congregation," said Constable Allan Bowman of the Metro Police multicultural unit.

A lawyer, a psychologist, and a religious leader are among those who have fallen for his ploy.

The man is so brazen he went to the offices of the Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) to ask for money, but failed to come back with his wife as he promised.

Apparently he is not the only person posing as an Ethiopian Jew needing help, because the problem has escalated to the point where a cautionary joint letter has just gone out to major synagogues from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) and to JF&CS.

The letter says non-Jews, posing as Jews, are soliciting money from individuals or remuneration for speaking about Ethiopian Jewry. It recommends that those asked for such help check with Sharon Gladstone of JF&CS (638-7800) or Avrum Rosensweig of JFGT (631-5733).

"This one man, who always wears a yarmulke, shows up at the oddest hours asking for help," said Simon Kalkstein of JF&CS.

Michael Levine, a downtown resident who gave him money several times, said he always needed money because his landlord had locked him out for nonpayment of rent, or he needed money for a taxi to collect money orders waiting for him.

"He seemed to go from one mezuzah to another," said Levine, who said the man told convincing stories about the exodus.

The letter to the synagogues was signed by Alan Reitzes, executive director, JFGT, and Gordon Wolfe, executive director, JFCS.

Chezi Zionce, leader of the Narayever Congregation downtown, said the man posing as an Ethiopian was so convincing he gave him a few dollars, invited him to come to services, and even suggested the congregation might consider adopting him as they had in the case of other needy Jews. He never came back.

"He dropped a lot of names of prominent Jews uptown, even somebody connected with the Federation, and I got the impression he was picking up a few dollars here, and a few dollars there, and was moving downtown," said Zionce. "He's always after quick cash."

The couple which lost the most money invited him in for several meals. He told them his wife was an Italian and their twins required expensive medication. He said he had worked for a Bathurst Street restaurant and that restaurant did in fact confirm they had an employee by that name but he had left their employ.

When the couple went to an address on Brooke Avenue in North York which the man had given them, they found it was false. One other time they dropped him off at a house in Parkdale, and when they went in the house to check, it turned out he must have gone into the backyard and disappeared.

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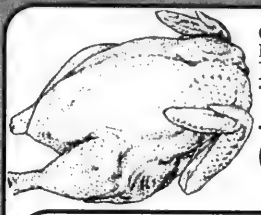

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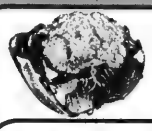

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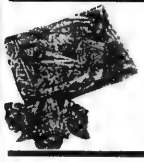

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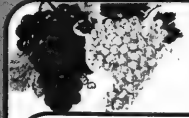

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Special police unit on guard against hate crimes, propaganda

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last week, Ontario's Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services (MSGCS) announced a set of guidelines geared to helping provincial police departments respond better to hate-motivated crimes.

For officers of the Metro Toronto police's hate crimes unit, the guidelines may have been a little old hat. The unit, established as a sub-division within the police intelligence section, has been addressing the question of hate crimes and hate propaganda since its inception a year ago.

"Our unit's most important function is to comply with procedures in responding to hate crimes. . . to analyze the crimes, compile statistics and support the police units responding to incidents," said Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave, the officer who heads the unit.

Cotgreave said that in addition to those duties, about one-third of the time spent by the unit's officers is devoted to educational activities — trying to nip the problem in the bud among young people.

Extremist groups like the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator have been found recruiting in Metro-area schools, often leaving leaflets and other propaganda at the schools.

Sgt. Dino Doria, who heads up the unit's education program, described its approach as "a proactive initiative with all the school boards."

One result of that work will be on display on Feb. 24, when the city of North York will introduce a group of student actors who will perform a series of vignettes on hatred and prejudice.

Doria said that the performance group was inspired by a similar troupe from New Jersey, which visited Toronto last year. (See related story.)

The unit is also co-operating with the Scarborough Board of Education and the Metro Toronto French School Board to develop a bilingual video aimed at students in Grade 6 and up, that will "focus on resisting peer pressure to join some of these [hate] groups," Doria said.

Cotgreave said the unit is developing an anti-racist computer game that may one day be introduced in schools.

Police officers meet with principals and other school administrators, with security officials like campus police, and even with public works employees to educate them to recognize racist and report propaganda, grafitti and symbols, Doria said.

Similarly, the unit is educating officers on the beat. Holding up a stack of reports, Doria said that individual officers are now able to recognize the racist element in certain incidents, like assault or mischief, and to report them.

Sgt. Dino Doria

While Jewish community professionals involved in anti-racist work applauded the creation of the unit and much of its work, some have criticized police for not establishing a "dedicated" unit whose sole mandate would be to address hate crimes.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, has also questioned whether focusing on public education is the best use of the unit's resources.

"We need police to police," he said. "While I think it's good they do the extracurricular work, their first and foremost task is to police hate."

Pointing to the MSGCS recommendations, he said the Ministry also calls for "consideration [to] be given to establishing a dedicated unit to investigate" these sorts of crimes in communities over 100,000.

Farber, who stresses that "we are not police bashers," said he has repeatedly called for the laying of hate promotion charges in cases involving hatemongers. He criticized the unit for failing to investigate whether a skinhead band at a rock concert last summer promoted hatred of identifiable groups through their provocative lyrics. Farber points out that later that night, a Tamil dishwasher was assaulted by someone who attended that concert.

"I see a lack of fire in the belly" in both the police and the attorney-general's office, he said. Pointing to an incident last year, in which Deputy Chief David Boothby at first said police had recommended hate-promotion charges in four cases and then retracted his statement, Farber said such incidents lead to "frustration" among Jewish professionals.

Responding to some of the critiques, Doria said the approach taken in Toronto is working. The average police officer on the beat is aware of the new guidelines, and in a city the size of Toronto, the effectiveness of the anti-racist effort is enhanced by making each officer a part of the anti-racist effort, he said.

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said the hate crimes unit has gotten off to a good start but that its work must be strengthened with more resources and staff. "The people I've had contact with [in the unit] are very committed to this [cause]," she said, adding she would like to see the unit become "dedicated" solely to focusing on hate crimes. She also called for expansion of hate crime units to the national scene — a "joint forces operation" — that would include the RCMP, CSIS and federal and provincial law enforcement ministries.

New Jersey officer lauds Toronto

TORONTO — Paul Goldenberg has seen it all. A career cop with 13 years experience, he's travelled to several jurisdictions in the United States and even visited Israel to help local police get a handle on the growing incidence of hate crimes.

On the home front, he's co-chaired a national curriculum for the U.S. Department of Justice on hate crimes to help educate law enforcement agencies about the problem. And he's been to Toronto six times in the last year or so to help get Metro's hate crime unit up and running.

Goldenberg, who heads New Jersey's office of bias crime and community relations, likes what he sees in Toronto. "The Metro Toronto police are by far one of the finest police departments in the world," he says. "It's an agency [dedicated] to furthering human relations in Toronto. They care."

Goldenberg said because of similarities in their jurisdictions, law enforcement officials in Toronto and the Garden State can learn a lot from each other. Both areas are home to a vast diversity of multicultural groups, and both have seen a disturbing rise in hate crimes, known more commonly in the United States as "bias crimes."

While hatred and bigotry "won't be prosecuted out of existence," Goldenberg believes police have a role to play in "educating them out of existence." In that respect, he continues, the Toronto police are at the cutting edge of new programs and approaches.

Some of what the Toronto police are introducing can be traced back to developments in New Jersey, while other programs are Canadian originals, he said.

One New Jersey program that has proven successful is P.I.E., the Positive Impact Ensemble, a grass roots theatre group developed by black and Hispanic high school students. It "teaches kids that hate and bigotry are not okay."

Toronto Deputy Police Chief David Boothby invited the entire ensemble cast to Toronto last September. The performance inspired a similar program in Toronto.

Another innovative program pioneered in New Jersey is a commission that includes community groups, the clergy, representatives from the corporate sector and human rights advocates who meet to iron out differences that might arise between communities in conflict, he said.

The program has turned into a resounding success, Goldenberg stated. When the rest of the country was reeling from disturbances in the wake of police acquittals in the Rodney King beating case, New Jersey remained calm.

The state has also seen the appointment of a "bias officer" within each police force at the county level whose office is in the community he or she serves and who acts as a liaison with that community.

Hate crimes must not only be fully investigated, but the victims must be treated with sensitivity and visited in follow-up meetings to show their concerns are being addressed by law enforcement officials, Goldenberg said.

"Most bias crimes are not committed by guys in white sheets, but by everybody's child," he continued.

"There is no doubt in my mind that hatred and bigotry are learned behaviors, and can be unlearned."

Jews have become a primary target of hatemongers in New Jersey, he continued. Many of the incidents involve desecration of synagogues and of targetting rabbis' homes with anti-Semitic grafitti, and there have even been some physical assaults.

"I attribute it to [the proposition] that in the 1990s, hatred and bigotry have literally become chic. They've become mainstream and accepted," Goldenberg said.

Education at the grass roots level, as well as recognizing and identifying bias crimes, are the keys to tackling them, he said. — P.L.

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What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Jan. 27 is deadline for Feb. 10 issue and Thursday, Feb. 3 is deadline for Feb. 17 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax number, 424-1886.

Sunday, Jan. 30

GRAND SOCIETY

Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity is holding its first meeting in 1994, 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. A family lawyer will speak and answer questions. $5, non-members.

TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAM

Jay Miller, renowned storyteller, will entertain adults and children, 5:30-7 p.m., Congregation Darchei Noam, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Traditional Tu b'Shevat bags for all children. Adults, $5; children, $2. For more information call **Dora Usher**, 787-4791 or **Linda Silver**, 486-0254.

GOLDEN AGE OF CANTORS

Join **Cantor Kirshblum**, Adath Israel Synagogue, 12 noon, and view Video Excerpts of Famous Cantors used in Hollywood Cinema: A Riotous Spoof of a Cantor's Audition. $5, members; $6 guests.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Matan Women's Institute for Torah Study Jerusalem presents a public lecture for women only, 8 p.m., B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. **Aviva Zornberg**, will speak on Reflections on Sefer Shmot, Through the Looking Glass — Women and Redemption. Call 787-6752 for more information.

TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION

The third annual community-wide Tu b'Shevat celebration, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Jewish Community Centre, North Y Branch, features arts and crafts, the sale of JNF trees and other exhibits. The official opening ceremony, 12 noon consists of Israeli singing, music and a Tu b'Shevat Seder.

CANADIAN JEWISH THEATRE

Bloor Y Jewish Theatre Committee presents Canadian Jewish Theatre in the Making, 8 p.m., Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. In the first in a series of presentations, **Corinne Copnick** and **Ralph Wintrob** will introduce thematically, plays submitted to the committee's annual playwriting contest. Admission, $3. For more information call **Luni**, 924-6211.

NA'AMAT CONVENTION

Among the 300 delegates attending the 10th Triennial Convention of Na'amat Canada in Montreal recently were (from left), Eva Natch, Winnipeg, past national president, Na'amat Canada; Etagegn Addissu, Montreal Na'amat Ethiopian Chapter; Silvia Lewis, national president, Na'amat U.S.A.; Maritu Envew, Montreal Ethiopian Chapter; Bess Direnveld-Plosker, past-president, Na'amat Toronto Council. [Mollie Rothman photo].

MASORTI JUDAISM

Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism, presents **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich**, director of development, Seminary of Judaic Studies (Bet Midrash), Jerusalem who will speak on The Exciting Growth of the Conservative (Masorti) Movement in Israel. Hosted by Beth Tzedec Men's Club, 1700 Bathurst St, Mezzanine Hall. Services 9 a.m., breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Cost, $6. To reserve, call (905) 738-1717.

SPORTS BREAKFAST

Adath Israel Brotherhood's breakfast, 9:30 a.m. after services, features Toronto Blue Jay **Rob Butler** and Blue Jay prospect, **Rich Butler**. Reserve by calling shul office, 635-5340 before Jan. 28.

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly Basic Judaism Course resumes at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 7:30 p.m. **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**, senior rabbi, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will talk about Israel. Everyone invited.

Monday, Jan. 31

NEW WORLD ORDER

Political scientist **John Gerard Ruggie** will discuss America and the New World Order, and examine how policy makers are redefining American interests in the post-Cold War era, 5 p.m., University of Toronto, George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place. Admission free. Call 978-3450 for more information.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

There is a blood donor clinic, Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch. Bring identification with full name and signature or photograph. For information, call 974-9900.

FROM BIRTH TO BRIS

Learn everything you need to know about having a Jewish baby, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Class, featuring **Zale Newman** costs $5, non-members; $2, members. Call 636-7530 for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

JUDAISM, 21ST CENTURY

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of The Hebrew University presents **Rabbi Irwin Kula**, who will discuss Judaism, Towards the 21st Century, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. $24 regular admission, $17, student admission. To purchase tickets, call 485-8000. Tickets will be available at the door.

WILLS, WON'TS & DON'TS

Adath Israel Sisterhood presents a seminar for married, single, widowed or divorced women, over 25 or under 100, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, Benjamin and Fanny Greenspoon Hall, when lawyer **Susan Lieberman** will discuss topics such as will planning, family law act, taxes, powers of attorney, guardianshsip and probate fees. Members, $3; guests, $5. Refreshments will be served. For more information call **Cheryl Sonenberg**, 630-5090 or **Geitie Kramer**, 493-1325.

TORAH AND SCIENCE

Aish HaTorah presents **Dr. Gerald Schroeder**, scientist, author and lecturer, 8 p.m. Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., who will discuss In the Beginning, Torah and Science Meet to Explain the Origin of Man. Cost, $6, non-members; $3 members. Call 636-7530 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

CANADIAN-JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Department of Continuing Education, Holy Blossom Temple will screen *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, with commentary by **Jack Kugelmass**, 8 p.m, as part of its first annual Canadian-Jewish Film Festival. Free admission, free popcorn.

ISRAEL'S PEACE DIVIDEND

Dr. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University will talk on Diplomacy: Will Israel's Neighbors and the International Community Respond?, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Presented by Continuing Education Committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and The Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada and cosponsored by the Foundation for Middle East Studies, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, and the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto. Admission free. For information, call 633-6224 or 633-3838.

AISH HATORAH THORNHILL

Genesis and The Big Bang: Torah and the Age of the Universe, will be the topic when **Dr. Gerald Schroeder**, scientist, author and lecturer, speaks at Aish HaTorah, Thornhill, The Promenade, Suite 303, 8 p.m. $6 non-members, $3 members. For information call 636-7530.

BOOK PRESENTED

During a recent trip to Israel, Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, former executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region presented his book, 6400 Questions About Judaism and Jewish People, to Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Norman Spector at the ambassador's office in Tel Aviv.

Thursday, Feb. 3

ROCK N'ROLL

Come to the Hard Rock Cafe, Toronto Sky Dome and Rock N'Roll with **Lev Zahav**, 8 p.m. Tickets, $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds go to Hadassim. For information, call 789-4373.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

BASIC RESCUER COURSE

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is sponsoring a Basic Rescuer program Sunday, Feb. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m. The 12-hour intensive program focuses on adult, infant and child resuscitation skills for respiratory and cardio-vasuclar emergencies. Course is taught by certified St. John Ambulance CPR instructors according to the standards of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Fee, $60. Call 789-5131, ext. 2363 for more information.

FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is seeking volunteers for its VISIT and Dial-A-Friend programs. VISIT volunteers go out to visit homebound seniors and Dial-A-Friend volunteers provide a telephone reassurance service to homebound seniors. These services are especially vital during the winter months. For more information, call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Single Parent Challenge (begins Jan. 31); Parenting the Pre-Schooler (begins Feb. 8). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

MEALS ON WHEELS ASSISTANCE

Enjoy an early start to your day by assisting with food preparation for Meals on Wheels Program at Baycrest Centre. Volunteers are needed between 7-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Days can be negotiated. Apply by calling the Volunteer Department, 785-2850.

AT AISH HATORAH

Learn about the basics of Judaism in a three-part series entitled the Foundation of Jewish Life, beginning Thursday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Cost is $5 per class or $10 for the series. On Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31-Feb. 21. **Richard Stoll** will discuss, Megillas Esther: The Hidden and Not So Hidden. Cost $5 per class or $15 for the series. All classes meet at Aish HaTorah Thornhill Centre, the Promenade, Suite 303. For information, call 636-7530.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Northern Lights chapter, serving women in Northern York Region including Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford/West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury and Keswick/Georgina, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information about this chapter or BBW call (905) 853-8755.

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COALITION OF GAY STUDENTS
The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students runs a weekly peer support group meeting, Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Room 2004, Vari Hall, York University. For more information call 925-9872, ext. 2114 or **Claire**, 736-5179.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP
Share experiences and information as well as stress management at an Epilepsy support group which meets Sunday afternoons in North York. For more information call **Reisa**, 889-7534.

CONCERNED PARENTS
Concerned Parents Assisting Students Today (CPAST) is a non-profit organization whose mandate is to keep parents informed about the educational system. Meetings are held every two weeks and parents are invited to attend their first meeting free of charge. For information call 730-9323.

GET TOGETHER PARTY
The Association of Israeli Academicians in Toronto invites members of the community to a Get Together Party, Saturday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. **Mickey Lewin** and **Itzhak Argaman** will direct folk singing, folk and ballroom dancing. Admission $8, members; $10 non-members. Light meal included.

AFTERNOON STORYTIME
Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and a caregiver enjoy fun activities of stories, songs, rhymes, films, fingerplays, puppets and games, Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie Street. Register with proof of child's age. Call 395-5830 for more information.

DOIN' IT FOR HEART
February is Heart Month. To help with the fight against Canada's No. 1 killer, Weight Watchers Members will be raising money for heart and stroke research and education by doing a heart healthy physical activity that anyone can do for the sake of their heart and their shape. Members, friends, family and all those interested in healthy hearts can pledge their support and help raise needed funds. For information, to make a pledge or start doin' it, call Weight Watchers, 1-800-387-8227.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
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VOLUNTEERS FOR SEDER '94
The Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers interested in assisting in the placement of Russian families at seders in Canadian Jewish homes. This is a rewarding and gratifying short-term commitment. Call **Rosanne Zarnett**, 636-1880, ext. 358 for information.

BETA SIGMA RHO FRATERNITY
A gala reunion of both U of T (ETA) and UWO (IOTA) Chapters of Beta Sigma Rho fraternities will be held in Toronto, May 14. The ETA reunion mailing address is, 72 Palm Drive, North York, M3H 2B8. Contact is **Marv Pearl**, 633-9401 or 393-0180, fax 393-0184. IOTA members can contact **Marv Shore** in London, (519) 642-2019 or **Bernie Segal**, in Toronto, 771-9316.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON
Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Feb. 5, is at noon, following services. Guest speaker, Dr. Rela Geffen, sociologist, editor, professor at Gratz College, Philadelphia, will discuss, Reinventing the User-Friendly Synagogue. Paid reservations should be made no later than Tuesday, Feb. 1. Unpaid reservations cannot be accomodated. Call office, 781-3511.

C.F.S. WORKSHOP
A Fibrositis/Chronic Fatigue series begins in February. Topics include loss, realistic expectations, relationships and coping strategies. For information, call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES
Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave. holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovit** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER
Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto is seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

CASTING CALL
Auditions for the part of the man in *How to Live Alone Until You Really Like It, and Then You are Ready for Someone Else*, will be held Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, 171 Raoul Wallenburg Road and at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. from 7 p.m. Contenders must have solid dramatic background and a mid-range tenor. For information call **Corinne Copnick**, 631-6492.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services, JCC, North Y branch presents Footcare, given by Sunshine City Nursing Services, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1 p.m. For information, call **Yvonne Martell**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Dr. Chaim Goldberg, will discuss keratorefractive surgery, vision without surgery, Jan. 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m., JCC, North Y branch. For information on ongoing seminars call 754-3937.

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Happy Time Seniors presents The Art of Communication, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, Friday, Jan. 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join in a lively discussion on the way people communicate and learn to send and receive clear messages.

Healthy Living Program for Seniors, is featuring Nutrition Trivia with **Annie Levitan**, public health nurse, North York Public Health Department, Friday, Jan. 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave.

George Brown College Seniors' Programs is running a two-day program, Feb. 7 and 8, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. featuring one-rescuer adult CPR and emergency skills for choking. Learn what to do if you or someone you are with has a heart attack or stroke. Fee, $20. Call 956-7310/11/12.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St., B'nai Brith Building. Jan. 27 will be a Tu b'Shevat Party. For information call 783-9453.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club will attend *Evita* and *Me and My Girl* at Artpark and *Twelfth Night* and *Cyrano* at Stratford. Plan to spend Purim in Arizona. For information on all activities call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance is Jan. 30. Next Saturday dance, Jan. 29. Next movie, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, a musical comedy, will be Feb. 2. There is a concert at the community centre, Feb. 14, 1-4 p.m. Purim party and dance, Sunday, Feb. 27, $6 members, $7 non-members. All activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education now in full swing. For enquiries requiring membership fees, upcoming events and trips call 395-7881.

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Etrog, an Israeli Cultural Club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join us in all the events. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HEBREW UNIVERSITY
Canadian Friends of Hebrew University has named **Melanie Samuels** of Vancouver, as new co-chair of the organization's national New Leadership Division. A graduate of Lee College of Liberal Arts of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, she is an associate lawyer with a Vancouver law firm.

Samuels has been involved with the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University since her return from the one-year program. She assisted in alumni and recruitment activities, and is immediate past co-chair of the Vancouver chapter's Young Associates Division. As co-chair with **Charles Shemie** of Montreal, she hopes to develop a stronger bond between the new leadership and senior leadership of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

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Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is the proud owner of a new, customized wheelchair-accessible bus, thanks to the generosity of one family. Merle Rachlin (left) and her brother Neil Brown (right) donated the bus in honor of their parents, the late Sol Brown and Ruth Brown (second from left). Esther Nixzel (second from right) is among the 130 members of Baycrest Day Care Services for Seniors who will benefit from the new bus which provides Day Care members with daily transportation to and from Baycrest.

EMUNAH WOMEN DINNER

Emunah Women of Toronto recently held a dinner to honor the Danish Nation for its rescue of Jews in 1943. A specially designed sculpture was presented to the Danish people. From left are, Dorothy Zeifman, president, Emunah Women of Toronto; Naomi Reich-Freudmann, sculptor; Poul Laursen, Consul General of Denmark; Hannah Schusheim, dinner chair. Proceeds of the evening went to Neve Michael Children's Village, Pardes Chana, Israel.

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Organizations and People

Poverty hits Jewish kids, elderly, students told

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Over 13 per cent of Toronto Jewish children under the age of 14 live in poverty, said Gordon Wolfe, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service, at a recent York University program.

Poverty in the Jewish community is lower than in the general community, Wolfe noted. In the larger community, 19.8 per cent of children under 14 live in poverty, compared to 13.4 per cent of Jewish children. The percentage rises dramatically for children of single parent homes. Within the Jewish community, 30 per cent of children living in single parent homes live in poverty.

Wolfe, who spoke at a bagel brunch co-sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) and UJA on Campus about Jewish Poor in Toronto: Myth or Fact?, stressed that poverty doesn't mean "I don't have as much money this year as I had last year.

"I'm talking about subsistance level. Twelve thousand dollars a year [for an elderly person] is not a lot of money, especially if you have to pay rent. It's barely survival."

Wolfe noted that although the elderly only represent about 17 per cent of Toronto's Jewish population, those over 65 represented one third of the Jewish poor in 1991 census data.

In 1989 the House of Commons passed a resolution to eliminate poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000, Wolfe noted. "Not only are they not beginning to achieve that goal, but the situation has gotten worse. There is more poverty now than when they passed that resolution."

Poverty hits kids hardest, said Wolfe, noting the adverse effects on children's health and education. "Children [who live in poverty] will not do as well in school. It perpetuates the whole problem."

Gordon Wolfe

The JF & CS caseload, which represents 1,000 people at any one time, reflects a "significant" amount of poverty in the Jewish community, Wolfe said. One quarter of the agency's caseload consists of people on financial assistance.

The agency's financial assistance program provides long-term supplementary income for low wage earners and people with disabilities or chronic illness. Short-term assistance is available in cases such as illness, job loss or resettlement.

In 1993, the United Jewish Appeal gave $1.2 million to the Jewish poor through JF & CS. "This has always been a priority in UJA, second only to money that goes to Israel," Wolfe noted. "The levels which people get on welfare are intolerable. This program is sacred. It's the only one that doesn't have a budget. There are guidelines as to how much we can give, but we don't run out of money because of a budget. Last year we went over by $150,000 because of need.

"We respect your dignity," Wolfe said. "We don't think you should go to food banks." Wolfe noted that extra money is made available at Passover, and the community distributes Passover food baskets through National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). NCJW obtains their list of recipients (with the recipients' approval) from JF & CS.

JF & CS also runs a second-hand clothing store on Bathurst Street called Just a Second where financial assistance clients can shop at no cost.

"We want people to be able to live Jewishly. We want them to be able to live — if they want to — within the Jewish community. It's more expensive to live on the Bathurst strip (between Lawrence Avenue and Steeles Avenue) than in Scarborough or Etobicoke," Wolfe said.

"The worst thing is to be Jewish and poor," Wolfe recalls a client saying. "You don't want to go to the government because you're ashamed, and you don't want to go to the Jewish community because you're poor."

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Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having our next singles party Saturday Jan.29. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

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London's Jewish community fighting recession's bite

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Like other Jewish communities in Canada, London has endured the hardships of the recession, which have resulted in disappearing donations. With the combination of the recession and large losses in leadership gifts, London's fund-raising allocation is currently at approximately 1987 rates.

Reduction in local funding has meant a scaled back preschool program and Jewish education budget. Both the community day school and synagogue supplemental schools have been affected.

"In 1991, three per cent or 18 people covered 53 per cent of our campaign," said Gerry Enchin, executive director of the London Jewish Federation. "Currently, only nine of those original 18 donors give to UJA in London."

Also, the Federation requested "support and patience from the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) of Canada until we weathered this financial storm," said Enchin. London, like other federated communities, allocates a percentage of locally-raised funds for national Canadian organizations. "We started minimal payments to CJF Canada last year," he added.

Recently, some people have started honoring their past pledges. Enchin predicts the 1993-94 UJA campaign that officially closes June 30, will be flat to last year's, $415,000. Like other communities, Federation auditors have increased allowance for unpaid pledges from three to six and half per cent.

Enchin doubts that the campaign will recover to its peak of $528,000 in 1992 but he hopes with Federation leadership to increase the donor base.

New Jews in town

London, unlike other communities, does not have a large endowment fund. There are two gifts whose interest supplements the University of Western Ontario's Jewish Student Union. Also there are specific funds designated towards leadership development, social services, teacher training and a joint rabbis' fund. Enchin would like to see more endowment development. "We need to reach a point where we are not living from campaign to campaign," he said.

"There are new Jews in town, and they are staying," said Enchin. This is evident in the growth of the Reform synagogue, Temple Israel. The temple has recently bought land and is planning a new building. Currently, the religious school and some activities are held in a house on the site. Shabbat and other holiday services are held at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) located several kilometres away.

The UJA Fall phone-a-thon added 18 new names to the growing donor list of 600.

Accurate population numbers are difficult to obtain. The recent Statistics Canada census has revealed an increase in London's Jews from 1981 to 1991: 2,300—2,670. But Enchin is skeptical of the new numbers.

He said the census changed how it asks a person's religion. "It used to be ethnicity/religion. Now, there are several options and the ability to check off twice," explained Enchin.

Despite numbers, Enchin says that London has a unique Jewish population. Although London lacks a kosher butcher or bakery, it does boast a community day school and three synagogues/temples, and chapters of Hadassah-WIZO, National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai Brith, Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges, Friends of Lubavitch, Jewish National Fund, and State of Israel Bonds.

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Organizations and People

New WJCC president aims at improving communal relations

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Donald Aronovitch, the new president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC), has set one of his goals as improving the working relationship between the different constituencies and organizations in the community.

"We are too small a community both in terms of numbers and dollars to be working at cross purposes," says Aronovitch who assumed the position in place of the retiring Mel Fages at a December meeting. "We are all working hard to make our own programs successful — as it should be — but we should also sit down together, examine what we are doing and see how we could do things more effectively. There is a lot of room for us to harmonize energies and create synergy from our combined efforts."

The scion of a well known Winnipeg family, Aronovitch, a financial planner, has been an active member of the WJCC for many years. He is also a current board member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and the Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg Inc. He describes his ascension to the presidency as a natural evolution, something he was "desirous of doing" and a responsibility which fits both his and the community council's agenda at this time.

A second goal of his presidency is to work with the constituent organizations to develop a "game plan" to encourage younger people to participate in leadership roles in all areas of the community. "We need an intake mechanism that would welcome younger people into organizations on an ongoing basis," he says. "It doesn't matter how they become involved or with which organization. If they are good workers, the community as a whole will be enriched."

At the same time, he cautions that those who have put in their time already should not be ignored. "I am personally planning on consulting several of my predecessors for their thoughts, insights and guidance," he says.

"It is important," he notes, "that community fundraising become a year round effort. Our givers should be kept informed of what we are doing and where their dollars are being spent on an ongoing basis. In any business, communicating with the public is a challenge. We have to communicate collectively and we need input from our donors."

Hamilton Jewish federation gearing up for a busy year

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Establishment of a long-term planning committee and the development of an endowment fund, a "more orderly approach" to the numerous fundraising appeals launched each year as well as greater cohesion among agencies and organizations are among the Hamilton-Wentworth and Area Jewish Federation's goals for the coming year.

With these and other plans announced at Federation's recent annual general meeting at the Jewish Community Centre, "we will have a busy year ahead of us," said incoming president David Steinberg.

The former chair of Ontario region United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada, and of the Hamilton United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF), said "local policies will not overshadow our commitments to Israel."

Steinberg, who is also a past president of Beth Jacob congregation, succeeds Abe Szpirglas, whom he praised for having led the community through a difficult period "with a steely optimism and a sound pragmatism that has made our community work."

Steinberg noted that Federation was able to keep all its commitments and he paid tribute to UJWF chair CeCe Schreiber whose efforts, he said, "produced a campaign that rescued us from almost certain disaster."

Reviewing his two-year term as resident, Szpirglas said with "four shuls, three schools, the JCC, Jewish Social Services (JSS), Shalom Village Beth Tikvah (a residence for developmentally handicapped adults), 37 organizations and the recently established Yeshiva," this community has "the infrastructure and the committed people to provide Hamilton-Wentworth Jewry with a rich and varied Jewish life."

But, he went on, this is possible only "if people give responsibly and generously both financially and of their time in volunteer service."

Szpirglas announced the long-term planning committee will be chaired by Ina Frank. The endowment fund will be headed by Schreiber and treasurer Bill Halpren.

There was applause for Schreiber when she reported a 14.4 per cent card-per-card increase in this year's campaign and that "the best Super Sunday ever" achieved a 10.8 per cent increase.

As well, said Schreiber in making a presentation to women's division chair Sandra Fuss, this year's women's division total was also the highest ever.

Other campaign leadership awards went to Jay State and to Larry Szpirglas.

Reporting on his committee's activities, community relations chair Dr. Lawrence Hart said co-ordinated sponsorship of programs with other organizations resulted in greater attendance.

JSS director Carol Krames illustrated her report with a slide show of various seniors' activities and outings, while Patricia Tolkin Eppel gave a brief personal account of her first six months as Federation executive director.

Etrogim become Tu b'Shevat jam

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —When people think of Tu b'Shevat, they almost always think of the little packages of dried fruits and bokser that they got (and youngsters still get) at Jewish school.

This year, and for the past three years before, there is another option — etrog jam.

The members of N'shei Bobov, the women's auxiliary of the Bobov organization, sell etrog jam to raise funds for their projects, especially one where they lend baby furniture and supplies, such as cribs or car seats, for short terms.

Spokeswoman Zeldy Miller told *The CJN* that the women "pass the word" around at Sukkot for families to save their etrogim, the citron which, because it is both beautiful to look at and fragrant, is used on that holiday to symbolize both the ideal Jew, and the heart.

As well, she said, dealers donate their leftover etrogim for the project.

Preparing the jam is a project in itself. A large group of women get together once a year, make the preserve and ladle it into attractive jars.

Because the etrog is naturally bitter, the fruit is cooked in successive changes of water seven or eight times, and finally cooked together with sugar and quince apples.

"The jam is sweet, with a tinge of bitterness," Miller said, adding that her family eats etrog jam all year round.

Re-using the Sukkot etrog on Tu b'Shevat helps to emphasize the continuous chain of Torah and mitzvot that links one holy day to another, and the holiness inherent in the daily cycle of the Jewish life.

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An oil painting by Alexander Doyle.

Young Soviet artist wins first prize in Burlington show

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Winning first prize in the Burlington Fine Art Association's recent annual juried show at the Burlington Cultural Arts Centre was an important first step to recognition for a young Soviet immigrant.

Alexander Doyle, who changed his name from Dzoebko to make pronounciation easier, has been in Canada barely two years, but already the 29-year-old artist is attracting attention.

His work can currently be seen in a show entitled From Russia With Art he shares with fellow immigrant Sergey Malina at the Westdale Gallery in Hamilton.

The painting that won him the prize, an oil in the realist style entitled *The Ride* and depicting the interior of a bus with a rain-splashed funeral procession seen through its windows, is not among them. *The Ride*, Doyle explains "is about life and death, about time and who we are and why we are here."

The works here are mostly oils, serene and lovely landscapes painted in Holland, where he spent two years before coming to Canada; glistening fresh snowscapes from Thunder Bay, his first stop in this country, and a series of surrealist compositions, some romantic, some almost gothic, others bordering on the macabre.

Vaguely reminiscent of Salvador Dali, whose work greatly impressed Doyle when he first saw it in the West, these latter paintings are heavily symbolic with many unexpected and thought-provoking touches.

"Metaphysical topics have always been interesting for me... I always try to show good and bad," explains Doyle.

A startling contrast to the oils is a large black-and-white study in pencil of a nude ascending a long stone stairway, and on a very much smaller scale, a tiny pen and ink drawing done in Russia in which, he says, he tried to express his "longing for freedom."

All his work is executed with the meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail of his traditionalist training in the art schools of the former Soviet Union, first in Krasnodar and then, following his two-year army service, in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg).

Impressed with the modern art he saw in Holland and Canada, Doyle says he is now ready to experiment with new ideas and new concepts.

But, "I never wanted to imitate anyone," he states. "No one has ever influenced me."

Originally from Rostov-on-Don, Doyle now lives in Hamilton with his wife, Tanya, whom he met at the Leningrad Institute of Art and who will be taking up her studies again at McMaster University in the fall. Doyle, too, intends to return to university and eventually, he hopes to teach.

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For his second show at the Westdale Gallery, (see *The CJN*, Oct. 22, 1992), Sergey Malina has produced a series of graphics employing some new and different techniques.

His subjects are often biblical but there are also a number of interesting studies of faces and serveral charming and attractive landscapes.

Some are done in an unusual combination of drypoint and watercolor; others are monotypes, etchings and pen-and-ink drawings. Many are original and some come in small, limited editions.

They are marked contrast to the large oils of his earlier show, revealing him to be versatile and, like Doyle, an extremely well-trained artist.

Fifteen of Malinas' oil paintings are also currently on view at the Kaspar Gallery in the Yorkville area of Toronto.

Both these artists show great promise and should be watched with interest.

From Russia With Art: Works on Paper and Canvas continues at the Westdale Gallery, 860 King St. W. in Hamilton, until Sunday, Feb. 20.

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Born in Vienna in 1882, Melanie Klein became a dominant figure in British psychoanalytic circles from the 1920s until her death in 1960. A pioneer in the psychoanalysis of children, she explored the psychic reality of the infant and introduced the concept of breast envy. Toronto biographer Phyllis Grosskurth's definitive biography of Klein was published in 1986.

On Feb. 8, the acclaimed English play *Mrs. Klein*, by Nicholas Wright, begins previews at Toronto's Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave. (near Dupont & Bathurst). The play opens Feb. 15 and runs until March 20. *Mrs. Klein* is a drama that focuses on the influential Jewish psychoanalyst through the action of a single critical day — the day in 1934 when she learned of the death of her eldest son in a climbing accident. The event sharpens the conflict between Klein and her daughter, Melitta, an analyst who opposes her mother's work.

Melanie and Melitta Klein are played by Joan and Sarah Orenstein, professional actresses who are mother and daughter in real life.

Tickets are $14 during previews, and $18 to $23 during the run, with PWYC ("Pay-What-You-Can") Sunday matinees. For reservations, call 531-1827.

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Familiar to television audiences, Justin Louis plays the quick-witted psychiatric patient Randle McMurphy in the 30th anniversary production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, which opened last week at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Adapted by Dale Wasserman from the novel by Ken Kesey, the play chronicles the match of wits between McMurphy, a petty criminal who goes to a mental hospital instead of prison, and Big Nurse Ratched (Holly Dennison).

Louis, who appeared in *Naked Lunch* and other film productions by David Cronenberg, also played the lead in the TV series *Urban Cowboy*, which lasted two seasons on CBC and CBS. His appearance in *Cuckoo's Nest* marks his debut on the "legit stage."

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest runs until Feb. 13. It was produced and directed by Reva Stern. Tickets ($14.50 to $22) are available from the Leah Posluns Theatre (630-6752) or Ticketmaster (872-1111).

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More Theatre Notes: *Der Yiddisher Mikado — The Yiddish Mikado* is coming to Harbord Collegiate Auditorium, 286 Harboard St., for three performances only. The Friends of Yiddish are presenting the Canadian premiere of this unique production of the Gilbert & Sullivan classic, performed by the Light Opera Company of Long Island. The show opens Saturday March 5 at 8 p.m. and plays twice on Sunday March 6, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost $18 and are available from Ticketmaster, Israel's Judaica Centres, and Lasting Impressions, 243 Wilmington Ave. To attend the opening night gala, phone 635-2883, ext. 700.

A play entitled *The Brady Bunch Live* opened Jan. 26 at the Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto. This stage satire features painstaking re-enactments of actual episodes of the droll 1970s TV sitcom. "Yes, it was bad TV, but we loved it," explains co-producer Robin Payne. Did we really?

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Notes from the Visual Arts: Next time you're in the Pickle Barrel Plaza, check out the new look of Darlene's Gallery (5919 Leslie St.). Currently featured are abstract watercolors by Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis, oil paintings by Sasha Evgrafov, drawings by Ruth Wolkoff, surreal canvases by Eileen Corynen Nussbaum and other works. For further information, call Darlene Newman at 490-0107.

Display and sale of more than 1,000 miniature works of art continues through Sunday Jan. 30 at Gallery 788, 788 King St. W.

Oliviero Toscani's jarringly controversial photographs have grabbed headlines for United Colors of Benetton. Innovative Advertising or Commercial Exploitation? is the title of an exhibition of Toscani photographs at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin.

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Music and Dance Notes: Harvey Meller is a Jewish dance artist from Winnipeg who lives in Vancouver. On Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. he performs *Two Dance Works* at the du Maurier Theatre Centre at Harbourfront, 231 Queens Quay W. His appearance is part of a four-city tour that also includes Montreal, Ottawa and Peterborough. Call 973-4000 for more details.

If you missed the Shelly Berger Sextet performance at the Ontario Science Centre on Monday evening, take heart: *CJRT-FM* is set to broadcast the concert on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

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Closing Words: In the fashion of one of this column's illustrious predecessors, I would like to "bow out" this week with some words from the late Yiddish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer, who would have been 90 this year. The winner of the Nobel Prize in 1978, the revered Yiddishist was a prolific writer who once claimed, "My imagination has been overstimulated all my life by life itself."

Singer fled Poland in 1935 and never returned, not even after his critical and commercial success. In his later years he explained that he could not bear to see Poland "without my people ... I am afraid I will have to continue to write about the Poland that I remember. After all, literature is about the past."

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The History Of Hell, by Alice K. Turner (Harcourt Brace, $29.95).

Judaism's belief in reward and punishment in the afterlife received its greatest emphasis in the post-Biblical period. God was just and if the wicked weren't punished or the righteous rewarded in this life then the defect would be remedied in the world to come.

The Hebrew term for the abode assigned to the righteous was called Gan Eden or Garden of Eden. The Hebrew term for Hell was "Gehinnom," an actual valley south of Jerusalem where community refuse was burned and where, in times past, children were sacrificially burned for the pagan idol Moloch.

The often detailed descriptions of paradise and hell were regarded by most Jewish scholars as purely imaginative and not to be taken literally. Where was hell located? Some placed it in the nethermost part of the earth, others "behind the dark mountains" and still others "above the firmament." But even those who insisted on the need for punishment in the afterlife restricted the time to 12 months. That is why the recitation of the Kaddish for a parent was reduced from a year to 11 months, in order to indicate that the loved one was not a suitable candidate for the maximum penalty.

Rabbi Judah Loew of Prague (1512-1609) taught that the hereafter was a state of bodiless existence and neither its rewards nor its punishments were physical. Its joys were union with God, its miseries were alienation from God which corresponds to what traditionally described as hell.

For Rabbi Abraham Kook, onetime chief rabbi of Palestine, the concepts of heaven and hell, if taken literally, are unworthy of a spiritual person. They should, he said, remind us figuratively that there are important stakes in what we do with our lives.

During the Middle Ages Jews were influenced by the beliefs of their Christian neighbors about the torments of hell. As a result similar lurid depictions of the afterlife found their place in Jewish literature. For the Christian clergy the threat of hellfire was a powerful weapon in keeping their parishioners devout and faithful.

Chassidism made it part of its folklore that every soul must obtain purification to be saved from Gehinnom. This process can be brought about by reincarnation as the soul migrates from body to body. Suffering in this world was considered a kind of "purgatory" for sins committed in a previous existence.

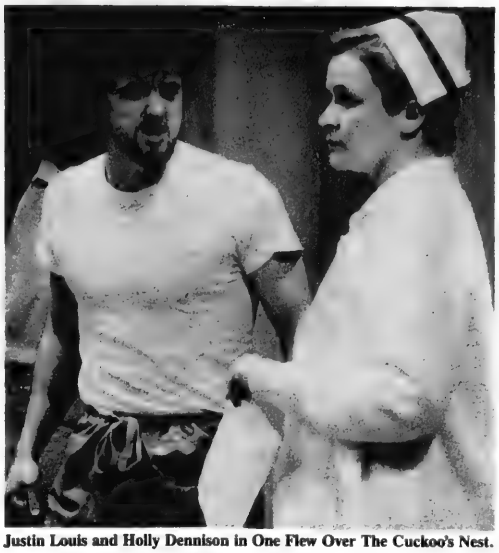
According to a recent poll, 60 per cent of Canadians believe in hell (although only four per cent think they're likely to wind up there).

The book under review is a survey of hell over a period of 4,000 years. The author takes the reader on a trip through a great number of underworlds beginning in Sumeria and moving on to Egyptian, Greek, Roman Gnostic and Judeo-Christian images of the netherworld. Dante gave enhanced significance to hell in his classic works, inspiration for similar poetic flights by Goethe, Milton, Byron, Rimbaud and many others.

Unfortunately, this lively work devotes little time or space to theology or psychology or to the deeper mythological aspects of the subject. What is most noteworthy about this handsome volume are the fascinating 62 illustrations, 37 in full color. All in all this is a stimulating, if rather superficial, contribution to the evolution of human thinking about that baleful place of evil and suffering.

Cuckoo's Nest puts social issue into an entertaining context

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter



Justin Louis and Holly Dennison in One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.

TORONTO — The 1960s gave us more than *Woodstock*, that symbol of a sea change in lifestyles. It gave us Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, the novel which harpooned psychiatric treatment, and, as a bonus, gave us the subtext of the erosion of native Indians' rights and lands.

Sound familiar? It should, for Dale Wasserman's play, based on the novel, running at the Leah Posluns Theatre until Feb. 13, is getting better as it ages.

"Things haven't changed much in the 30 years since the play was first presented," said director Reva Stern, "except that now they're turfing the patients out of the hospital into the community."

This is the third time Stern has put this play on the boards, the first at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and the second at the Leah Posluns in 1978. This reviewer, who has seen all three, believes this one is the best. Trimmed down to two acts from three, a full 25 minutes shorter, it has more dramatic tension, more suspense, more humor and more social conscience.

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest is a textbook example of magnificent playwriting. This is why the rebellious patient Randle McMurphy, played flawlessly by Justin Louis, grows moment by moment in stature as he begins to understand the other patients in the day ward, particularly Chief Bromden, the Indian patient who the staff thinks is a deaf mute. Terry Harford, who is not a Canadian Indian, gives a compelling performance as the chief, his huge bulk overshadowing the major theme, as it should.

Louis, the 27-year-old star of the TV show *Urban Angel*, appearing on the legitimate stage for the first time, grew up in the neighborhood of the mental hospital 999 Queen St. W., and used to play in the park around it.

"In TV less is more, so I was glad to tackle a role like this with all the physical action it requires, and I like the excitement of the audience reaction," Louis told *The CJN*.

Holly Dennison gives a softer shading than the traditional one to the role of Nurse Ratched (so aptly named), McMurphy's protaganist and the figure that Kesey used to represent the iron and unforgiving will of the establishment. "I think she thought she was doing the right thing, but of course the patients finally realized otherwise," Dennison said, after opening night.

Among the supporting cast, Donald Adams as Harding, the sophisticated patient who quotes Freud at the drop of a hat, drew attention like a magnet. His *Second City* training stood him in good stead as did his own volunteer experience in leading an actors' workshop in an Ontario mental hospital. Even though Harding's lines are among the funniest in the play, they are also the needles pricking the pretensions of modern day psychiatry.

A glassed-in nursing station dominates an effective set designed by Samantha Burson and the lighting and sound by Allan McMillan contributes much to a play depending on emotional levels, both on and off stage.

The genius of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is that it not only tackles a relevant social issue but is a cracking good story and an entertaining evening of theatre.

Neil Simon captures zany days of live television's golden age

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — Neil Simon's new comedy, autobiographical like much of his work, looks back with reverential affection on the last days of the golden age of live television comedy (the 1950s). Simon, along with zany colleagues like Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Woody Allen, Larry Gelbert, Mel Tolkin and the only woman, ex-Torontonian Lucille Kallen, was a comedy writer for Sid Caesar on *Your Show of Shows*, and later *Caesar's Hour*. They were beyond question the greatest stable of comedy writers ever assembled.

In those days Caesar and Company created the equivalent of a full-scale Broadway show each week. Saturday night in America was a major social event. Across North America, neighbors shared boxy 10-inch TVs, watching Caesar play everything from Chaplinesque pantomimes to satirical husband and wife sketches with sidekicks Imogene Coca or Nanette Fabray, to lampoons of operas and movies (remember *From Here to Obscurity*?) Even Albert Einstein was a fan of the show. In fact Broadway movie owners asked NBC to switch the program to the middle of the week on the grounds that it was ruining business.

Caesar's reign as king of comedy lasted eight years, during which time he headlined the two best comedy shows of the century — so when you're talking living legend you're talking Sid Caesar. Simon recently confided, "Sid Caesar was the only genius I ever knew."

Laughter On The 23rd Floor is Neil Simon's two-and-a-half-hour chronicle of what went on in the writing room at the time he was writing for *Your Show of Shows*. That was 40 years ago, and as the characters suggest at the end of the play, nothing like this extraordinary period will likely ever be seen again. Simon and his fellow writers were young; they had the time of their lives doing what they loved, and as a bonus had the good luck to get paid for doing it. Their lively office on the 23rd floor overlooking 57th Street in Manhattan was crammed with mad comic genius, and the zingy repartee was virtually bouncing off the walls.

The wonderful cast of this very funny play is headed by Nathan Lane, who plays the Caesar-like character Max Prince with impeccable timing and delivery. Credit Jerry Zak's inspired direction for assembling a superb ensemble of talented actors and getting the best out of each and every one of them.

If you like a play that is rapid-fire funny, bristling with Yiddish/showbiz humor, you'll love this tribute of Neil Simon's to the tormented genius of Sid Caesar.

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With mortgage rates at approximately 7.5 per cent, an $85,000 property with $25,000 down would carry at only $495 per month. Now is the best time to look at buying recreational property. Consider the following reasons.

There is a limited amount of waterfront property within two hours of Toronto. Waterfront cannot be created, and the cottage ratepayers groups are very anti-development. Generally, cottages are kept in families for many years and often passed down.

However, the recession has forced many cottage owners to unwillingly liquidate a valued family asset, creating a supply surge and anxious sellers. This results in lower prices. Buying activity has only to increase about 10 per cent and much of this property will be sold, thus alleviating the surplus.

Another factor influencing the purchasing of recreational property is the fact that baby boomers are quickly approaching cottage-purchasing age. This will result in a major surge in cottage activity within the next three to five years.

There have been significant highway improvements recently which reduced travel time to out-of-the-way areas. Twenty years ago, Highway 11 to Bracebridge-Huntsville was a long, slow, two-lane road, not the divided highway it is today. The improvement in road conditions has brought more people to the area over the last 15 years, driving up demand and prices.

The most recent highway improvement is in the Peterborough-Lindsay area. Highway 115-35 used to be a very busy, dangerous stretch. Today it is four lanes almost all the way to Lakefield and Lindsay. This has improved access to eastern areas and prices have not really begun to reflect this. It is even possible to buy on a major Trent System lake like Stoney Lake for under $99,000.

Anyone travelling to Parry Sound over the last few years will have noticed construction along Highway 69. It is being widened to four lanes for quite a distance and eventually, probably all the way to Parry Sound. With this improvement, Parry Sound represents good value for under $99,000 as well.

The best values may be found in the smaller lakes, in and around areas such as Parry Sound, Mactier, Minden, Haliburton, Apsley, Bancroft and Madoc. The fallen prices, combined with the low interest rates, have made cottage property more obtainable than ever.

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In the '80s, if one had $40,000, the tendancy was to use those funds as a down payment for a $200,000 property. No time was spent learning or investigating the alternative. It was "buy now or you'll miss out." Today people are using the $40,000 to buy a $75,000 cottage and add to it over time. It's much more sensible.

Perhaps the best place to access available cottages is the Cottage Show which will be running from Feb. 4-6 at the Metro East Trade Centre in Pickering, Ont.

Company scans phone bills to determine calling patterns

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Reducing operating costs and improving a company's communications system is a priority for most business people, but with the introduction of competition in the telecommunications industry it is easy to become confused about choosing the best system for one's needs.

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Stephen — whose partners include Samuel Wong, vice-president, operations; Eugenia Yau, director of research and development; and Jay Cohen, manager of sales and marketing — says one advantage of being an independent, privately-owned telecommunications firm is that

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"when carriers and resellers realize we are not competing with them, they allow us to include their up-to-date rates in our software which means we can make 'apples to apples' comparisons. The result is that everyone wins, particularly the users."

She stresses, however, that cost is not the only consideration when choosing a system. Each has its advantages and short-comings. "Getting the right match for a business's needs from the start helps both the client and the vendors in their planning and positioning."

Cohen says because they do not receive compensation from carriers or resellers, they work strictly in their clients' interests. "Our billing is cost effective, and we bill according to the amount of work, the complexity and time involved in each study. We will not even make a proposal if we are not confident our client can recapture the cost of our study within several months and/or vastly improve their telecommunications situation."

He says he is often asked about the best carrier but "I cannot say what is best because I have a different answer for every client. What it all comes down to is calling patterns — such factors as where they are calling, the nature of their calls and when the calls are being made. IPC makes the right match and minimizes risks."

Stephen says today's telecommunications industry is competitive but it changes so quickly that "we haven't even seen competition yet. There will be a lot more choices and it will become harder and harder to choose. We are able to help companies choose the right system so that they can reduce their operating costs and improve their communications."

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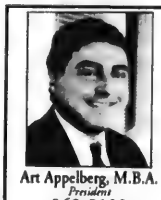
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Business Briefs

Double Digit Inflation

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost-of-living index rose 11.2 per cent in December, bringing the total rate of inflation for 1993 to 11.25 per cent.

The rate was 9.4 per cent in 1992. Housing costs, which jumped almost 24 per cent last year, were cited as a main reason for the overall increase.

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Background Information Released

OTTAWA — The Department of Finance recently issued two background publications — Canada's Economic Challenges and Government Revenues in Canada — that provide Canadians with factual information on the nation's economic and fiscal situation.

They follow up on Finance Minister Paul Martin's commitment of last November to provide basic facts on issues of importance for the pre-budget consultation process.

To obtain a copy call (613) 995-2855 or fax (613) 996-0518.

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Investing In Israeli Tourism

TEL AVIV — Expectations of a booming future for tourism in Israel, which in 1993 for the first time attracted two million visitors, is stimulating widespread investor interest.

To facilitate public participation in this growth sector, Lahak Mutual Funds, which are part of the Bank Hapoalim Mutual Fund Group, launched Lahak Tourism. The new fund will invest 50 per cent in the tourist industry in Israel and abroad.

A number of tourism-oriented corporations have recently issued shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Market. Bank Hapoalim officials predict this trend will be strengthened in the coming year.

The anticipated implementation of the agreement between Israel and the Palestinians will make Israel one of the preferred international tourist destinations. To serve this market, major investments in the development of tourist facilities are already being planned.

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Jobless Rate Up But Down

JERUSALEM — There were two per cent more people looking for work in December 1993 than there were in November, according to statistics released by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, who for months has been warning that there is insufficient growth in the economy to absorb the unemployed, released the figures in a way that backed her argument.

While the number of job-seekers, seasonally adjusted, climbed to 117,800 from 115,500 in November, that same monthly figure for December was 124,400.

However, when compared to the 1992 figure of 142,500 a drop of 18,100 or 12 per cent is reported.

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On A Positive Note

TORONTO — Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) members reported 2,922 sales of single-family dwellings last month.

This number represents an encouraging 37 per cent increase over sales from the previous year and the best December sales figures since 1988, says president Ron Bluestein.

The Toronto-area market closed out 1993 with a total of 38,990 sales — down only seven per cent from 1992 year-end totals.

Bluestein says despite the slow start in 1993, sales in November and Devember posted healthy increases over prior year sales and this should lead into an active spring market.

Typically December's sales are down marginally from November as a result of the holiday season.

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Program Extended Indefinitely

OTTAWA —Ontario Finance Minister Floyd Laughren announced recently that the Ontario Home Ownership Savings Plan (OHOSP) program will be extended indefinitely.

The program was to end on Dec. 31, 1993.

The Land Transfer Tax (LTT) program that refunded eligible homebuyers' LTT will not be continued. LTT refunds will be available only to those who opened plans before Jan. 1, 1994.

For those who already have an OHOSP the rules have not changed. These planholders may still be eligible for the LTT refund. All dates for plans opened before Jan. 1 still apply — plans must be closed and a home purchased by Dec. 31, 1999.

For plans opened after Dec. 31, an individual may make contributions for five consecutive years and the plan must be closed and a home purchased by the end of the sixth year.

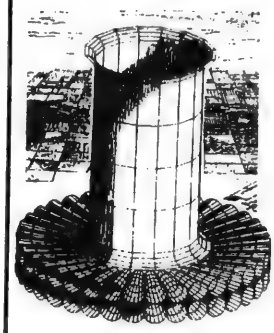
There is no limit to the amount that can be contributed to the plan. However, the amount that can be contributed for the OHOSP Tax Credit remains at $2,000 per person or $4,000 per couple.

New measuring system

By JOLIE GREIFF

Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — MACS, an acronym for Measurement and Control Systems, is a company recently founded in Jerusalem by Dr. Ernst Bromberg and five engineers, all of whom worked together for 10 years in Baku, Azerbaijan, before arriving in Israel.



The team has developed a tank gauging system, used to measure liquids and gases contained in a wide range of storage tanks, including the measurements of leakage from underground tanks.

The MACS system is vital in the petrochemical industry, for example, which requires accurate control of liquids, such as gasoline, in storage tanks and pipes.

Alexander Bulkhman, MACS project manager, said the new system is far less dependent on outside factors and performs as accurately as existing systems without any increase in cost.

The MACS tank gauging system prototype will be completed shortly. The scientists believe they will be ready to compete internationally. The company has received funding from European investors, as well as from Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

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Business & Finance

The Bonds-RRSP connection is an investment option

TORONTO — There's going to be an Israeli twist to this year's Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) rush.

In the past, Israel Bonds and retirement savings plans were disconnected investments. RRSP purchasers had no reason to think about Bonds, as they hurried to meet the Feb. 28 deadline. However, this year, for the first time, Bonds can be combined with Canada's most popular tax shelters.

Under new tax regulation amendments, Israel Bonds qualify for inclusion in RRSP and Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) portfolios. RRIF is a tax-sheltered plan into which Canadians can collapse RRSP proceeds at age 71.

"Because of the regulation changes, Bonds themselves can be tax-exempt," says Debra Thuet, who chairs the Bonds/RRSP advisory committee.

Israel Bonds can generate tax savings if an RRSP is self-directed. This means plan participants can hold as many RRSP investments as they like in a single account. Bonds have become one of those investments.

It is actually possible to transfer a previously-purchased Bond into an RRSP account. According to Thuet, it's becoming a popular thing to do.

"A lot of people are taking Bonds, mostly in small denominations, out of their safety deposit boxes for placement in their RRSP portfolio."

By moving Bonds in this way, investors benefit from an increased RRSP deduction without spending any extra money. At the same time, interest income on the Bonds themselves is tax sheltered.

There are also other options: buying Bonds first and then contributing them to a self-directed RRSP; or purchasing Bonds from funds already in an RRSP.

No matter how Bonds and RRSPs are linked, the government has imposed some restrictions. For the 1993 taxation year, the purchase cost of the Bonds cannot exceed 18 per cent of an RRSP's book value.

Israel Bonds offices are now working with several financial brokers, consultants and institutions because RRSPs are so widespread.

In Toronto, Canada-Israel Securities account executive Marcia Cohen has been busy researching the procedures that each institution is using to make the Bonds-RRSP connection as simple as possible. Because Canadians tend to think of RRSPs at the last minute, methods are being worked out for procrastinating investors to receive all possible tax benefits even if they take action only days before Feb. 28.

Cohen reports the demand is heavy.

"We probably get a dozen calls a day. In the last couple of weeks, there hasn't been a day without a transfer or sale."

Israel Bonds is sponsoring a public seminar on RRSPs and RRIFs in Toronto on Feb. 8. More informations is available from the State of Israel Bonds office at (416)789-3351.

Tips From Pros

TORONTO — "A helping hand for the private investor."

That's the way the *Financial Post* describes the Canadian Shareowners Association (CSA) and its educational programs for individual investors.

The CSA's sole purpose is to show investors how to identify quality growth stocks when they are on sale. This approach allows investors to obtain superior returns and be in control of their portfolio.

Started in 1987, the 6,000 member CSA is one of a world-wide network of 14 national non-profit associations of investors. John Bart PhD, founder of the CSA, attributes its growth to the common sense appeal of the Association's four investing principles, its Stock Selection Guide (the Guide), and its Commission-Free Investing Program.

The principles are straight-forward.

(1) Invest regularly for long-term gains. Bart says that, "No one, not even the 'professionals' can consistently time the market's short-term ups and downs. So typical individual investors should be looking for superior performance over a 3-5 year period."

(2) Reinvest gains and dividends. Reinvesting returns lets the power of compounding accelerate the growth of a portfolio.

(3) Diversify. Put the right kinds of stocks in your portfolio to minimize unavoidable risks.

However, Bart notes that, "Investing regularly, reinvesting and diversifying in 'junk' stocks will not produce the superior returns you want. The Guide lets you implement the fourth and most essential principle for obtaining superior returns."

(4) Invest only in high-quality growth stocks when they are on sale. "It's the ease with which the Guide helps investors to readily identify stocks with the potential for superior returns and those that investors want to avoid," that Bart says really inspired him to start the Association. The Guide has proven itself in obtaining superior returns.

"Between July 1988 and Jan. 1993, stocks chosen using the Guide and featured in the *Canadian Shareowner* magazine experienced an average gain of 29 per cent versus only 19 per cent for the TSE 300 Index."

The CSA provides members with a variety of investment tools so they can earn superior returns.

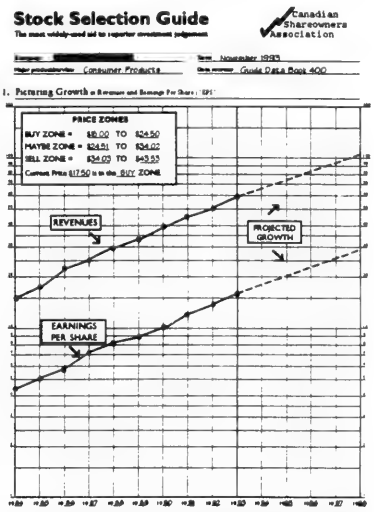
The proven Stock Selection Guide is an investment tool that shows investors what to buy and when to sell. It provides a structure for developing judgements which determine whether a stock's current price is in the buy, sell or maybe zone.

The *Stock Selection Manual* provides clear step-by-step instructions for completing Stock Selection Guides. Other topics covered in the manual include how to follow a stock's performance to know when to sell.

Investment decisions

The bi-monthly *Canadian Shareowner* magazine contains ideas for stocks to study, and always features two companies of current interest — with completed Stock Selection Guides. Other features include: Fundamental and Technical Market Outlook; Portfolio Coach; Back-to-Basics; and Insider Trading Data

The *Guide Data Book 400* includes all of the historical financial data needed to complete guides on over 400 companies. Use this data and the Guide to test the stocks already in your portfolio and those that come to your attention.



The stock illustrated in the guide shows quality growth. Furthermore, its current price is in the buy zone. The guide shows this is the stock to buy.

The Commission-Free Investing Program provides CSA members with a simple and inexpensive way to begin building positions in many well-known Canadian and U.S. companies — without commissions. Some of the participating companies are Imperial Oil, Northern Telecom, Imasco and Upjohn.

In a TV Ontario feature on the CSA, John Berrys, the founding President of the Association's Toronto Chapter described the appeal of the CSA's educational program this way:

"Sensible people often spend half a day or more shopping for a new suit, jewellery or other item costing hundreds of dollars, and yet these same people invest several thousand dollars in a stock without investing even an hour of their time studying its investment merits. . . The CSA Guide helps investors follow a disciplined approach to studying a stock's fundamentals without wasting a lot of time."

Financial security is of primary concern for most investors. The CSA addresses this concern by providing members with the skills, tools and knowledge necessary to make consistent, successful investment decisions.

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Recession slows down school construction

Netivot opens; others hopeful

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE
Special to The CJN

Many of the Toronto-area Jewish day schools are forging ahead with the construction of new buildings, even though more than half of the 12 community-funded schools have operating deficits, and parental demand for tuition subsidies continues to be high because of the recession.

"Five of the 12 schools have been breaking even. Three have an accumulated deficit that has been covered by bank loans or mortgages. Four others have a shortfall which they have been meeting with internal endowments or surpluses," said Bernard Shoub, director of school finances at the Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

The BJE, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, oversees the fiscal operation of those Jewish schools which receive communal funding.

The bulk of the operating tab for the Jewish day schools is paid by the students' parents. Full annual tuition fees range from $5,700 and up for the elementary grades, to $8,500 and up for high school.

Shoub estimates that at the elementary school level, tuition paid by parents accounts for 85-95 per cent of the income collected by the school. At the high school level, the parents' share drops to between 45 and 65 per cent. Those figures vary from school to school, with the BJE and individual school fundraising campaigns paying the difference.

The percentage of students who are given tuition subsidies has risen over the past several years.

In 1989-90, 37.9 per cent of students in communally-funded schools got financial assistance. That figure rose each year over the next four years until it reached a peak of 43 per cent in 1992-93. For the current 1993-94 school year, the percentage has dropped a little to 42.3 per cent.

This, academic year, the communally-funded schools submitted budgets asking the BJE for a total of $10.2 million, the difference between their costs and what the parents could pay. The BJE's recommendation, based on its own formula, was to allocate them $9.2 million. Federation was only able to give them $6.5 million.

Gym teacher Liliane Rende takes a grade 2 class through its paces at Netivot HaTorah's new facility in Thornhill. See also story page 47. [Alron photo]

This, Shoub explained, reflected the approximately 7 percent drop in appropriations for most communal functions. In the 1992-93 year, the schools asked for $10.9 million. BJE recommended that they receive $9.3 million, and the final allotment was $7 million.

How are the schools coping?

Shoub says they are doing some very tight budgeting. For example, they save money by purchasing bulk school supplies and materials through the North York School Board rather than from regular retail outlets; they have done some tough negotiating with their janitorial suppliers; and some schools have negotiated their 1993-94 teachers' contract with no across-the-board salary increases.

They have also boosted their fundraising efforts, but according to Shoub, they haven't increased their results.

"Too many people are competing for the same dollar," he said.

The individual schools, not the BJE, are responsible for any annual operating deficits and for capital expenditures.

And despite the tough times, many schools have launched ambitious expansion projects.

Associated Hebrew Day Schools, with about 3,000 students Toronto's largest Jewish day school network, is currently constructing a new campus on Atkinson Avenue north of Centre Street in Thornhill. The estimated cost is $10 million. The approximately 100,000 square foot facility will be able to house about 1,000 children from Nursery through Grade 6.

According to Associated president Dr. Harry Krakowsky, the building is currently 'closed in' — the roof is on, the exterior walls, floors and windows are there, and the mechanical and heating systems are roughed in.

But he will not venture a target date for the building's completion, because construction of the Thornhill campus is linked to three other projects.

First and foremost, it is linked to the sale of the Associated site on Neptune, and the subsequent erection of a senior citizens' assisted-housing building as well as a new, small Associated branch.

According to Sheldon Goodman, a vice-president of Associated and chair of the Neptune Building Committee, permission has already been received to rezone the Neptune site.

In August of 1993, Associated and the Baycrest Hospital jointly submitted an application to the Ontario Ministry of Housing for construction of a seniors' housing project under the Jobs Ontario program. If the government approves the application, the property would be sold to a non-profit corporation, managed by Baycrest, which would handle the construction and running of the seniors' project.

Associated estimates the sale of the Neptune property to that corporation will generate $4 million.

Goodman noted it could take three to six months to get the ministry's response.

The building of the new Thornhill campus is also linked to two other projects:

- Renovation of the Hurwich (Finch Avenue) branch to accommodate a junior high.
- Renovation of the Leslie Avenue branch to accommodate the administration of the Associated schools.

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Community committed to education

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Despite the recession, the Toronto Jewish community continued to demonstrate its commitment to Jewish education, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Toronto Board of Jewish Education, told *The CJN* in a review of the past year.

With a day school enrolment of 9,662 and a supplementary school attendance of 6,094, the total for the year was 15,756. The overall figure was 54 lower than last year, reflecting a drop of about 100 in supplementary school attendance, and offset by an increase of 43 in the day school enrolment. The total figure for elementary schools was 8,272, and for high schools, 1,390, both up slightly.

Though the day school figures are precise, enrolment in the supplementary ones has to be "guesstimated" to some extent, Rabbi Witty pointed out.

In addition to the above, there are 235 youngsters in Hebrew classes in the Ministry of Education's Heritage program, primarily in North York.

Nor is the enrolment in two private (Jewish) schools reflected in the totals as they are not affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education owing to a Board policy not to affiliate schools without a constitution and accountability process.

The elementary schools functioned in 20 different locations, the Associated, Eitz Chaim and United Synagogue day schools all having multiple sites.

The eight high schools, with the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto leading the way, also included a significant enrolment at Beth Jacob High School.

Despite continued growth, the Jewish school enrolment represents only 50 per cent of the total number of Jewish youngsters in the city at any given time. But, Rabbi Witty explained, this figure is misleading because some children drop out after a few years, or drop back in, so that the Board's estimate is that 85 to 90 per cent of Jewish children have some contact with the Jewish school system.

The Board would like to see more children of recent immigrants in the system, Rabbi Witty said, noting that the number of children from the former Soviet Union is below the 50 per cent figure of the total population. The enrolment from the South African community is also below that level.

Accessibility to Jewish day schools for families in outlying areas is a continuing problem.

On the financial side, Jewish day schools are confronting a serious situation, the executive director said, because for the 1993-94 academic year, aid from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto was cut by seven per cent on a global basis, meaning that some of the hard-pressed schools had to deal with a reduction in their aid allocation of from 15 to 20 per cent.

This resulted even though the Board trimmed $1.5 million from the $10.8 million of aid originally requested by the schools for the 1993-94

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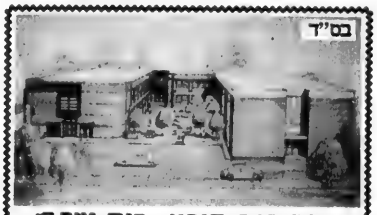

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Series teens are now in high school

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

It's now two years since *The CJN* first focused on four Toronto students as part of a long-term series to be completed in the year 2000. Naomi Emerson, Alison Bresver, Jacob Korenblum and Chaim Greenwald appeared in this paper in January 1992 as 12 and 13-year-olds, on the cusp of Jewish adulthood, and of their teenage years. and of their teenage years.

Two years later, all are now in high school. They continue to represent a diversity of backgrounds within the Jewish community.

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Naomi Emerson, 14, graduated last June as Associated Hebrew Schools' athlete of the year and Hebrew valedictorian. She finds Ulpanat Orot, the Orthodox (Bnei Akiva) girls' high school she now attends, "very different from Associated."

Not that she's unhappy, although she's had to get used to a heavier workload and a stricter dress code than at Associated, as well as to being in an all-girl school.

She finds that her fellow students "are more themselves with no guys around" and says that the atmosphere at Ulpana is "more homey," partly due to the small size of the classes (there are 18 in her class) and partly because she finds a number of the teachers very approachable. "You can just speak to them if you have a problem," she says.

Naomi is pleased that a school basketball team is being organized. "We asked our teacher if we could have one," she says, smiling. When interviewed in December, she was looking forward to trying out for the team in January. Naomi spent most of first term recovering from a painful ankle injury sustained during a late summer basketball game.

Naomi was also looking forward to participating fully in thrice-weekly gym classes. Her 42.5-hour school week includes a full secular curriculum as well as subjects such as Mishna, Torah and Hebrew language.

Unlike their male counterparts at Or Chaim, students at Ulpanat Orot do not have classes on Sunday. The girls don't learn Gemara, explains Naomi, who is grateful to have her Sunday mornings free.

Naomi, whose family is Orthodox, believes that while women should have a [Jewish and secular] education "for sure," she "doesn't believe in women rabbis" and doesn't think that women should lead services.

Last Purim Naomi went to a women-only megillah reading, which she found "sort of awkward. I wasn't used to women reading the megillah." She added that she doesn't think they should read it in front of a whole congregation.

Naomi Emerson

Although her school day includes daily tefillah (prayers), Naomi says it's not the same thing. "We more daven to ourselves. We don't say it out loud together, and we don't read from the Torah."

Naomi, like the other youngsters profiled in this series, isn't thinking too much about her own future these days. "I'm focusing on my workload," she says.

She finds "amazing" the fall of Canada's Progressive Conservative party last year as well as the signing of the Israel-PLO peace accord. She expressed concerns about the latter: "I don't think Arafat could just turn around and be peace-loving, and even if he does, there are so many Arab groups who aren't. I think [the peace process] should be slower, more gradual."

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Alison Bresver, also known as Ali, is in her first year at Lawrence Park Collegiate. Although she had planned to enter the enriched program at Northern Secondary School, she changed her mind so that she could continue in French immersion as she did at Glenview Public School.

"I really like it," says 14-year-old Ali enthusiastically of her first year in high school. She enjoys being in a bigger school around older students.

Ali is continuing her Jewish education at Temple Emanu-El's supplementary school. She attends pre-Confirmation classes which are held every other week on Sunday afternoon. The class year includes three weekend retreats as well as a trip to New York at the end of the year, following studies on immigration to the New World.

"We're learning a lot about Jewish history," says Ali. "The difference between shtetls and ghettos is one thing we've learned. [Teachers Ashley Myerson and Lyn Kaplan] make it fun to learn. They find activities for us to do, like debates. It gets it into our heads better than if they would just [lecture] to us."

Being a Reform Jew is particularly meaningful to Ali because of the role that women play in Reform Judaism. "You get to have a real bat mitzvah," she says, explaining that to her a "real" bat mitzvah includes reading from the Torah.

"I've been to other bat mitzvahs where the girl won't even sit on the bimah and is called up to say a prayer or something. I don't think that's right. I think you deserve to read from the Torah and it shouldn't matter what sex you are, because it's a part of our heritage. It's been passed down, and it's a very important part of being Jewish. The Torah is sacred.

"I think if I didn't have a bat mitzvah, I probably would not care about being Jewish so much. I probably would not still be in Confirmation [class] or in my Jewish youth group [at Temple Emanu-El].

Alison Bresver

"It's important to me to be Jewish. I don't know what my beliefs are really. I don't go to synagogue that often, but I'm sort of thinking about that a lot now. I'm trying to figure out what I believe."

Ali has discussed God with her friends, most of whom are Christian. "We're old enough to think things through and not just [believe something] because our parents tell us."

One of the issues that was discussed in her pre-Confirmation class was intermarriage. "I didn't really think about it [before]. I think if you're in love, you marry whoever you want to. I'd still keep up being Jewish, but I'm not going to walk around looking for someone Jewish. I don't see anything wrong with interdating. My parents, of course, prefer that I marry someone Jewish, but they wouldn't be mad or not talk to me if I [married a non-Jew]."

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Jacob Korenblum, 14, has left the Jewish day school system and is now in Grade 9 in the gifted program at Northern Secondary School.

He graduated from Bialik Hebrew Day School as French valedictorian, and is continuing his Jewish studies in a weekly class for high school students taught by Rabbi Larry Pinsker (of the Reconstructionist synagogue Darchei Noam) at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch.

Among other things, the class has increased Jacob's awareness of women's issues in Judaism. One of the class discussions concerned options for Orthodox women who want an expanded religious role.

"If you're Orthodox, are you supposed to change to Reconstructionist [which offers egalitarian services], or are you supposed to fight for change within the Orthodox movement?" asks Jacob.

The class has enabled him to continue learning about Jewish subjects, so in that way he doesn't miss the Jewish aspect of Bialik, he says. The only thing he lacks now that he's no longer at day school, he says, is the opportunity to speak Hebrew.

Jacob is enjoying his studies at Northern, which include Communication. He recently completed a unit on the psychology of advertising, "stuff I don't normally have time for."

Jacob has maintained his connection to the music world. In 1992 he left the Toronto Children's Chorus, with which he had toured to England and France. On the day he was interviewed, he was singing with their alumni choir. He does at least one concert a year with them, he said. He is also studying Harmony and Flute at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Jacob Korenblum

Jacob has been an avid viewer of CBC's television news since the Gulf War and followed last fall's federal election with interest.

"I didn't like the fact that the Reform party and the Bloc got so many seats. I think they're too right wing.

"I think [the election results weren't former Prime Minister] Kim Campbell's fault. She was stuck with a lot of problems. I kind of feel sorry for her. It's not like she passed any legislation that would make people hate her." A woman prime minister is "fine with me," said Jacob.

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Chaim Greenwald, 15, says he didn't think Kim Campbell was a very good leader, although he doesn't think being a woman had to do with her defeat. "I don't have anything against women in politics. A woman is capable. It just had to be the right person for the job," says Chaim.

Chaim is now in Grade 10 at Wisconsin Institute of Torah Studies (WITS), a Milwaukee yeshiva where he lives in a dormitory during the school year. He entered the yeshiva last year after completing Grade 8 at Toronto's Eitz Chaim Day School.

When asked about women taking a more prominent role in Jewish religious life, such as becoming rabbis, Chaim answers, "From what I've learned, it's wrong. It's what I was taught, but I agree. [As far as what others] feel is right for them, I'm not going to argue with them as of now."

Chaim Greenwald

Chaim's day at yeshiva runs from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Friday is a shortened day, and there are classes on Sunday morning. Chaim plays basketball once a week and catches up with his sleep on Shabbat.

Every third week the students have an opportunity to spend Shabbat with a family. Chaim sometimes takes the bus to Chicago, 1 1/2 hours away, to spend Shabbat with the family of a school friend.

About 99 per cent of Chaim's friends are also in yeshiva, he says. He is still in touch with his Toronto friends, some of whom have gone on to Ner Israel Yeshiva, others to Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak in Hamilton.

Chaim's curriculum includes a full secular program. Most of his secular teachers are not Jewish, he reports.

Chaim "will probably" continue his yeshiva education in Israel after he completes Grade 12 at WITS.

Lower costs, fundraising to ease financial crunch

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In addition to the $10 million required for the Thornhill campus, $2-$3 million is needed to build the new school on Neptune and to renovate the Hurwich and Leslie branches.

Krakowsky said the school has already received pledges of about $2.5 million.

And he revealed that the school's board of directors has authorized borrowing up to $2.5 million from the bank.

"We felt that's the limit we should borrow that's prudent and fiscally responsible," he said.

Taking into account the $4 million anticipated from the sale of the Neptune property, the pledges to date and the bank loan, that leaves a fund-raising campaign target of about $3.5 million.

Now that the UJA campaign has ended, the Associated campaign will swing into full gear.

Krakowsky said finding the money for the new building will be done "like any other fundraising drive — by person-to-person, face-to-face canvassing."

And he stressed that the parent body will not be forced to pay for the expansion.

"The philosophy of the school is that tuition has never been reflective of capital costs. Tuition covers the operating cost of educating the child, and it is our intention to continue that policy," Krakowsky said.

As for progress on the new building on Atkinson Avenue, Krakowsky admitted that "fundraising is slow, so construction is slow . . . We're very optimistic that we'll be able to raise the money. But we don't want to put the entire school system at risk with a huge indebtedness to the bank."

A short walk away from the new Associated site, on Atkinson Avenue just north of Clark Avenue, is the spanking new campus of Netivot HaTorah.

Executive administrator Alan Steinfeld says the building is "pretty well finished. It's functional and functioning, with only a few specialty rooms to be completed, like the library, which is not furnished yet."

The school has construction financing from the bank, which will be converted to a mortgage, and it has pledges from donors, both parents of students and members of the community at large.

"But we still have to pay the shortfall between the cost of the building and the pledges to date, and we have to do fundraising for carrying the mortgage until it is paid off," Steinfeld noted.

He conceded that "it's a difficult economy to fundraise in, because people are strapped... but the nice part is, construction costs at this time are low."

Steinfeld said Netivot, like Associated, has no plans to change its policy of keeping tuition fees and capital expenses separate.

Adjacent to the new Netivot on Atkinson Avenue is the Leo Baeck Day School's new campus. It will replace the present Kenton Drive branch, and will accommodate Nursery to Grade 8. Total projected cost is $5.6 million, of which the land cost was $1.6 million. The new building will also house the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

Zita Gardner, director of Leo Baeck, said the first floor is currently being walled in, the whole building should be closed in by the end of March and should be fully completed by the end of July.

"We'll be in by September 1994. We're right on target," she declared.

The imposition of a building levy on school parents is where Leo Baeck differs from Associated and Netivot HaTorah.

Gardner explained that since 1991, parents have paid a construction levy amounting to half a year's tuition, payable over six years.

The school has also received contributions from Toronto's Reform congregations and from two major donors, the Dan and Koffler families.

Other sources of funding are bank financing and past and ongoing fund-raising drives which draw on school parents as well as the broader community.

"We started a little bit later than the other schools, and we downsized from our original plan — though we did pour a foundation that will allow us to add more classrooms at a future date — but we knew we were going to complete it," Gardner said.

Or Haemet, Ontario's only Sephardi Jewish day school, is also poised to launch a major expansion.

The school has rented premises at the Adath Israel Synagogue near Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue for more than a decade. This summer it plans to begin construction of a new 70,000 square foot facility on Bathurst north of Steeles.

"This is our first capital expansion. The only way we can grow is by having our own facilities. Right now we don't have a gym, we can't use the building on Sundays and our weekday hours are restricted because the facilities are used by the synagogue," explained Or Haemet president Jacques Benquesus.

He also noted that when the school was founded 18 years ago, most of the Sephardi community lived in the Bathurst corridor between Lawrence and Finch Avenues. Now, he said, most reside north of Finch.

The parcel of land was donated a few years ago by Tony Montemorano of Lakeview Homes.

Benquesus said the estimated cost of the new school is $4.5-$5 million, and it's expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

"We're going to build in phases. We expect to be partly operational in September, 1995. The school will be there, but it won't be completed," Benquesus said.

He said the school's parents are not in a position to fund the expansion, and he hopes to manage without bank financing.

He said the school already has commitments from individuals for more than 50 per cent of the required sum, and a fundraising campaign directed at the Jewish community at large will begin in March.

Benquesus said Or Haemet board members had made a deliberate decision to hold off construction until now, because of the tough economic times.

"Waiting has worked in our favor in two ways. In 1988 we got a construction cost estimate of $8 million. Now it will cost us $4-$5 million. Plus, I think we still have another year of this recession, but by the time we'll have finished building, the recession will be over and people will have more income to contribute."

Unlike the other schools, the United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS) didn't build, they bought.

Until this year, they had always leased their premises, from three synagogues — Beth Tzedec in Forest Hill, Beth Tikvah in the Bayview- Finch area and Shaareh Haim in Richmond Hill.

This past spring, after the Shaareh Haim congregation collapsed in the recession, USDS bought the building from the bank, paying for part of the cost and also obtaining bank financing.

Like most of the other day schools, USDS does not plan to impose a levy on students' parents to pay for the capital expenditure.

But USDS president Dr. Ira Schecter admits it will be much harder raising the money from the parent body and from the community than it was in the mid-80s, when more than $2 million worth of renovations were done to the Bayview and Bathurst campuses.

"It's definitely a harder sell now. But you have to persevere. It boils down to the strength of the identity you can develop between families and their school. If parents want to maintain the school with the right physical facilities and resources, they'll have to dig into their pockets," Schecter said.

"In 1982, my first year on the board, we had a very small — in today's terms — operating deficit, and everyone was hysterical. There was a recession then too, but we reversed the deficit. We developed an expansion strategy and we grew."

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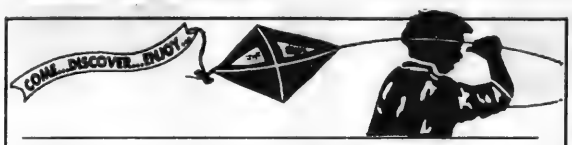

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(From left) Ryan Banach, Hagit Seibelman and Libby Berkovitch perform in a Yiddish play at the first annual Chanukah concert of the Associated Hebrew Schools Yiddish classes.

Yiddish classes on the rise

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

Ana Berman's Grade 3 class is preparing for Yom Bialik. The children practise the songs and speeches they will present at a school-wide assembly honoring Bialik Hebrew Day School's namesake. It's a routine rehearsal except for one thing: the 8 year olds are doing it all in Yiddish.

Berman has been teaching Yiddish at Bialik for 13 years. In that time, every one of the school's students has passed through her classroom, beginning in Grade 3 and continuing to Grade 5, after which another teacher takes over until Grade 8 and graduation. For now, she instructs over 300 children in the language of her parents' prewar Polish home.

"It's part of our Jewish culture," says Berman simply. Teaching Yiddish, her mother tongue, "is very important to me and I believe very strongly in it."

Bialik is the only Jewish school in Toronto to include Yiddish in its regular curriculum. Schools like Associated Hebrew Day Schools, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and Eitz Chaim Schools no longer offer Yiddish because of the lack of interested students.

"Students aren't opting for it," says Rabbi Marvin Pachino of CHAT, where Yiddish is listed as an elective course. Rabbi Pachino says "considerably less" than the 10 students needed to make up a class sign up each year. CHAT has 600 students in grades 9 to 12.

"We've found that Yiddish does not draw much interest," says Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, principal of general studies at Eitz Chaim. About 25 boys age 6 to 11 take extracurricular classes run by the schools' Mothers Association. There are 1170 students at all three Eitz Chaim campuses.

"It's a supply and demand situation," says Lee Schechter of the Morris Winchevsky School, an after-hours secular school attended by 50 students. "We feel badly about it but we have to go with the flow."

Yiddish is spoken by only 5,000 of Toronto's 150,000 Jews. But it lives on at yeshivot like Yesodei Hatorah and Bnei Hebrew Tzion of Bobov, where it is the language of instruction for cheder. "It is a traditional matter," explains Rabbi Asher Bornstein of Yesodei Hatorah. "About 95 per cent of our students don't have a Yiddish background, but the younger they are, the faster they pick it up." There are over 500 students picking Yiddish up at Yesodei Hatorah.

The language is being kept alive in other ways, too. Adult education classes, seniors' discussion groups, after-hours instruction for school children and three classes at the University of Toronto are all available to those wanting to renew their acquaintance with the mameloschen (mother tongue).

For children, there are Heritage Language classes co-sponsored by the North York Board of Education and the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Committee chair Sylvia Lustgarten says between 45 and 50 students are currently enroled in the free, year-long classes, taught Sunday mornings at Associated Hebrew Day School on Finch Avenue. The children range in age from 4 to 12 and are taught at three levels.

The Committee for Yiddish also helped develop the high school credit course in Yiddish offered at Earl Haig Secondary School in North York. Lustgarten says 30 teens and adults are taking the weekly classes, offered through the school's continuing education program, at the grades 10, 11 and OAC (Ontario Academic Credit) levels. These classes emphasize written Yiddish and are free.

For those adults who prefer a less structured approach to Yiddish, there are eight weekly Yiddish conversation classes in North York. The groups meet in synagogues like Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth David or Temple Sinai and cost $37.50 for seven weeks. Another conversation class is held downtown at the Jewish Community Centre on Wednesday evenings. This Toronto Board of Education sponsored class has 18 students, each of whom pays $5 for a two-hour session.

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BJE keeps costs down, service, efficiency up

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

In these times of fiscal restraint, the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) is working harder and smarter.

Members of the board's strategic planning committee looking at a reorganization of the agency, recognized that lean times lay ahead at a January 1991 meeting. "They came to the conclusion that serious consideration could not be given to any significant expansion and that there would be greater demands on staff," said Rabbi Irwin Witty, the board's executive director.

The reorganization has resulted in a more limited budget and a smaller staff serving the 61 day and supplementary schools at some 70 locations.

Rabbi Witty said the committee found that lay involvement in many areas was limited and they set out to remedy what was perceived to be a situation in need of change. "As a result, the number of members of the BJE was increased, a number of board positions were rotated, an educational service committee with representation from many segments of the education community was established and co-options were made to a number of restructured board committees."

The BJE offers a variety of supports to the Jewish school system. They include teacher interviewing and referral, programs for teachers and principals, teacher training, coordination of inter-school activities, guidance and counselling services in subsidized schools, and a media and resource centre.

The board aims to heighten the awareness in the Jewish community of the availability, accessibility and affordability of a formal Jewish education for each child. It seeks to sustain a fundamental unity of purpose, while recognizing the diversity of views that exists among its affiliates, and to foster high standards of Jewish schooling. The board is also committed to enhancing and promoting Jewish education in Metropolitan Toronto.

BJE staff has taken a special interest in promoting Jewish continuity at the elementary and high schools.

A consultation service offered by the board to its affiliated schools includes individual class visits, meetings with the class teacher to review the consultant's observations and consider special problems, and reports to the principal and lay leadership. From the time to time the board participates in curriculum development at the invitation of individual schools. "An effort is made to provide institutions with a consultant who is ideologically compatible with the religious and educational philosophy of the school," said Rabbi Witty.

A major function of the BJE is to provide in-service professional development programs for teachers and principals in Jewish schools. These include conferences and seminars on a wide range of subjects, such as methods for teaching the Hebrew language, methods for teaching Judaic subjects, the Holocaust, and Israel.

Senior staff of the BJE is responsible for administering the Toronto Jewish Teachers' Seminary — the Midrasha L'Morim. Rabbi Witty said that in addition to conducting and supervising the year-round teacher training program, the Midrasha provides a summer school for the training of teachers for service in supplementary schools.

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A Jewish teacher training program at York University that began 13 years ago is conducted in cooperation with the Board of Jewish Education.

The board administers the Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Scholarship Awards as a bursary program that provides financial assistance to students planning to embark upon a career in Jewish education.

Through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the BJE provides subsidies and grants to schools in the community. According to Rabbi Witty, the board fulfils a major role as a screening and monitoring agent responsibile for supervising fiscal management at subsidized schools and examining various financial operations of those schools that receive subsidies. BJE staff analyze school budgets, review teacher salaries and establish tuition fee reduction guidelines for subsidized schools.

The board directs and co-ordinates a number of joint projects among its affiliated schools, including local, regional and national Bible contests, the UJA campaign in the schools and the UJA walkathon, an inter-school music festival, Jewish Book Month activities, an inter-school dance festival, a Passover food campaign for needy families and a day school parents association.

The BJE Media Centre has the largest collection of audio-visual materials on Jewish themes in North America.

The BJE's Teacher Centre gives staffs of all affiliated schools the opportunity to develop creative materials for use in classes. "Under the guidance of a part-time director, the centre offers teachers training in the use of art, games and instructional aids, all of it produced by the teachers themselves," said Rabbi Witty.

In the past few years, new supplementary schools have been opened in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding areas. Conferences for lay people and professionals in the new schools are held under the auspices of BJE. Sessions centre on curriculum, teacher training, hiring practices, educational materials, funding and budgeting.

BJE staff is directly involved in the governance and operations of the Orah School for Jewish children from the Soviet Union, a part-time instructional program.

Through publicity and public relations work, the BJE keeps the community, including immigrants and families recently relocated in Toronto, informed of the opportunities for Jewish education. "The staff of the board is on call to address different parent groups, young couples clubs, sisterhoods, and other organizations about schools and alternative Jewish programs," Rabbi Witty said.

Staff members answer questions about Jewish education, by telephone or by letter. They regularly reply to queries concerning common practices in registration and fees, choices of schools for children, schools and Jewish communities elsewhere in Canada, the United States, Israel and Europe, scholarships and bursaries available to students interested in pursuing advanced Jewish studies, and research data available to graduate students and others writing about Jewish education in Toronto.

The BJE works closely with the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education in their efforts to lobby for government funding of the Jewish day schools.

The board is made up of 36 representatives from day and supplementary schools whose term of office is two years. The membership reflects the various ideological movements within the Jewish school system.

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Leah Posluns Theatre School lets kids, adults be expressive

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

What can you or your children have in common with Hollywood heartthrob Keanu Reeves? You too can hone your acting skills at the Leah Posluns Theatre School.

But learning about the theatre is not only for those with their eye on a professional career, says director Rose Dubin, who has been associated with the school since it opened in 1977.

Theatre is the most social of the arts, she says. She believes that through the school, children, teenagers and even adults learn to relate to their peers, develop self-confidence, and gain important life experiences.

Youngsters today are in danger of becoming TV couch potatoes, Dubin worries. While she doesn't consider all television bad, children "don't have to use their imagination. It affects their concentration skills and their ability to think imaginatively, and they are less creative."

People learn to express themselves better, and to organize themselves. "Even an improvisation has a structure to it. They learn that everything has to have a beginning, a middle and an end."

Attending such a school also "helps build a critical audience," Dubin believes. "You look at a play in a different light, with a different perspective. Even if you become a doctor or a social worker, you can still have [an appreciation of] theatre."

Students from age seven to adult can take creative drama classes, where, through theatre games, exercises and improvisation they learn "the scales of acting. You learn to use yourself and your body."

Later, you can take more advanced classes, learning "what works theatrically. You might do the same exercise (as the basic class) but you analyse what is going on."

The theatre school also offers instruction in other areas, such as backstage (lighting, sound, and set design), directing and musical theatre. More advanced classes are available for older students and admission may be by audition.

The teaching staff are professionals in the theatre world. They include such noted personalities as Lewis Baumander, founder and artistic director of Skylight Theatre, actor David Eisner,and writer and actress Judy Silver.

Dubin takes special pride in the Young Company, where students actually put on plays. They have produced a play on racism in the schools, for the Ontario Anti-Racist Secretariat, one for the Ministry of Health on how the media affect the teenage image, and a production of *Macbeth*, set after a nuclear war.

They have just held auditions for their next Young Company play, *Romeo and Juliet*. ("Keanu Reeves played Mercutio once when we put it on, so you can see the possibilities!")

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Religious study courses spread through Toronto

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to the CJN

Religious studies for adults have become a priority for many community organizations.

Along with numerous adult courses provided by synagogues and schools, the proliferation of other classes and seminars available in the community provides an opportunity for individuals to expand their knowledge of Bible, history and numerous other challenging areas of study.

The Institute for Jewish Learning of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto recently released its 1994 course catalogue which lists more than 40 courses. The institute has a diverse faculty from Toronto and all around the world, says director Mark Charendoff. Toronto's largest non-denominational Jewish studies program, the institute's faculty includes academics, university professors, diplomats and rabbis, with a wide range of backgrounds and ideologies.

The opening program, titled, James Dean Meets Cain & Abel, presented by Noam Zion, one of Jerusalem's outstanding educators, was a study of family conflicts, Biblical and modern. The course titles for winter/spring include — Biblical, Talmudic and Responsa literature, Jewish history, comparative religion, traditions, kashrut, current events, parenting, feminism, and a host of others.

Nishma, an international, non-profit Torah study network is dedicated to a thorough and absorbing investigation of Jewish wisdom and law. Its multifaceted activities encourage and facilitate the challenging pursuit of Torah knowledge and understanding. The heart of the entire Nishma network is its resource and research facility at the Toronto Nishma Centre, 358A Wilson Ave., Downsview.

Under the direction of founding director Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, Nishma's programs present the entire spectrum of halachic opinions and are designed to serve the educational needs of people of all backgrounds — from rabbis and advanced yeshivah students to those with limited Jewish education.

Nishma circulates a magazine with quarterly updates, and presents lectures, seminars and panel discussions on a variety of topics including women and Judaism, L.A. Law vs Jewish Law, and abortion. Study guides include subjects such as Jewish Love and Marriage, Revelation at Sinai, and What is a Jew? Nishma encourages people to think and to believe that questioning is a function of clarification — not a denial of faith.

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, a program of the Canadian Council For Reform Judaism, is a community adult education program headed by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. Kolel provides an opportunity for men and women to examine the traditional texts together from a modern, egalitarian perspective. Recently, Kolel presented its opening program of the season with a week of study on spirituality and faith, with leading rabbis and a psychotherapist.

Traditional texts; egalitarian approach

The spring sessions, which are open to the community regardless of synagogue affiliation or extent of personal observance, include courses on moral laws and personal ethics, Pirkei Avot, Bereshit, basic Judaism, Women in the Torah, introduction to Jewish prayer and others.

Rabbi Philip Scheim, of the Conservative movement says that the goal of programs presented by Conservative synagogues and by the **United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism,** Ontario region is to provide some sessions which are a basic introduction for Jews of all ages interested in topics such as kashruth, life cycle and ritual observance.

The winter sessions include major themes in Jewish theology, Israel, tzedakah-gemilut hasadim (acts of kindness), the Holocaust and some study of other religions. These sessions are held at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Road. Individual synagogues present classes on a number of topics.

Aish HaTorah is well known for its diversified programming which caters to the needs of Jews from all backgrounds. Expanded to four affiliated Learning Centres, each location offers seminars, courses and public lectures that convey the depth, relevance and beauty of our Jewish heritage, says Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith, programming coordinator for Aish.

Aish's four shuls have created a warm, communal service featuring classes on the weekly portion. The seminars and course topics include: soul and the afterlife, Jewish life cycle, ethics, contemporary issues and others. The textual courses delve into the Torah and Talmudic sources. Aish presents Discovery Seminars, programs for women which range from special one-day seminars to daytime and evening courses, and Aish hosts prominent speakers from around the world.

Every day of the week, **Ohr Somayach/Jewish Education Program** offers courses in philosophy, Hebrew, Torah, Talmud and many more. From beginning through advanced levels, Ohr Somayach's expanding programs reach out and provide an opportunity to reconnect with Judaism and to learn the beauty of our Jewish practices says Rabbi Avram Rothman, the executive director of Ohr Somayach/JEP.

Open to all members of the Jewish community, Ohr Somayach provides the community with an opportunity to explore Judaism in a warm, friendly and accepting environment. It offers weekly lectures, special events, holiday celebrations, week-end retreats and religious services for beginners. There is a Women's Studies Department and general programs on such diverse topics as evolution, free will, philosophy, Jewish law, marriage and Torah.

Home, school, shul must work together: UCS head

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Home, School and synagogue should work together to educate each child Jewishly says Ziona Rubinsztejn, the new director of education for United Congregational Schools, an afternoon Hebrew school that houses about 430 students at two campuses.

"The ideal Jewish education is best achieved when home, school, synagogue and the total environment act in concert to prepare children to take their place in the world as productive, cultured Jews, aware of commitment to their heritage," she says.

After just a few months in her new position, Rubinsztejn has proven time and time again that this philosophy is much more than words. Holiday workshops have been prepared to include parents and children and the grade seven Mitzvah program has families coming to synagogue on Sunday mornings, going on outings of Jewish interest and learning together.

"For the first time this year, children are being recognized for attending synagogue. On each Shabbat or holiday that they are in shul, they receive a gold sticker. We keep track of the stickers and at the end of the year they are recognized for their shul participation. What we are doing, is trying to make Hebrew a life experience."

Ziona Rubinsztejn

Rubinsztejn is intent on getting children to go to Hebrew school beyond their bar/bat mitzvah year and to this end, she is working on expanding UCS's high school program. The current program allows students to earn a high school credit and exposes them to Hebrew, history and the Jewish community. "I would like to see a flourishing high school, but in order to do this we have to make sure that grade seven is an exciting and positive learning experience. The more we make each child aware how important they are, the more they will want to continue to learn. Give them a love for Judaism and learning and let them know they have a responsibility and that will be translated into a lifestyle."

Learning means a lot of fun to Rubinsztejn, and classes at all levels are peppered with learning games that keep up the students' interests. "We also offer a lot of extracurricular activities such as the choir, which is participating in this year's Zimriah, and a dance program which will prepare participants to take part in the annual Rikudiyah, a dance festival under the auspices of the Jewish Board of Education. The Bible Contest is also an important event each year."

Students with learning difficulties are not forgotten at UCS and the staff is fully qualified and always willing to give remedial help. "All the teachers are dedicated to providing each student with a positive, enriching learning experience."

North American Beth Jacob convention a huge success

Shaindy Sigler (left) and Shoshana Lebovic hard at work organizing the Beth Jacob convention.

Students from Toronto's Beth Jacob High School played host to fellow Beth Jacobites from throughout North America recently. That everyone had a terrific time — as well as a spiritually uplifting one — shows in this happy picture [Top, from left] Tirzah Stefansky, Chani Rothschild, Rochie Yarmush and Rachel Meller. [Bottom, from left] Shaindy Sigler (convention co-head), Chani Zimmerman and Shoshana Lebovic (convention co-head).

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

So you think you had it tough organizing your Chanukah family party? Well, just talk to Shaindy Sigler and Shoshana Lebovic, grade 12 students at Toronto's Beth Jacob High School.

They recently co-ordinated, planned and carried out the North American convention of Beth Jacob High Schools, held this year at the facility on Lawrence near Bathurst. Over 700 girls from some 36 Beth Jacob schools in such near and far cities as Montreal, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Cleveland, Washington, Baltimore, Denver, and Philadelphia, arrived by bus, car and plane for the annual highlight.

Toronto hosts the convention once every five years.

Although each Beth Jacob High School is independent, they are united in the principle of a strong religious-oriented education for young Jewish women. The movement was founded in Poland, in the early part of the century, by Sara Schenirer.

Sigler and Lebovic are quick to point out that they did not carry out their task alone; every girl in the school, from committee heads to the newest grade 9 student, had a role.

"Everyone felt a part of it; everyone worked in harmony," Lebovic said.

Sigler remembers that sometimes she and Lebovic would wander through the school to see what was going on. "It was incredible. In every room something was happening, painting, building, singing."

The school started gearing up just after last Pesach. With the help of faculty advisor Shifra Spiro, meetings were held, plans were made, housing was organized.

"We always had in mind that it should be a worthwhile experience — not just fun," said Lebovic.

Just arranging for housing was a formidable undertaking. Over 400 out-of-towners had to be billeted, as well as the many Toronto students who live too far away to go home for Shabbat.

The program, which ran from Thursday night to Sunday night, included a musical presentation, lectures and discussions, lots of time for socializing, a trip to the Science Centre, and, as a grand finale, a boat cruise on Toronto Harbour.

"We wanted a space large enough for a kumsitz and for dancing, but that at the same time was a closed space, conducive to togetherness and warmth," Lebovic said.

The school itself was decorated with posters and artwork. One of the themes was the blessings said on very special things, such as when seeing a monarch, a waterfall, an exceptionally righteous person, or a brilliant scientist. A figure of Albert Einstein, suitably dressed in a white lab coat, was a popular attraction.

Four rooms in the school had exhibits about Israel, its agriculture, history and holy places, and the Torah. Computer games and models helped make the displays more meaningful.

The atmosphere was electric, Sigler and Lebovic agreed. "It was a real feeling of togetherness, a feeling that we are all Beth Jacob, even if we are from different families and different backgrounds. There was a great feeling of unity and pride, when you saw 700 girls all singing the same songs, davening together, and all the smiles."

Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, principal of Beth Jacob High School of Toronto, said that the purpose of these conventions "is to inspire the girls to strive for a stronger commitment and identification with Judaism. They learn the theory, practice and academics (at school) but at convention this turns into an intellectual and emotional involvement with tradition."

This is especially so, he said, for girls from smaller communities, who "get a real sense of belonging."

This convention also featured a series of workshops for principals. "Our lifestyles, our objectives and values, have been the same for thousands of years. But as the environment changes, we have to respond to the pressures of that environment, and give the students the means to feel proud of their heritage."

The principals dealt with ways to inculcate the Beth Jacob ideals, way of life, and emphasis on good character in their schools.

And what did Shaindy Sigler and Shoshana Lebovic get out of their experience?

Lebovic summed it up: "We saw how special every girl is. We learned how much everyone has to offer. There is no one who can't contribute, and sometimes it takes something like convention to bring it out.

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Rachel Wayne (left), is shown with her parents Martyn and Andrea and her 2-year-old sister Brooke. [Frances Kraft photo]

Associated school helps hearing impaired family

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

The bright-eyed seven-year-old is sitting at the front of her classroom for a reason. Rachel Wayne, a Grade 2 student at Associated Hebrew Schools, who participates in Brownies, jazz, baseball and other sports, is hearing impaired. Although a hearing aid brings her level of hearing "close to normal," minor modifications such as preferential seating have optimized her classroom experience.

"She must be able to see my lips [in order to lipread]. It's not quiet in the classroom," explains Karen Brandes, Rachel's English teacher at Associated's Aba and Esther Danilack branch on Leslie Street.

"We've had to make very few accommodations for Rachel," Brandes told *The CJN* in a recent telephone interview. "She's an extremely bright child. I never have to explain something twice to her. She's so sharp, quick and capable."

Shoshana Gelb, Rachel's Hebrew teacher, agrees with Brandes. "She's a wonderful kid. She picks up on the Hebrew really well, and she's not afraid to ask questions."

One accommodation to Rachel's hearing impairment involves a fellow student who has been asked to remind Rachel to look up when the teacher starts to speak, so that Rachel can give the lesson her full attention.

Rachel, like a number of other students at Associated, requires speech therapy. A private health insurance plan provided by Rachel's father's employer covers the cost.

Although speech therapy is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Health for public school students, coverage does not extend to private schools. A lawsuit launched two years ago by Canadian Jewish Congress, representing a group of day school parents, may change that.

Rachel's parents, Martyn and Andrea, chose to send Rachel to Associated because they felt she would receive a better education there than in a public school, they said during a recent interview at their Thornhill home.

Martyn and Andrea are both deaf, and the school has responded to their needs by providing an interpreter (at their request) for orientation night. As well, they have been allotted an extended time slot for parent-teacher interviews, held without an interpreter.

The Waynes use "total communication," a synthesis of lip reading, sign language and speech. The TTY service offered by Bell Canada enables them to communicate by phone with hearing people.

Martyn, who has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Trent University and works for the metropolitan planning department of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, is chair of the upcoming National Congress of Jewish Deaf convention being held in Toronto next August. He is a past president of the Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD). Andrea is secretary/treasurer of the TJAD. Toronto's deaf Jewish community numbers about 150.

Martyn would like the hearing community to be more aware of deaf people, he said. Very few services for the deaf exist in the Jewish community, he added. Sign language interpreters for synagogue services and Hebrew school programs for deaf children are needed services, he said, noting that a lot of deaf Jews "give up."

The Waynes have not given up. They attend High Holiday services at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation and would like Rachel and her younger sister Brooke, to have bat mitzvahs.

Martyn's Jewish education took place at Temple Sinai's Sunday school before his bar mitzvah, which was also held at Temple Sinai. He attended public school with his hearing counterparts from the age of 13, and managed without support services such as interpreters and note takers.

Martyn's wife Andrea, a computer programmer, celebrated her bat mitzvah as a university student through the Hillel group at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Deafness is an "invisible handicap," says Martyn. "We can do everything [that hearing people can do], except that we can't hear."

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Phonics helps children read, must tailor to child's needs

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Phonics has all but disappreared as a component of reading instruction programs in many Metropolitan Toronto schools over the past twenty-five years, to be replaced by the whole language method of instruction.

According to former public school teacher Karyn Spiesman, "We're seeing the problem now, with children at all grade levels experiencing difficulty with reading." She adds that lack of phonics instruction is responsible for most but not all of the reading problems.

Phonics instruction enables beginning readers to put sounds to letters and then to sound out words. With the whole language method they learn to read through "sight words." A child becomes familiar with new words through constant exposure to them by sight. Memorization, guessing at a word's meaning if the context is understood, and reading cues, such as pictures, all play a part in whole language instruction.

Whole language was never meant to replace phonics instruction, but somewhere along the line phonics was tossed by the wayside, Spiesman said. She advocates using both methods of instruction. "I don't dispute whole language, but I believe phonics has got to be part of the program."

Spiesman teaches initial phonic skills privately to young children through the use of music, creative drama, games and literature.

She said knowledge of phonics allows children to approach new words without fear because it enables them to break down the word. "Kids, particularly at kindergarten level, are very eager to read, and giving them the power that phonics gives them will allow them to forge ahead with more self-confidence than without a phonics background."

Children taught to read only with whole language, she says, have trouble reading out loud because they are unable to pronounce some of the words they recognize.

A program of reading instruction which includes phonics, is more effective with parental involvement, Spiesman contends.

"Reading to your child is the bottom line as far as far as developing reading ability goes," she said. "Children who are read to on a regular basis by teachers and parents become far better readers themselves."

She urges parents to read to their children for as long as the children continue to enjoy it, even if their children know how to read.

Phonics instruction is also used as an education tool in the teaching of the Hebrew language.

Dr. Shoshana Kurtz, who instructs second and third year students at York University's faculty of education in methods of teaching Hebrew, said that since Hebrew is a phonetic language it must be taught with phonics; however, she called teaching phonics on its own "nonsensical" and "meaningless." "We teach the whole word as well as phonics."

She said that if students are to remember what they are taught, meaning must be attached to phonetic sounds.

She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school for children with learning difficulties, is eclectic in its methodologies, which include phonics, according to principal Dori Levine. "We focus in on whatever methods are appropriate, in order to capitalize on the strength of a child as well as remediate the deficiencies."

She said phonics provides one avenue to reach a child's needs, noting that phonics is more adaptable for the teaching of Hebrew than English because of the nature of the Hebrew language. "There is greater one to one correspondence between Hebrew sounds and their written representation."

Phonics is rarely used on its own today to teach English, she said, pointing out that in current educational philosophies, "There's been an attempt to integrate holistic approaches with skills development. Phonics is not really seen as a separate subject."

Levine criticized phonics courses promoted on television, stressing that, as a teaching tool, phonics instruction is inadequate on its own.

Sandy Rabinowitz, general studies principal of the Hurwich branch of the Associated Hebrew Day Schools, said the school uses an integrated approach to teaching the reading of English — a combination of whole language and phonics. He says some children rely more on sight vocabulary when they are learning to read, whereas others rely more on phonics.

By the higher grades phonics becomes part and parcel of the spelling program. "One hopes by the end of Grade 2 children are going to be reading relatively fluently and have the phonic skills to decode words," said Rabinowitz.

Children attending the Associated Hebrew Day Schools learn to read Hebrew phonetically by the first four months of the first grade, with comprehension coming later, said Rabbi Abraham Soffer, the school's educational director.

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She'arim Hebrew Day School students Rochel Mirsky (left) and Ricki Ben-Margi working on their Tu B'Shevat project — a tree that "gives" peace. The Integrated Arts Program, facilitated by Judith Leitner-Spetter, is integrated with the study of the holiday, showing the importance of trees to Israel, to the environment and to mankind. The students designed and created their own "giving tree."

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Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner makes a point at a Kollel Chanukah program held at Clanton Park Synagogue.

Kollel offers Torah study for all levels

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Serious Torah study, from the most basic to the most advanced levels, is the hallmark of Kollel Avreichim of Toronto.

The small 15-year-old building on Coldstream Ave. in the Bathurst-Lawrence area of North York is bursting to the rafters with classes, programs, lectures, and people studying.

The heart of the kollel is its 20 full-time and 5 or 6 part-time members. These young men are following in the European tradition of supporting talented, newly married scholars, who spend all their time studying and teaching. They receive housing and a stipend, in exchange for which they are expected to maintain their own high standards of Torah and Talmud study, and impart it to others.

But their activities are only a small part of the mind-boggling array of programs at Kollel Avreichim, explained Rabbi Nathan Hofman, dean of students.

A group of senior citizens comes every day, to daven, eat, socialize and listen to a shiur.

Three times a year, a week-long seminar, Yarchei Kallah, is held. Men usually involved in business or the professions come to study and hear lectures on selected themes.

On any evening, Rabbi Hofman said, at least three shiurim are going on at any time. Besides those the kollel itself decides to give, people can call and ask for a topic, or for someone to study with.

"The students by no means are all either experienced scholars or even religious. Many just want the basics."

Rabbi Hofman emphasized that the kollel is neutral. "Programs like JEP (Ohr Somayach/JEP) do outreach, trying to bring people to be observant. We are just out to teach Torah."

He noted that the kollel attracts many who belong to Conservative or Reform synagogues. "They don't necessarily want to become religious — they just want to study."

A service that the kollel considers of prime importance is their "Halachah Hotline." People can (and do) call in with questions on any aspect of Jewish religious law, and are answered by a competent religious authority.

"The questions can be on very difficult matters, like family problems or monetary matters. We even form a Bais Din (rabbinical court) if necessary."

Dean Rabbi Shlomo Miller is considered a world-renowned posek (one capable of rendering halachic decisions), and he is consulted by people from many countries.

A Sunday morning shiur on the teaching of Maimonides, the Rambam, has been very popular. Originally begun by Rabbi Moshe Rivlin, the class is now given by Kollel dean Rabbi Jacob Hirschman.

The kollel is nothing if not responsive. When boys home from yeshiva began to come around, Rabbi Hofman said, they started a program for them, including guest lectures and prizes for those who learned the most.

Other programs include a weekly lecture on mussar (ethical principles of Judaism), an extensive tape and book library, special lectures and classes for women, and Shabbos and holy day services. Students from Jewish educational institutions, such as Or Chaim, Associated, Eitz Chaim, Netivot and Beth Tzedec come for extra help, Rabbi Hofman said.

Kollel staff are involved in bringing Torah to such far-distant places as Copenhagen, the former Soviet Union, and Chili, and in founding a kollel in Edmonton, Alberta.

"The Kollel is open seven days a week. Someone is here from 6:30 in the morning until after midnight."

The influence of the kollel has touched other Toronto institutions. People associated with Kollel Avreichim have helped establish Zichron Shneur, Minyan Avreichim and Agudah South congregations, a shaatnes-testing lab, and Nachlas Tzvi school, and are involved with kashruth and other educational facilities.

BJE hopes for provincial aid

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year. This left a shortfall of $2.3 million.

In the face of this lessened aid from the Federation, combined with other factors, some schools dipped into their reserves, while others increased their tuition fees by about three per cent, according to Michael Shoub, the Board's director of finances.

In this serious fiscal situation, the Board is "banking a great deal," Rabbi Witty says, on a favorable judgment from the Ontario Court of Appeal on its request for financial help from the Ontario government in meeting the costs of the English portion of its curriculum.

The submission to the Appeals Court is joined by the Ontario Association of Christian Schools and the Multi-Faith Coalition and is opposed by the Metro School Board and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. The judgment is expected soon.

The Board continues to have difficulty in finding enough qualified teachers locally and requires the services of schilichim from Israel.

Up to now, the Ontario Education Ministry has given full co-operation on this matter, acknowledging the special circumstances of the Board's need, Rabbi Witty said. "We hope it will continue."

Despite the financial hardships, the Board has completed its most diversified and successful year of in-service training for new and old teachers and administrative staff. Also it has made substantial progress in a strategic plan, adopted two years ago, requiring a re-organization and re-deployment. "It's trying to do more with less," he said.

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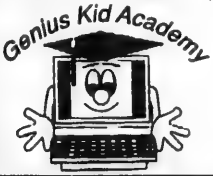

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Scholarly book analyzes education for women

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to the CJN

Toronto educator, scholar and author Shoshana Pantel Zolty has brought new understanding to the subject of Jewish education for women. She says the forces that shaped the education of Jewish women throughout the ages have never been adequately described, analyzed and interpreted.

In her recently published book, *And All Your Children Shall be Learned: Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History*, Zolty helps dispel many myths. Her book, which was chosen as the main selection of the *Jewish Book News* for November, is a definitive volume on the subject of the role of Torah study in the lives of Jewish women.

There are three components to her book. The halachic component traces the development of the legal literature pertaining to the instruction of Torah to women and the various issues surrounding it. She adds the historical component where she searched for all sorts of evidence for the existence of education for women over the centuries and across the Jewish world, primarily informal but not entirely.

She also highlights women of the past who attained heights in Torah study or who contributed to Torah education or religious ritual and activity in some manner or other. For example, Zolty discusses the 20th century initiative of Sarah Schenirer, the founder of the Beth Jacob Schools which established and legitimized formal Jewish education for women.

"Today, women have more leisure time with technological advances, longer life spans, advances in child care — they have additional time in which they can devote themselves productively to Torah study," says Zolty, who has been in the field of education for more than 15 years. She is one of the founders of the Zareinu Educational Center for Special Needs Children.

Shoshana Zolty

Born in New York, she came to Canada in 1973 when she married David Zolty, a businessman. She received a Hebrew teacher's license in advanced Hebrew studies and studied psychology, speech pathology and education at Brooklyn College before continuing her studies at York University.

On a sabbatical year in Israel, she studied at the Hebrew University. On her return to Toronto, she completed a masters degree and received a doctorate of education in history and philosophy, with specialization in psychology and special education from the University of Toronto. Zolty is the mother of six children from 2½ to 17 years.

She taught at Eitz Chaim Schools and at She'arim Hebrew Day School and is currently conducting Torah classes for women in Bible, commentaries and Midrash. In the coming year, Zolty will teach at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and at the newly formed Toronto Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study.

Despite her overwhelming schedule, over the years Zolty found time to do volunteer work working with families through the Jewish Family & Child Service, at the Agudath Israel Library, the Chevrah Kadisha, and visiting residents at the Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care where she includes her children. She emphasizes that "the best teacher is a role model."

Zolty says, "I could not have accomplished whatever I've done without a large dosage of heavenly assistance, the support of my husband and being fortunate to have bright, wonderful children." She adds that her priority has always been her family and she has always scheduled her work around the needs of her children.

When she was asked whether the curriculum in men's yeshivot and women's yeshivot should ever be perfectly parallel, Zolty says this delicate question requires much discussion. She says Halachah does make a distinction between men and women in regard to study, noting that "Men are obligated to study while women are not. This distinction must have some practical application.

"However, it should not be in a form that limits the motivated women from studying to the extent of her capabilities."

Women today, she says, have a greater voice in shaping their own agenda if they are willing to take the initative and seek out present opportunities that meet their needs.

Zolty hopes her book will educate everyone involved in Jewish life. "I would hope people will gain an appreciation of the importance of Torah study in general. Furthermore, there are insights imbedded on every page which have serious implications for modern Jewish education. Of primary concern is the effect that must follow when we see the achievements of women who have taken study seriously. If anyone reflects upon the achievements of the too unfamiliar women documented in my work with a sense of pride and even a desire to emulate them, my work will have accomplished its purpose.

"I have tried to include every interesting fact I could find concerning the history, Halachah, biographies, scholarship, prayers and communal involvements pertaining to women and Jewish education. I do hope that readers will find as much inspiration in these topics as the author did."

Netivot dream a reality: Thornhill building opens

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

What began as a dream some 10 years ago, has come to fruition with the opening of Netivot HaTorah's very own building.

The school, which has 450 students from junior kindergarten to grade 8, is at 18 Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill.

How did they get lucky enough to have the symbolic number "18"?

"We were arranging our postal services," executive director Allan Steinfeld recalls with a grin, "and they said we could choose whatever address we wanted. So we chose 18."

A large, bright foyer, decorated in peach, greens, pink and yellows, is the introduction to the 50,000 square foot, two-story institution. Large classrooms, a gym with skylights, an art room set in a corner, so it would get the best possible light, and washrooms right in the kindergarten classrooms, are evidence of the skill and understanding architect Ben Schultz brought to the project, Steinfeld says.

Although the school is in full operation, much remains to be done. The science lab and art rooms are still being set up. The beit midrash, kitchen, library and computer rooms still await funding to be completed.

Nevertheless, Steinfeld says, everyone is happy to be in their own building. No longer are students spread out in Temple Sinai, Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am, and Beth Avraham Yoseph, although kindergarten classes are still being held at Beth David so young children from the south end of the city don't have to travel so far.

"We will keep those classes as long as there are enough students to warrant it," Steinfeld promises.

Another service for those living further south is a shuttle bus, which makes several stops along Bathurst Street from Glencairn Ave.

The new facilities allow the administration an independent hand. They can set their own hours, something they could not do when they shared quarters with afternoon schools. As well, davening is enhanced in the beit midrash, where the students lead and run the service and read from the Torah.

Principal Rabbi Avi Schochet agrees that the move has been beneficial, saying that being all together gives the teachers a feeling of camaraderie, and the students a keen sense of identity and pride. "They can see that they are going to a real school!".

A considerable amount of foresight went into the building, Steinfeld explains. Areas under the stairwells, which are often wasted space, are being utilized as storage and janitorial closets. The wheelchair elevator (the building is accessible to the handicapped) is located where it will still be usable if the school expands, and an area is available for expansion.

The building was built with an energy-efficiency grant from Hydro. An energy-efficient design and such details as low energy lights will add up to considerable savings both monetarily and environmentally.

Netivot is the first school in Canada to use a new blackboard technology developed in Israel. Teachers or students can write on the grey surface with any medium, from chalk to marker to pen.

Steinfeld has special praise for the lay people who worked on the project — building committee co-chairs Jack Weinberg and Jonah Turk, fund raising co-chairs Avrom Silver and Allan Rutman, and school president Moshe Kesten.

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Nussbaum retires from USDS

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

When Aaron Nussbaum began his career at United Synagogue Day Schools over thirty years ago, he had to sell the idea of Hebrew day school education to the general public.

"Back then we had to convince the community that day school was not un-Canadian. Today, however, Jews are at home in Canada. They do not worry about becoming part of general society, because they know they're Canadian," says Nussbaum, who recently retired as director of education at USDS.

He adds however, that too many people think of Hebrew day schools as private schools. "That is not the purpose. Day schools should be Jewish public schools and that is why community funding is so important. Those that cannot afford it, should be able to attend. My vision is for a free system and when we no longer have to support Israel, maybe we will be able to channel that money to the fight for the continuance of Judaism in Canada. That is the battleground of the future."

In stressing the importance of a Hebrew education, Nussbaum cited the 1960's work of social scientist Kurt Lewin who said that " 'a child that knows what he is will become a better adjusted member of society.' This still holds true today. A Canadian Jew who is proud of his heritage is a better person, a better Jew and a better Canadian."

He says however that Hebrew school alone will not turn a child into dedicated, proud Jew. "There must be a partnership between home and

Aaron Nussbaum

school. If the home is not sympathetic and does not reinforce what the child learns at school, than the child will not respond adequately in school. There must be a lot of home and school co-operation. My challenge is to see each parent enrolled in some type of Jewish education class. That would be a great model for the children. Jewish studies should be as important as any household routine."

Nussbaum, who now teaches a class at York University and is involved in adult education, says that he would like to see USDS and the Jewish community at large concentrate on adult education. "We have been trying, but, unfortunately, personal routines have not yet been altered for a consistent Jewish education. Ethics of the Fathers says 'set aside a special time for studying.' "

Since 1969, USDS has grown from 114 students in one building, to over 1,300 students spread out over three campuses; and it is innovative in the field of Jewish education. "Then, we were the old type day school with half a day of Hebrew and half a day of what they then called the secular department. This meant that Hebrew was more important and the secular department was second rate.

"Today, however, our approach is to integrate the Hebrew and general studies program. Judaism has to permeate both departments. It is not a dual education, but rather an integrated one, and as a result, the Hebrew department has had to become as appealing in textbook and methods as the general studies program."

He adds that the educational approach in the general studies program is an open one "and we have fostered the same openness in the Hebrew program. There is critical analysis of texts, and questioning and discussion are allowed. It is difficult to overcome the differences between openness and tradition, but these difficulties are overcome by a lot of emotional experience. Shabbat and holiday parties are stressed and prayers are emphasized. We try to give the youngsters a good feeling so that even if they are challenged intellectually, they will still remain traditional Jews."

Handing over the reigns to the new director of education, Solly Kaplinsky, Nussbaum says that he is leaving the school in good hands. "I have no worries. The school is good now and I know it will get better yet."

New school director to keep standards

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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United Synagogue Day School's new director of education is intent on keeping the high standards the school has enjoyed for over 30 years.

Solly Kaplinksi, 45, who came to Canada from Capetown, South Africa in early January, says that he feels privileged to be coming to an excellent, well-established school and wants to "maintain the school's standard of excellence, especially in the Judaic, academic and cultural arenas."

As a graduate and former headmaster of United Herzlia School, a Hebrew day school in Capetown with an enrolment of 1,900 students from kindergarten to grade 12, Kaplinski is a strong proponent of a day school education. "Hebrew day schools are a major socializing agent of Jewish identity. Youngsters coming out of these schools are confident, know who they are and have a good sense of worth, self-esteem and identity. The integrated Jewish and general studies programs at USDS allow students to see the world through a Jewish perspective."

Commending the dedicated lay leaders, he stresses that parents must work along with the school in order to reinforce values. "I see education as a joint enterprise between students and parents, especially in Jewish culture and values. I would like to see the school working closely with parents, as well as reaching out to the community at large."

He says that such activities as family retreats, Shabbatonim and a planned family mission to Israel at the end of the year, all serve to involve families in the school and in their children's education.

Solly Kaplinski

Kaplinski cites Yiddishkeit, menschlichkeit, a love of Israel and a sense of community as the values he would like to see instilled in his students. "I want the students to reach beyond themselves and develop values that allow them to have a sympathetic response to the world. This is done through texts, culture and daily experiences. By going out into the community at large and doing such things as working with the elderly, youngsters are making Judaism more concrete. They are reaching beyond the texts and into the community."

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is sponsoring a group tour to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Centre in Washington D.C. for March 6-7. The cost of $485 includes the flight aboard a chartered aircraft and one night at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel (double occupancy).

In addition to its permanent exhibition, the museum features two non-permanent exhibits. Varian Fry Rescue Mission documents the story of an American Jew who rescued 1,500 intellectuals and artists from the clutches of the Nazis. In striking visuals and sets, Daniel's Story depicts the experiences of a Jewish boy in Germany as Hitler's Final Solution progressed; the exhibit opens in the kitchen of his home and ends at a concentration camp. A city tour is included for those visiting Washington for the first time. Monday is reserved for viewing the permanent exhibition, which generally requires a minimum of five hours.

Stephen Bloom, a high school history teacher from Markham, went with the committee's previous group to the museum last summer. "The most difficult moment was stepping on to the railway car," he said. "As much as I have studied and taught about the Holocaust, nothing has affected me as much as this experience. I don't have the words to describe it."

Reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for applications is Feb. 10. For further information, call Pnina Spetgang at 635-2883, ext. 144. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.on the 4th floor of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

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Random American Notes:

Dial 1-800-VERMONT for information on skiing and other holidays in the hilly, snow-covered New England state. "As travel decisions continue to be made more spontaneously, having such an easy number to remember will help travellers access the information they need much faster," says Vermont tourism commissioner Bobbe Maynes. A 24-hour fax-back service is also available. Call 1-800-833-9756 on a regular phone, then select the information you want. It will be quickly faxed to you.

Remember Lawrence, Kansas? The quaint middle-American town was the locale of *The Day After*, the 1980s TV movie about life after a nuclear apocalypse. An important outpost of the historic Oregon and Sante Fe trails, Lawrence boasts a vibrant shopping district, the only brewery in Kansas, and — according to a *Rand McNally* almanac — the most culture per capita of any U.S. city under 100,000 population. Lawrence's active tourist board says it is a great place to stay for a few days while touring the state.

Golfers should enjoy Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, home to about 80 championship courses. Holes on some courses are set beside huge bluffs overlooking the Atlantic. Others stand beside towering Carolina pines and giant live oaks draped in Spanish moss. High season is spring and autumn, but golfers tee off year-round. For a brochure listing courses, phone the Myrtle Beach area chamber of commerce at 1-800-356-3016, ext. 101.

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Last week's devastating earthquake in Los Angeles, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, was a mere tremor compared to the 8.3 quake that ripped apart San Francisco, killing 700 people in 1906. Elderly survivors of that quake and the ensuing fire intend to participate in an annual memorial service on Market Street in the early hours of April 18. As the tradition demands, many will stay at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, a city landmark that was destroyed and rebuilt. Famed tenor Enrico Caruso was at the Palace when the devastation struck and ran outside wearing only a towel. "I will never set foot in San Francisco again," he vowed.

Built in 1875, the original Palace was a 775-room luxury hotel that occupied a full city block. It was the first grand hotel west of the Mississippi and the first building on the West Coast with elevators. Since its two-feet-thick walls were reinforced with iron, it survived the earthquake. However, like much else in town, it was destroyed in the fire.

The New York architects who rebuilt it retained the European flavor but transformed the open courtyard where guests' carriages were received into the Garden Court, an extravagant ballroom that was designated a city landmark in 1969.

Three years ago, a $150-million restoration returned the Garden Court to its 1909 elegance. The huge chandeliers (each worth $50,000) were cleaned, the marble Ionic columns scrubbed, the leaded glass in the domed ceiling repaired and polished.

Considered the most spectacular lobby in San Francisco, the room evokes the days of Cesar Ritz, the legendary hotelier of 19th-century Europe whose various Palm Courts and Garden Courts were designed with fine staircases where women could make dramatic entrances and exits. It was Ritz who first convinced London high society that dining out was fashionable, inspired the adjective "ritzy", and named Melba Toast, Peach Melba and Grand Marnier. He also lent his name to the swanky Ritz hotels of Paris and London, the deluxe Ritz-Carlton chain, and probably Ritz crackers as well.

Sheraton Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery St., San Francisco. Phone: (415) 392-8600.

Israel's made for hiking

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Israel may be small, but it's blessed with an amazing variety of terrain, from dense woodlands in the Galilee to sparse desert in the Negev.

For a hiker, then, Israel is the place to be. And no one knows that better than Joel Roskin, an American who's lived in Israel since 1979.

A confirmed nature lover, Roskin has explored Israel like few others, and his book, *A Guide to Hiking in Israel* (The Jerusalem Post, no price listed), is most informative.

Perhaps the only book of its kind in English, this handy guide opens the door to 40 one-day hikes on the Golan Heights (annexed by Israel in 1981), the Galilee, the Carmel, Judea, the Judean Desert and the Eilat mountains.

Relevant information pertaining to geography, climate, vegetation, wildlife and water are listed in each chapter.

Warm climate

And Roskin describes each of his hiking trips down to the last detail.

Since there is no drinking water along most routes, he strongly suggests that you bring your own supply.

As well, he recommends frequent rest stops, given Israel's warm climate.

As some of the routes pass close to live marked minefields, he warns a reader to exercise caution.

And in winter, beware of flash floods in desert areas.

If you follow his advice, and his suggested routes, you should have a grand time exploring Israel's beautiful vistas.

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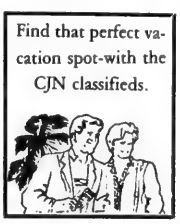

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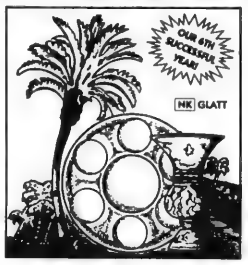

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Israel was made for the adventure tourist. One can rappel (rock climb) at Metzoke Dragot near Jericho or at Ramot Holiday Village in the Golan Heights. A special program, combining hiking tours and rappelling, is conducted in both of these sites. A day-long rappel course can also be enjoyed at Anatot, on the edge of the Judean desert close to Jerusalem.

Adventure tourists to Israel can now experience parachuting courtesy of the new Sky Club at Habonim Beach, located midway between Netanya and Haifa. The first-ever Israeli venture is expected to attract foreign sky divers seeking a convenient site that is not covered with snow in the winter.

Approximately $1 million (U.S.) is going to be invested to build a state-of-the-art lodge to service parachutists. Plans for the site include a restaurant, coffee shop, swimming pool as well as tennis facilities.

Diving in Israel is truly paradise. Israel's mild climate ensures year-round diving in the crystal-clear waters of the Gulf of Eilat. Try grotto and cave diving, archeological diving, or just diving to see the coral reefs and fish. Spring and autumn diving is possible in the Mediterranean Sea.

One way to tour the country without the hustle and bustle is by gliding through the air. There are a number of handgliding take-off points throughout the country: Mahanayim near Rosh Pinna in northern Galilee; Megiddo near Afula in the Yizre'el Valley; En Shemer near Hadera on the coastal plain; and Sede Teman in the Negev near Beersheva.

For more information on active holidays in Israel, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office at (416) 964-3784.

WINTER IN ISRAEL

Tel Aviv locals enjoy the last of the evening sun on the promenade at the city's Frishman Beach during uncustomary warm temperatures last month. [Israel photo]

Bonaire's just great for diving

By MARC HUBER
Special to The CJN

BONAIRE — When Arubans and Curacaons need to relax with a quick getaway, they go to Bonaire.

Just 30 miles east of Curacao, Bonaire is a sleepy Dutch dependency with only 11,000 residents. The tiny Caribbean island has a number of natural attractions, among them bird watching and excellent diving sites.

Bonaire is home to one of only four pink flamingo colonies in the world. Over 15,000 living yard ornaments annually mate in the 135-acre sanctuary. In the 25 years since the Antilles International Salt Co. donated one of its saltwater harvesting ponds to protect the colony, the number of flamingos has grown almost tenfold.

Flamingos turn pink because they feed on pink microlobsters living in the salt ponds. The oldest birds are the pinkest. Visitors can watch them through binoculars at the lagoon's edge or from an observatory built last September for Bonaire's first Birdwatching Olympics. There are more than 150 bird species living on the island.

But diving is the real draw. Since 1979, Bonaire has been ringed by a national marine park. Fishing is restricted and spearfishing, speargunning and coral collecting are banned. Nothing dead or alive can be removed from the water. Anchoring is permitted only at 70 moorings to prevent coral damage.

Last year, Bonaire was the first country in the world to introduce an annual $10 diving fee. In the park, divers must wear a plastic tag. Revenues will be used to protect the coral reefs and improve dive conditions. Moorings are regularly repaired and on-shore markers designate dive spots and their easiest points of entry and exit.

Though the underwater life doesn't match the technicolor wonders of Eilat, the best part about diving in Bonaire is the proximity. Coral reefs ring the island. Divers only have to take a 15- or 30-minute boat ride to the dive spots. Shallow coral reefs border almost every hotel's beachfront, so snorkellers can have a field day in the calm water.

Bonaire is one of two other Caribbean locations hosting the Nikon Shootout, an underwater photography competition organized by *Skin Diver* magazine. The clear, warm water is rich in sea life and photo opportunities.

Unlike other vacation destinations, there is an unofficial moratorium on hotel construction in Bonaire. New developments are being postponed or cancelled to prevent overexpansion.

Instead, the island's 12 low-rise hotels are being encouraged by the Tourist Board to improve their facilities. Many rooms at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort lack modern amenities like televisions and phones. The Flamingo does, however, have an excellent kitchen and a small casino.

Harbour Village is Bonaire's fanciest hotel. Rooms including terry cloth robes and a daily, faxed synopsis of the *New York Times*. In addition to the swimming pool and tennis courts, guests can embark on a short twilight sail to a deserted island for candlelight dining.

Excellent accommodations are also found at the Sand Dollar Condominiums. This resort operates the island's best childrens' program and all rooms have fully-equipped kitchens to cut down on costs. A wide selection of packaged, kosher food is sold in Bonaire's modern supermarket.

If you go:

- ALM has daily flights out of Miami to Bonaire.
- US currency is used widely. There are 1.77 guilders to the dollar.
- There is a $10 departure tax per person.
- Canadian citizens only need a birth certificate and a return ticket to enter the country.
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Teenage years a time of emotional changes

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Do endless hours in the bathroom, non-stop music, confusing mood swings, declarations of independence and requests to be tucked in at night sound familiar? This is a definition of a typical pre-teen between 12 and 14, according to Dr. Sandra Fisman, associate professor in psychiatry, pediatrics and family medicine at the University of Western Ontario.

Fisman spoke at a Jewish Community Centre lecture series Jan. 13.

Fisman used recorded songs to help illustrate the strong emotions felt by teenagers throughout adolescence, which lasts from 9 to 21 years of age. Pre-adolescence (9-11) is a period of inquisitiveness. Fisman said there is a security of childhood that Neil Young illustrates when he sings "you can't be 20 on sugar mountain," implying that innocence belongs to children.

Puberty (12-14) is the stage when body weight doubles, and height increases at least 25 per cent. There is a disproportionate growth between the body and limbs. It is usual to see big hands and feet with a short torso. Moods are confused, and teens are easily disappointed at this stage. One participant whispered, "I see that in my 7 year old."

By mid-adolescence (14-17), The Who's statement "...hope I die before I get old . . ." makes a lot of sense. Calls for independence, separateness and challenges contribute to energy-filled discussions. Hero-worship and intense crushes become common.

In late adolescence (17-21), youth are ready to take on the real world and seem closer to choosing a realistic career. All of a sudden, teens have incorporated parents' opinions but call them their own. The most important result of the adolescent process is that a new identity has been formed.

Of course there is much ambivalence in leaving parents. In Cat Stevens' *Father and Son*, Father sings ". . . there's so much you have to know . . . I was once like you are now . . ." The son replies ". . . how can I explain . . . I have to go away."

"As parents, we hope our teenagers will settle down, think about insurance and RRSPs. Ideally we hope they marry," Fisman said.

Parents face numerous issues

Fisman also noted children are not the only ones changing. "We ourselves are changing, declining in strength, changing in our attractiveness. Our children think they have a lot of time to make life choices. At middle-age and up, we see that there isn't all the time for us. Commonly the mid-life crisis happens here.

"As parents, we may also be addressing the issues of our elderly parents. All these factors can challenge the integrity of our marriages. Studies have shown that marital intimacy is at a low during one's children's adolescence." But with an optimistic spring, Fisman quoted a colleague. "Crisis should be an opportunity for creative solutions, a chance for growth."

As a child grows there is parental mourning. One realizes that family life will change and this is a life cycle phase. Younger children (lovingly known as pests) also feel a loss as older siblings moving away.

One of the ways Fisman said adolescents look at themselves is through a peer group. "The peer group acts as a collective ego, teaching boy/girl roles, risks and dangers." Fisman said it is a relatively safe method of checking out oneself, but a negative peer group can accept and endorse illegal and immoral behaviour like substance abuse and violence.

Fisman has advice for parents on how to create a positive relationship with teens. She likened the advice to a recipe for a good loaf of bread. "It takes good ingredients, proper amount of warmth, and the knowledge that there are different types of flour, liquids and shortenings. The raising agent (parents) are very important to the rising of dough (children). They need to have mutual respect and ability to perform conflict resolution," she said.

"Once ingredients are combined with yeast, the dough takes on a life of its own." It takes a lot of kneading, but once the bread is baked, the raising agent is not necessary.

In real terms, Fisman advised communication — even throughout teen door-slamming activity — is still important. Parents need to model specific habits, language and behvior. She also emphasized the importance of supervision in this day of options. "We can't leave the bread to make itself."

Host a Tu b'Shevat seder

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

I have one very vivid memory of Tu b'Shevat from childhood. It was the annual JNF tree drive, and I had saved and saved to buy a tree in memory of my grandmother. I raced home from Sunday school to show the certificate to my parents.

Classic case of good news — bad news. The good news was that they were very proud that I thought of my grandmother. The bad news was I'd have to have the certificate reissued as my very much alive grandmother might take exception to having something dedicated to her memory.

Tu b'Shevat is a "new year's party" for trees. Celebrating the rising of the sap and the anticipation of the first fruits and nuts of the season is a little difficult when it's been below zero for the last few days and the ground is covered with snow. I try, however to get in the mood by singing that old-time favorite, "Here we go with spade and hoe."

I've been asked to host a Tu b'Shevat seder and my first thought was: If I have to clean this house from top to bottom and change my pots and pans and dishes more than once a year I'm going to have a nervous breakdown. I'd never heard of a Tu b'Shevat seder before and I'll admit I was curious.

Attention! This seder does not require massive amounts of housekeeping. A typical modern day Tu b'Shevat seder is based on an ancient Kabbalistic manual called P'ri Eitz Hadar (Fruit of the Goodly Tree), as well as passages from the Talmud and other works relating to fruits, nuts and spring. You should serve at least four different types of wine or fruit juice at the seder and between 15 to 30 different types of fruit (fresh, dried, or canned) and nuts.

BUTTERED RUM PINEAPPLE
½ cup finely chopped macadamia nuts
1 large pineapple
½ cup melted butter or margarine
½ cup honey
¼ cup rum
Non-stick vegetable oil spray
Vanilla ice cream or pareve "ice cream"

Spread nuts on baking sheet and bake at 400 until golden (approx. four to five minutes). Set aside. Set oven to broil. Pare and cut pineapple crosswise into eight one-inch thick slices. Score edges. In a saucepan, over medium heat, stir butter/margarine with the honey and rum. Remove from heat and with a fork dip each piece of pineapple into the mixture. Make sure both sides are coated and then drain off excess. Place pineapple on coated broiler rack and broil slices until lightly browned on each side. When slices are cool enough to handle, coat edges with ground nuts. Place the pineapple slices on serving plates. Top with ice cream. Pour remaining sauce and nuts over the top. Serves 8.

PEACHY POCKETS
2 cups torn Bibb lettuce
2 fresh peaches cut up or 1 can cut up peaches
⅓ cup sliced celery
½ cup kosher honey lemon dressing
3 pitas cut in half

In a medium bowl combine lettuce, peaches and celery. Toss with ½ the dressing. Fill each pita half with ½ cup salad mixture. Serve with remaining dressing. Serves 6 (Dressing: ¼ cup lemon juice, 2 tablespoons honey, combine and mix well).

WHITE GRAPE SPRITZER
5 cups ice cubes
1 can (6 oz.) frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed
lemon and lime slices
1 bottle (1.5 litre) kosher sparkling white grape juice, chilled
1 bottle (1 litre) club soda, chilled

In a 4 quart pitcher, combine 1 cup ice cubes, apple juice and lemon and lime slices. Add the sparkling grape juice and club soda. Stir and blend the juices. Place remaining ice cubes in 8 glasses and divide the spritzer evenly between the glasses. Serves 8.

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JEWISH, DRUSE WIDOWS GATHER

A group of Jewish and Druse widows came together last month in Tiberias for the annual meeting of the Organization for Widows and Orphans of the IDF in the North. The Druse community waged a successful campaign during Israel's early years for the right to serve in Israel's armed forces. Each woman pictured lost a husband while he served in the national service. [IPPA Photo]

Peres-Arafat talks bring self-rule agreement closer

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Following marathon negotiations in Switzerland, Israel and the PLO have apparently made headway in resolving their differences.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in the Swiss ski resort of Davos on Saturday night and Sunday, was upbeat in his comments at a news conference after their talks, saying an agreement for implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord was "very near."

But Peres, who entered the news conference holding hands with Arafat, would not describe the status of the talks. Instead, he spoke of the enormous challenges facing the two sides and of the promise for world peace that an Israeli-PLO agreement would represent.

Sitting beside Arafat, Peres thanked the PLO leader "for his supreme effort to bring our two peoples together in the domain of peace and hope."

Peres said that if the two sides could reach a peaceful settlement of their differences, it would provide hope "that the world can solve all of its biggest problems."

Peres and Arafat got together during a world economic conference held at Davos through the weekend.

The results of these latest talks were more promising than those last week in Cairo, when the Israelis and PLO were unable to iron out their differences over implementation of the accord that was signed in Washington last September.

The Cairo negotiations resulted in a stalemate over several security issues, including who would control border crossings between the Gaza Strip and Egypt, and between the West Bank town of Jericho and Jordan.

Arafat told reporters in Davos that the two sides were "on the way to bypassing all the obstacles which have been placed in the last weeks, to have very soon, very soon, the final agreement to start directly the implementation of the peace agreements."

Neither side provided details of any agreements they reached, but Palestinian officials said a written agreement had been completed and was awaiting approval.

According to Israeli army radio, both sides made compromises, especially the Palestinians, who reportedly made concessions to Israel on the border-crossings issue.

Another issue over which the two sides have been deadlocked — the size of the Jericho area that will fall under Palestinian authority — reportedly remains unresolved.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reacted cautiously Sunday to Arafat's upbeat comments.

During brief remarks to reporters in Tel Aviv, Rabin noted that past optimism about the course of the negotiations had sometimes proved premature.

Rabin added that oral understandings reached in recent talks often fell into dispute once an effort was made to commit them to writing.

Rabin said he preferred waiting for a complete written agreement before he would provide any definitive comments.

But Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa, whose country has served as a mediator in the stalled Israeli-PLO negotiations, was as upbeat as Arafat in his assessment of the Davos talks.

The two sides had made "definite progress toward agreement," he said.

Moussa also indicated that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had invited Israel and the PLO to come to Cairo for the signing of the implementation agreement.

Moussa said the signing would take place within two weeks.

Canadian rabbis strongly reject Bonds boycott

Some are worried U.S. trend could spread

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The refusal of a number of American rabbis to hold Israel Bonds drives in their congregations last autumn — a factor in the $10 million drop last year in North American synagogue sales — is worrying some Canadian rabbis.

The boycott of Israel Bonds, initiated by several U.S. rabbis opposed to the Rabin government's peace policy, has not yet hit Canada. But Canadian rabbis attending the annual State of Israel Bonds Rabbinic Cabinet held here recently expressed concern that the protest could spread to Canada.

Some Canadian rabbis said they have already been approached by representatives of the settlement movement, who have urged them to stop raising money for Israel Bonds. The representatives reportedly asked them to channel funds directly into the settlement movement instead.

A number of synagogues in the United States did not hold High Holiday Bonds drives last fall to protest the Labor government's peace plans.

Their boycott was one reason for a $10 million (US) drop in North American synagogue sales, which totalled just under $90 million in 1993, compared to close to $100 million in 1992.

And total Bonds sales in the U.S. dropped to $552 million in 1993 from $651 million the year before.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, head of the Israel Bonds Rabbinic Cabinet of Canada, told *The CJN* that the trend has not hit Canada, where overall Bonds sales — and synagogue Bonds sales — were up this year by some $10 million, topping $100 million for the first time.

"So far we have managed to buck this trend in Canada," said Rabbi Bulka of Ottawa's Machzikei Hadas congregation. "But I wouldn't be surprised if it becomes a problem here as well. We are working hard to counter it."

Rabbi Mordechai Zeitz of the Beth Tikvah congregation in Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, Que. said that he and a number of other rabbis at the Rabbinic Cabinet meeting here were approached by representatives of the Israeli right wing and settlement movement.

"They asked us to stop supporting Israel Bonds and to channel our money directly into their causes instead," Rabbi Zeitz told *The CJN*. He said he rejected calls to undermine support for Israel Bonds.

"The State of Israel Bonds is apolitical. I support it in order to do the right thing for the citizens of Israel."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda congregation in Downsview, Ont. said that despite his own misgivings about the Rabin government's policy, he would continue to support the purchase of Israel Bonds.

"We shouldn't take economic revenge on Israel by boycotting Bonds," said Rabbi Kelman, noting that Israel Bonds are used to finance housing, immigrant absorption and infrastructure development. "This type of protest would also damage the links between Israel and Diaspora Jews. It is simply destructive," he said.

On the other hand, "a number of [American] rabbis admitted unabashedly that they would not hold Israel Bonds campaigns in their synagogues this year because this was their way of protesting against the Israeli government," said Rabbi Abner Weiss, Israel Bonds national rabbinic chairman in the U.S., during his speech at the opening of the rabbinic cabinet.

Rabbi Weiss of the Beth Jacob congregation in Beverly Hills, Cal., told *The CJN* he was "deeply concerned that High Holiday sales were down this year," and attributed that directly to the refusal of a number of synagogues to hold traditional High Holiday appeals for political reasons.

He cited congregations in Cleveland and the San Fernando Valley in California in particular.

Some 1,300 synagogues across North America usually take part in the annual High Holiday campaign, which accounts for close to 10 per cent of annual worldwide Israel Bonds sales.

In 1993, overall Bonds sales totalled $1,068 billion (US) down from the 1992 total of $1.17 billion. It was the first time in several years that annual sales did not reach a record high.

Israel Bonds sales are also influenced by the general state of the world economy and by the other investment options available to potential purchasers.

But several rabbis cited clear political reasons for the drop in sales in their own synagogues and in neighboring ones.

Rabbi Marvin Sugarman of North Hollywood, California told *The CJN* that sales in his synagogue, Shaarey Zedek, dropped by about $120,000 this year, reaching only half of last year's total. "Some members of my congregation even called me a traitor for attempting to sell Israel Bonds this year," Rabbi Sugarman said. "I've heard of Israel Bonds appeals that were cancelled entirely because of the peace initiative," he added.

Rabbi Sugarman said the sharpest drop in Bonds purchases was in Orthodox congregations like his own. "The Orthodox have always been at the forefront of Israel Bonds purchases. But now, our congregants don't want to buy Bonds that may be used to develop Gaza and Jericho for the Palestinians," he said.

Rabbi Weiss publicly lambasted rabbis who have boycotted Bonds.

"Our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel should not be sacrificed on any idol of any particular political ideology," he declared. "Our commitment is to the Jewish people and to the Jewish state — irrespective of whatever government is in power and whatever policy is in force."

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Students Daniel Hundert (centre) and Stephanie Katz are editors-in-chief of *Noise*, a newspaper for teenagers published by the youth group of the Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal. At left is group director Avrum Nadigel. [Howard Kay photo]

Journal lets teens discuss their Jewish schools

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The sex, drugs and rock 'n roll alone might have been enough to make the student-produced journal *Noise* a hot commodity among the high school set. But what has turned it into a must-read are the frankly expressed views of teenagers about their Jewish schools.

Noise is sponsored by Shaare Zion Congregation, a large Conservative synagogue on Cote St-Luc Road in Snowdon, and produced by members of its youth group. The fourth issue of the journal was banned at Bialik and Herzliah (St. Laurent) high schools.

Avrum Nadigel, youth group director and *Noise* publisher, thinks it's because the issue contains unflattering comments on these two schools.

Bialik is described in a piece signed by J. Shraage, a recent graduate, as "a school riddled with fallacy and illusion.

"With the threat of unemployment, they over-emphasize preparation for university. The system was geared towards competitive learning and motivating students who they felt could produce and climb the ladder of accelerated learning," and ignored those who did not.

E. Philip chafes against a perceived strangling of self-realization at Herzliah (St. Laurent). "Administration telling you what to do, having your ideas put aside and your struggle to be an individual being opposed is what high school is all about to me."

A student at the same school is a little more hopeful, if feeling overworked. While fed up with the extra courses and long days, A. Dorfman writes, "I think we'll all realize later in life, if not now, that our stay at 'Hertz' has payed [sic] off."

Nadigel said Herzliah has now relented and allowed *Noise* to be distributed. At Bialik, principal Estelle Cooperstone told *The CJN* the prohibition had nothing to do with the content of the journal, but rather a policy against distributing in the school anything other than internal publications or those with which the school is associated, such as the student literary publication *Firstfruits*.

She said she had looked at *Noise* only briefly.

Nadigel said other schools that have not banned *Noise* include nearly all the public and Jewish high schools in the West End, plus the private St. George's, and Cote St. Luc public library. It is free; circulation is about 1,500.

Nadigel is hoping to hold a meeting with the Jewish school principals in the coming weeks to clear the air.

Noise, which is edited by high school students Daniel Hundert and Stephanie Katz, was launched in the fall of 1992. It's one of the main activities of the Shaare Zion youth group, also called Noise, and is intended for any interested teenager.

It's written and edited entirely by local youth, except for a column by the synagogue's Rabbi Lawrence Perlman and a regular feature by Barry Salis, an anti-drug campaigner.

Noise is marketed as an alternative to tamer student newspapers. As the name suggests, it is intended to disturb the peace of adults, although Nadigel, who is 25, said he has not had complaints from parents.

Besides the school critiques, the same issue contains an essay arguing for the legalization of marijuana, another in favor of the launching of a boycott of Nestle products because of its peddling of formula in the Third World, an article entitled Are Men 18 Times More Sexual Than Women? and reviews of school rock bands.

In a piece on what it was like to be a teen during the Depression, an interviewee from the Golden Age Association relates how young people turned to prostitutes because premarital sex was forbidden and how easily children as young as 11 could buy alcohol.

Each issue carries a disclaimer that the views expressed are not necessarily those held by the *Noise* editorial board or Shaare Zion.

The goal of *Noise* is to give high school students a chance to voice their opinions in their own way, Nadigel said, something that is not always possible in the sanctioned school newspapers. "Not one adult, including myself, touches [*Noise's* content]."

Accident claims 24-year-old Becker

'An angelic soul...' Cantor Eli Kirshblum

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

What else can one can say about the recent sudden and pointless death of 24-year-old Israel Becker.

Becker was killed when a stolen van crossed the centre line on Finch Avenue near Dufferin Street and smashed head-on into his Honda Civic. Becker was pronounced dead at the scene.

He was returning from visiting his grandmother at Branson Hospital.

Det. Const. Gord Taylor of North Traffic Hit and Run department of Metropolitan Police told *The CJN* that the driver turned himself in some 13 hours after the crash. The 15-year-old driver, who cannot be named under the Young Offenders' Act, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death, failure to remain at the scene of an accident, and possession of a stolen van.

Drugs or alcohol do not appear to have been a factor, Taylor said.

Becker was educated at Associated Hebrew Schools and at CHAT. He spent two years at Hebrew University in Jerusalem before returning to Toronto and earning a BA at York University. He studied gemology in Santa Monica, Calif., and then, after working for a year, began his master's of international business administration degree at York.

Becker's aunt, Shiny Baine, described him as "the most wonderful young man on the face of the earth. He was gorgeous — inside and outside."

She described how his many friends, some of whom came from Bangkok, Boston, Halifax and Vancouver for the funeral, were bringing pictures to the shiva house, and reminiscing for hours about him.

"The house is packed from 6:45 in the morning until midnight."

Judaism was a very important part of his life, Baine said. He taught bar mitzvah lessons, and read the Torah at several shuls, including Adath Israel and Beth David.

A major interest for him was sports, she said, citing especially a passion for basketball, hockey and baseball.

Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum, cantor of Adath Israel Congregation, co-officiated with Rabbi Irwin Witty at

Israel Becker

the funeral. He described Becker as "an angelic soul. He was very low key, but there was something about his nature that brought him close to people. The number of young people at the funeral told the story of the impact he had."

Besides reading from the Torah at Adath Israel, Kirshblum said, Becker was very active in the synagogue youth department.

Rabbi Witty, who knew Becker for several years, said he was particularly impressed by how close he was to his family, especially his mother, and his friends.

The family has set up the Israel Becker Scholarship Fund through the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Becker was predeceased only three years ago by his father, Josef, a Holocaust survivor.

He is survived by his mother, Mary, his grandmother, Molly Baine, his brother Isaac, sister-in-law Chaya and an 11-month-old niece, Yafit, whom Baine said "he adored."

Education conference planned

WINNIPEG — Jewish educators from across the country will be convening in Winnipeg April 16 to 18 for the seventh National Education Conference at the Westin Hotel.

The theme for the conference, co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, is Education and Tradition: Building Blocks to a Jewish Future.

Some 300 delegates are expected to attend the conference, held outside of Montreal or Toronto for the first time.

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Koffman says goodbye Ottawa, hello Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
and MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondents

OTTAWA — The capital city's loss will be Winnipeg's gain, as Jewish Community Council executive director Gerry Koffman returns to his hometown after five-and-a-half years here.

Koffman becomes the campaign director for the Combined Jewish Appeal in Winnipeg, the position he held before moving east.

Koffman says he began thinking about a move when his father died suddenly last year. None of his siblings live in Winnipeg and his widowed mother was alone there. When Koffman saw an opportunity to go back, he took it.

"We were always raised to take care of each other and I want to get back home to be close to the family, especially now that they are getting old," he says.

During Koffman's years in Ottawa, he guided the Jewish Community Council through a financial restructuring that braced it for the recession and put it on sounder footing for the future.

"The community has grown both in the number of services, the size of the [United Jewish Appeal] campaign and the size of the community, and Gerry took the community through that period," says Bernard Dolansky, current president of the Jewish Community Council.

"He brought a great commitment to Jewish public life," says former president Maureen Molot. "He thrives on working in Jewish communities, he believes passionately in what's possible for Jewish communal life."

Koffman says the challenge of his new position will be to raise both money and Jewish consciousness.

"I'm looking forward to it a great deal," he says.

He will move to Winnipeg in March. His wife Rachelle and his two daughters will follow when the school year ends in June.

Winnipeg communal leaders are anxiously awaiting the native Winnipegger's return.

"He is a class act," said Donald Aronovitch, president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Counil (WJCC). "We couldn't have possibly found a better person for the job. His depth and experience are of great value. He is going to be an outstanding addition to our Jewish civil service."

Koffman was the WJCC's first director of planning and budgeting and previously served as Winnipeg CJA director from 1982-86.

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Screening of Spielberg film moves some MPs to tears

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — A private screening of the movie *Schindler's List* for parliamentarians last week drew about 250 people, including 65 MPs, 12 senators, as well as legislative and embassy staff.

"It started out very jovial with people talking and popcorn going around," said Dan McTeague, Liberal MP from Ontario riding, east of Toronto, who organized the showing. "Within 15 minutes, no one was eating, no one was drinking."

The entire audience stayed seated until the last credit rolled off the screen.

McTeague decided to arrange a screening for MPs after seeing the movie in Toronto during the Christmas break. He said he was deeply moved by the story of the German entrepreneur who saved Jews from death in the concentration camps by employing them in his factory. McTeague said he thought the film's message was an important one for his political colleagues to hear.

"Evil prevails when people who are in a position to do something, stand by . . . and don't do anything," he said.

McTeague said the themes are particularly timely given the rise in racist activity in Western countries and the continued ethnic conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Ticket charge waved

"We're dealing with an international recession, the rise of intolerance in Canada and Germany. We're not immune from this kind of thing happening again."

McTeague arranged the screening by calling MCA Universal in Hollywood, the studio that produced the movie. The studio agreed to a showing at an Ottawa theatre and because of the educational nature of the film, waived the ticket charge. McTeague invited MPs from all three parties to attend.

Before the movie began, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Machzikei Hadas Congregation made a short speech and led the audience in a prayer.

His message, Rabbi Bulka said later, was that evil could only be fought with deeds, not words.

"[Oskar] Schindler was an ordinary guy. If one ordinary person can make a difference, then a group of extraordinary people can make a real change."

Several people filing past him after the movie were in tears, said Rabbi Bulka.

John Finlay, MP for Oxford, was so impressed with the movie he planned to say a few words in the House of Commons thanking McTeague for arranging the showing. He also wanted to mention the importance of the movie's themes and what it had to say about the dark side of human nature.

"There is a veneer [of respectability] on sophisticated society. We don't think we are as barbaric or cruel as we turn out to be under stressful circumstances," he said.

Fairness for Israel demanded by BB

Report delivered

OTTAWA — B'nai Brith Canada is hoping that progress in the Middle East peace process will encourage the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to soften its harsh stance on Israel at its annual session to be held in Geneva next month.

In a brief presented last week to Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, which meets with non-governmental organizations in advance of the Geneva conference, B'nai Brith said that the UN Commission on Human Rights weakens its credibility as an impartial body when it treats Israel more harshly than countries with far worse records of human rights abuses.

Only two countries hold special places on the agenda of the commission, says Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith. One is South Africa and the other is Israel.

"This is a signal that these are the worst cases," he says.

At its last session, the UN Commission passed a resolution referring to "Israeli prisons and concentration camps," and another affirming the right of Palestinians "to resist the Israeli occupation by all means," which B'nai Brith interprets as support for violence.

"It's not to say that things are perfect in the territories," says Kagedan. "There has just been this chronic excess [of condemnation]."

In the meantime, other Middle Eastern countries have dodged attention. For instance, says Kagedan, until the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq was not on the Commission's agenda.

"Iraq was gassing the Kurds in 1988 and that didn't merit the scrutiny of the Commission."

The brief also notes that while the Commission has criticized Israeli occupation of the territories and southern Lebanon, it has been silent about Syria's occupation of Lebanon.

"We've contended for a long time that the only reason Israel has its own place on the agenda is not because of human rights violations," says Kagedan. "It's a matter of the politicization of the Commission on Human Rights. The Commission has been used by some countries to smash other countries."

This stance does little to further the peace process in the Middle East, he adds.

"In view of recent positive developments in the region we feel that this year is the year for a strong push on the part of Canada and other states to correct this abuse and bring some reality to the Commission's consideration of human rights problems in the Middle East."

The Canadian government supports B'nai Brith's position that Israel should not hold a special place on the agenda. In past years it has voted against resolutions that single out Israel, said Denis Boulet of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"We don't believe that the situation of Israel in the occupied territories should be treated differently than other countries," he said.

The second area of concern for B'nai Brith was the growth of extreme right wing nationalism and racism in both western democracies and Eastern Europe. There is support for racist political parties, as well as polls suggesting that a significant number of people accept racist ideas.

"To say that 15 to 20 per cent of a population is openly racist says that our educational effort hasn't succeeded," says Kagedan. . ." We have to show our determination to act against this wave of hate."

B'nai Brith was represented at the meetings at the Department of Foreign Affairs by Kagedan, as well as Paul Marcus, national director of the Institute for International Affairs and David Matas, honorary senior legal council for B'nai Brith.

The six week long session of the UN Commission on Human Rights begins in Geneva on Jan. 31.

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Ontario MPP withdraws bill to tackle hatemongers

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario MPP Charles Harnick has withdrawn support from his private member's bill that would have permitted victims of hatemongers to sue their tormentors in civil law actions.

Harnick's decision means Bill 56 will die in the Ontario legislature.

Harnick said he withdrew his sponsorship of the bill after consulting with a number of groups and individuals who pointed out difficulties should it become law.

"A lot of the pitfalls were pointed out to me," the Tory legislator told *The CJN*.

Harnick said one of the strongest arguments against the bill came from the Roman Catholic Church, which was concerned that such a bill could lead to suits against the church by groups "who saw a lifestyle as being proper and the church not [agreeing with that].

"The last thing I wanted was to pit groups against one another," Harnick said.

The Conservative MPP from Willowdale said he was also impressed by the arguments presented by Canadian Jewish Congress, which opposed passage of the bill.

Charles Harnick

Responding to Harnick's announcement to withdraw the proposed legislation, Congress spokesman Louis Lenkinski said "we were concerned that such a bill might crate the erroneous impression that responsibility for dealing with racist extremists had shifted from the provincial government to private citizens and organizations.

"We remain distressed and disappointed," said Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Congress in Ontario. "Most Ontarians cannot understand why both the police and the attorney general continue to turn a blind eye to purveyors of hate. We hope that the frustration which led Mr. Harnick to propose his bill in the first place will ultimately result in aggressive policing and prosecutions of hatemongers."

Congress has long called on the provincial government to lay charges against hatemongers. Under Canada's Criminal Code, consent of each province's attorney general is required before the anti-hate law can be invoked.

Harnick's bill had proposed the victims could launch a civil action — sue the hatemongers — and receive monetary damages.

"I am not washing my hand of this topic," Harnick said. "I'm totally committed to make the government use the existing legislation to charge those racists."

Congress asks Crown to appeal after Droege acquitted at trial

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Crown is considering an appeal of last week's acquittal of Wolfgang Droege on charges that he violated terms of his bail by speaking about the white supremacist Heritage Front in a radio interview.

Crown attorney Jeff Kehoe said a decision on whether to appeal will likely be made within two weeks.

Canadian Jewish Congress is urging the Crown to take the case to a higher court. "We're disappointed in the decision," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region. "We accept the rule of law but believe the decision must be appealed."

The charge faced by Droege, who heads the Heritage Front, stems from bail conditions imposed by a Justice of the Peace (JP) after he was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon following a street brawl with members of an anti-racist group in June.

Bail of $15,000 imposed

In releasing Droege from custody, the JP imposed bail of $15,000 and ordered him not to participate in any Heritage Front activities.

On August 6, Droege gave an interview on a Montreal radio station in which he discussed the Heritage Front, its goals and ideology.

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Congress, heard the interview and brought it to the attention of police. Droege was subsequently charged.

In acquitting the white supremacist, Provincial Court judge Maurice Charles acknowledged that the radio interview could be considered a Heritage Front activity, but that it was not given with the intent of breaching the peace, Kehoe recounted.

"[Droege] may have been skating on thin ice, but he has not fallen in," the judge stated.

Droege has yet to face two further charges of violating terms of his bail. Those charges stem from two subsequent television interviews he granted to CBC Toronto.

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Quebec's Jews, Catholics claim role in agreement between Israel, Vatican

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Local interfaith dialogue participants are taking a small measure of credit for the historic agreement establishing diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel.

Quebec, where close to 90 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic according to the 1991 census, has been the site of pioneering Catholic-Jewish dialogue since the 1930s. In recent decades, that contact has grown so comfortable that many interlocutors — although they welcome the new development — think the agreement will have little effect on their relationship because things have been going so well anyway.

Few feel the accord will have much impact on relations between Jewish and Catholic Quebecers in general either.

Montreal dialogue participants feel their representations over the years ultimately helped convince the Vatican to openly recognize Israel. The two are scheduled to exchange ambassadors by the end of April.

"For a great number of years, we have been making presentations to the Papal Nuncio [Vatican ambassador to Ottawa]," said Alan Rose, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) executive vice-president and a dialogue veteran. To his mind, the recognition now means Jews and Catholics can dialogue on equal footing.

"The recognition is the result of many years of dialogue in Montreal and elsewhere. The issue has come up frequently through the years," said Marsha Levy, another longtime lay person in dialogue.

Its importance to Jews here, she thinks, is largely psychological. "It finally legitimizes our relationship."

She thinks the televised image of Vatican and Israeli representatives sitting down and signing a document before the world media may have a far greater impact on attitudes than the many encyclicals that have come down from the Vatican to church leaders.

"We probably already have the best established and structured dialogue in the world," said Father John Walsh, but he understands the importance Jews attach to Vatican recognition.

Walsh, who is attached to the Archdiocese's English-language services office, has been involved in Jewish-Catholic dialogue since he returned from Israel in 1976. He spent a year studying scripture at the Hebrew University.

"Every time I've spoken to a Jewish group, they have asked about the Vatican," he said.

He does not think the agreement-signing will have much "trickle-down" effect to the grassroots. In fact, almost 30 years later, he does not feel the 1962-1965 Vatican II, which led to sweeping reforms of the Catholic Church, including its teachings on Jews, has been felt by the average Catholic.

Sister Diane Willey, who is in charge of interfaith relations at the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, thinks the accord will give Jews the sense that they are fully recognized as a people and enable dialogue to reach a deeper level.

However, she notes it should be remembered that this is a diplomatic agreement signed between two civil powers and does not necessarily have a direct impact on the communities of the two faiths living here.

Jacques Langlais, a Jesuit priest who reached out to Jews in dialogue as far back as the 1930s, said it should be borne in mind as well that Quebecers are not the church-goers they were 50 years ago, nor does the Church control education any more.

Moreover, the whole issue of dialogue and relations with Jews means little to most Quebecers who have no contact with Jews anyway, said Langlais, a founder of the Intercultural Institute of Montreal. Historically, dialogue has been among "the elites" of the two communities.

The lack of formal recognition has not been a hindrance to pilgrimages or scholarly study in Israel, he added.

"To eliminate the prejudice that comes with mother's milk will still take time."

He suspects most people paid no more attention to the accord-signing than to the other international news they receive daily. "In the short term, the agreement will have little effect, but I'm sure the impact will be great in the long term. It's probably the most important development between the Church and Jews in centuries."

The two major interfaith groups in the city are Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal and Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation (CCJC), which encompasses the CJC, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Canadian Council of Churches, a Protestant organization. There are no formal bilateral relations as such between Jews and Catholics.

In this city at least, interfaith dialogue has largely taken place between Christian clergy and Jewish lay people, a notable exception being Rabbi Howard Joseph, the current CCJC chair, who is now out of the country.

The Quebec office of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews closed last fall for lack of funds.

Christian-Jewish Dialogue chair David Oliver, an Anglican priest, said, "It's nice to see the national scene [the Vatican and Israel] duplicating what has been happening at the local level for a long time."

The Archdiocese of Montreal has been silent on the agreement, although it did publish the text of the Dec. 30 accord in its official newspaper, with a commentary by the Bishop of Lyon, France.

Vancouver rabbis to deliver lectures in Catholic schools

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Corespondent

VANCOUVER — The recent accord signed by the Vatican and the State of Israel is "a most welcome development," says the head of the local Roman Catholic Church.

"It encourages us to work together to strengthen these ties," said Archbishop Adam Exner of the Archidiocese of Vancouver.

The archbishop was addressing the interfaith committee of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Pacific region. He said relations have always been cordial, and "I renew our diocese's commitment to combat all forms of anti-Semitism, racism and religious intolerance."

Exner said he hopes to sponsor visits by rabbis to Catholic schools as a way of teaching "knowledge and respect for the Jewish faith and the Jewish people."

Rabbi Martin Cohen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue chairs the CJCs interfaith committee. He said relations with the Archbishop have always been good and outreach to Catholics will begin during the annual Holocaust symposiums for students in April. The symposiums will be expanded from two to three days.

Catholic students have always been welcome to attend the symposiums, held at the University of British Columbia. There are about 2,000 students attending Catholic schools in Vancouver.

Rabbi Cohen said the third day of the symposium will be geared to Catholics so they can meet "real, live Jews, since they learn in their schools a great deal about Jews and Judaism but it is based on their gospel stories dealing with ancient Jews."

The rabbi said he has been chagrined about the basic anti-Jewish attitudes nourished through Catholic teachings and said "we will do our best to try and change this." He said the warm relations which exist with the Archbishop will make the task somewhat easier.

Rev. Gregory Smith, vice-chancellor of the archdiocese, told *The CJN* "we're open to any suggestions Congress makes to help further improve Jewish-Catholic relations."

Adam Exner

Smith said in 1989, 45 priests of the Vancouver archdiocese "shared a dialogue" with rabbis and CJC representatives. The luncheon gathering took place at the Catholic Information Centre and both faiths enjoyed a kosher meal.

Smith said this interfaith event grew out of a conversation between Rabbi Cohen, CJC Pacific region executive director Erwin Nest and the late Archbishop James Carney following a Committee for Racial Justice dinner.

"When the Jewish representatives approached the Archbishop as to the possibility of priests devoting a morning or evening to the study of Catholic-Jewish relations, he gave his warm approval to the idea, and appointed Father Richard Mugford of the Catholic Information Centre as the organizer."

Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Mordecai Feuerstein of Schara Tzedec both addressed the session. Nest and Naomi Frankenburg, who was national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at the time, were special guests, said Father Smith.

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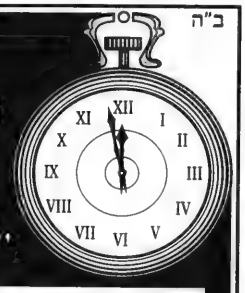

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Judge denies bail request on drug-related charges

Three held

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Seven charges related to trafficking in narcotics have been laid against Rabbi Meyer Krentzman, who has been executive director of several Jewish organizations and has conducted services at Montreal synagogues.

Among the charges, Rabbi Krentzman is accused of attempting to sell one kilogram of cocaine for $32,500 to an undercover policeman and, in another instance, 30 grams of heroin.

The charges also include possession (including an additional 51 grams of heroin), intention to traffic and conspiracy.

Rabbi Krentzman, 49, is co-accused with Andor Galandauer, 45, parnass of Beth Zion Congregation in Cote St. Luc, who also faces seven charges, and Viswanadham Thamotharampillai. They were arrested Jan. 20 following a search at Quebec Pleating, 5455 de Gaspe St., a company owned by Galandauer.

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman

The drug infractions are alleged to have occurred over the previous two months.

The three men were denied bail by Quebec Court Judge Gaston Labreche and are being held at Parthenais detention centre. A "pro forma" preliminary inquiry is scheduled for Feb. 4.

The three entered not guilty pleas at their arraignment.

A publication ban was imposed on the bail hearings at the request of Rabbi Krentzman's lawyer, Marc Cigana.

In 1991, Rabbi Krentzman led auxiliary High Holiday services at Beth Zion. Originally from the United States, he was executive director for about 10 years of the Jewish Education Council, a constituent agency of Federation CJA that provides pedagogical expertise to Jewish day and supplementary schools.

He was later national director of the Canadian Zionist Federation and director of the Jewish National Fund in Montreal. He served a term as president of the the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal in the early '90s.

Police reported also discovering a large quantity of ammunition, including bullets and machine-gun clips, as well as equipment to produce false passports at the de Gaspe address. A subsequent search of Galandauer's home at 5703 Smart Ave., Cote St. Luc turned up more ammunition and a variety of arms, which were seized.

No charges had been laid by the end of last week in connection with the arms or printing equipment.

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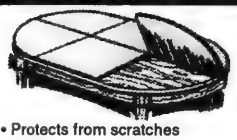

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Jews, Catholics celebrate accord

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Jewish and Catholic dignitaries celebrated last week the recent signing of an accord in which the Vatican, for the first time, recognizes the state of Israel.

About 20 people attended the small and cheerful reception here, including representatives from the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Israeli Embassy.

"We rejoice in the rainbow, the sign of peace, that is manifested in this Accord," said Bishop Jean-Guy Hamelin, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which hosted the event with the participation of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel committee. "But we also see the same rainbow manifested in those leaders in the Middle East who are determined to weave a new social fabric more peaceful and more cordial."

Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef and the Apostolic Nuncio (the Vatican ambassador to Canada) Archbishop Carlo Curis, appeared together to toast the agreement between their two states.

"We are here exactly 90 years and two days after the first meeting between the Pope, Pius X, and a Jewish leader," said Shelef, referring to a 1904 meeting between the Pope and Theodore Herzl, the leader of the Jewish national movement.

"The meeting was cordial, but unfortunately did not yield any positive results. The agreement which has been signed recently shows how far both of us have come."

Curis did not speak at the reception, but said in an interview that the new relationship between Israel and the Vatican will encourage dialogue and understanding between Jews and Christians.

The accord, signed on Dec. 30 after 17 months of intense negotiations, commits the Vatican and Israel to recognize one another's right to religious freedom in Israel, and pledges them to battle anti-Semitism and racism. The Vatican condemns anti-Semitic attacks, including the desecration of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, "acts which offend the memory of the victims of the Holocaust."

Israel promises to continue maintaining Christian Holy places and affirms the Church's right to operate Christian institutions in Israel.

Special subcommissions will be established to settle remaining questions about Church's property in Israel, and its legal and tax status. Within four months the two states are expected to have full diplomatic relations, including an exchange of ambassadors.

Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said in an interview after the reception that he has been urging the Vatican to recognize Israel for 25 years. He says the Vatican may finally have decided to change its stance on Israel because of the world's shifting political climate.

"I think the Catholic Church was looking very marooned," he said. "Everyone was having diplomatic relations with Israel including China and India, Third World countries and the new countries of eastern Europe."

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King Hussein agrees to meet with Rabin

Peace prospects boosted

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a move that could boost the prospects for peace between Israel and Jordan, King Hussein said last week that he is willing to meet publicly with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Jordanian monarch told reporters here last Wednesday that he hopes to meet with the Israeli leader "before too long."

"Our people are meeting. We are negotiating. It is only normal that such a meeting would take place before too long," the king said prior to a scheduled meeting with Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Secret meetings between Hussein and various Israeli leaders are rumored to have taken place several times in the past, including a purported meeting between the king and Rabin last September. However, he has never had an open meeting with any Israeli leader.

The king's comments, which were welcomed by Israeli officials here, came just two days after he held an unprecedented meeting with a group of 30 American Jewish leaders here, a session demonstrating that Jewish-Jordanian relations are beginning to thaw after years of iciness.

During the meeting Monday, he spelled out his vision of a "warm peace" between Israel and Jordan once a treaty is signed, including cooperation in economic, environmental, and other spheres.

Israel and Jordan initialed a draft agreement in September and have instituted three-way economic discussions with the United States.

But the king has been reluctant to jump ahead of other Arab countries currently negotiating with Israel and sign a peace treaty.

Hussein and Christopher agreed to establish a joint commission to enhance consultations and cooperation between the United States and Jordan on political, economic and security issues.

The king had what one Pentagon spokesman described as a "get-acquainted meeting" with William Perry, the deputy defence secretary recently nominated by President Bill Clinton to take over the top job at the Pentagon.

The spokesman said that Hussein and Perry discussed the Middle East peace process, regional security and ways to improve military-to-military relations between the United States and Jordan.

The king also had a private meeting with President Clinton at the White House.

The king's visit to Washington followed a check-up at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where he received a clean bill of health. The king has undergone regular check-ups since a bout with cancer.

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Leaders of the new settlement movement Zu Artzeinu (This is Our Land) launched their campaign at a press conference in Jerusalem. [IPPA Photo]

Israeli army cracks down on new settlers movement

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Dozens of Jewish settlers were arrested last week after attempting to establish new settlements in the territories in a bold new protest over the Israeli government's peace initiatives.

Most of those arrested remained in custody for a further 48 hours because they refused to sign a paper saying they would refrain from repeating their activities.

Earlier in the week, leaders of the new group, known as Zu Artzeinu (This Is Our Land), held a news conference where they vowed to establish a new settlement every day, except on Shabbat, until 130 new communities are created.

They said they would attempt to put up the new settlements next to those already in existence. They are calling their endeavor "Operation Duplication."

Joining the settlers at the news conference were the leaders of a new group of immigrants from the former Soviet Union established to protest the government's peace policies.

The leaders included some well-known former Soviet prisoners of Zion: Ida Nudel, Yosef Mendelevich and Yosef Begun.

"We were willing to be arrested for Zion in Russia. We are certainly willing to be arrested for Zion in Israel," they said in a statement.

The group's leaders said each new settlement — which would double the number of existing settlements in the territories — would be named after a Jewish victim of Arab terrorism.

The new movement does not have the blessing of the entire settlement movement, with the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza (YESHA) officially having come out against it.

Last Sunday, 40 Israelis were arrested when they set up a tent in an attempt to establish a settlement about a kilometre north of the community of Karnei Shomron.

Some of the settlers chained themselves together while others sang nationalist songs and waved Israeli flags.

Security forces had to drag several settlers out. A photographer for an Israeli weekly was arrested for taking pictures in a closed military zone.

Last Wednesday and Thursday nights, Israeli security forces forcibly removed settlers from two areas where they had tried to implement their plans.

The group of 50 arrested Wednesday night were trying to establish a settlement near the West Bank town of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron. The settlement was to be named Givat Lapid, after Mordechai and Shalom Lapid, who were killed in a terrorist attack last month. Witnesses said five of Lapid's 13 children were arrested in the raid.

Thirty-five of those detained refused to sign the document that would enable them to be released from jail, even after a Jerusalem magistrate ordered them released on their own recognizance if they refrained from entering any closed military zone.

They also resisted being fingerprinted.

Last Thursday, another group was arrested trying to create a settlement in a windswept valley near Bat Ayin, one of the large group of settlements comprising Gush Etzion, just south of Bethlehem.

Observers said the vigor of the Israel Defence Force action shows that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has ordered a policy of firmness to prevent any new settlements being established without authorization.

Reporters covering the arrests were physically driven off by soldiers, who declared the entire area closed.

"We have to show the world, and especially this country (and) our own fellow Jews, that we are alive and well, we're excited, we're building, we're growing," Shmuel Sackett, a spokesman for the group, told Israel Radio.

"We're not hiding under our beds, and we're certainly not running away taking some sort of compensation payments," he said.

Members of the group said they would employ passive resistance in the face of evacuation orders.

Rabin backs fundraising

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Following some poorly received remarks on Diaspora fundraising by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has assured leaders of North American Jewish fundraising organizations of his strong and ongoing support.

"I see great importance in the continuation — even more, the intensification — of fundraising efforts among the Jews of the free world, and in deepening education activities for the strengthening of Jewish identification with Israel," Rabin wrote to the head of the United Israel Appeal, Shoshana Cardin.

Rabin's letters, one to Cardin and the other to Jay Yoskowitz, executive vice-chairman of the UIA, came after Beilin's criticism of Diaspora fundraising.

In several speeches and media appearances, Beilin suggested that Israel's current economic and political strength made the traditional form of United Jewish Appeal-Federation fundraising obsolete.

He recommended the dismantling of the present UJA-to-Jewish Agency funding structure, in which the UIA serves as a middleman. He suggested that the funds raised would be better used to finance Jewish education in the Diaspora [*CJN*, Jan. 27].

Rabin called Beilin's remarks "idiotic."

In his letters, written last week and made available to JTA, Rabin referred to "recent statements made in Israel about the role of Jewish fundraising campaigns overseas."

"The central role of the state of Israel is to serve as a sanctuary for Jews from distressed communities, as well as to present a challenge for Jews from developed countries who wish to build their homes here," he wrote.

The immigrations from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Yemen and other countries, Rabin wrote, "have placed and are placing before the State of Israel, the Jewish people and the various campaigns one of the greatest Zionist challenges since the state was established.

"I believe that the Jewish organizations in the Diaspora have a very important role to play in strengthening the Jewish and Zionist infrastructure of Jewish communities, and in the building and development of Israeli society.

"The involvement of Diaspora Jewry with Israel, its problems and accomplishments, is the key to reinforcing the relationship between us and deepening the connection of Diaspora Jews with Israel.

"Fundraising should bring with it," Rabin said, "investment in the Israeli economy. It should be conducted as part of a comprehensive educational effort whose purpose is to make Israel the center of Jewish identity and experience."

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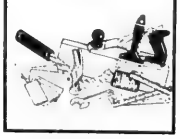

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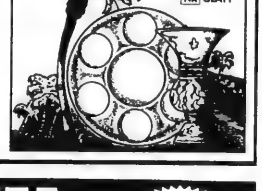

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World

Anti-Semitic incidents up in the U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The number of anti-Semitic assaults, threats and harassments in the United States reported to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) rose again last year, continuing an upward trend begun in 1985 that was interrupted only in 1992.

The 1,079 incidents reported in 1993 are more than triple the 306 reported eight years earlier and the most since ADL began tabulating such events in 1980.

But the year also saw the third straight decline in the number of reported incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism and graffiti. They totaled 788, according to the 1993 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents released by ADL last week.

ADL explains these numbers as reflecting a greater vigilance toward anti-Semitic vandalism by Jews and the police, on the one hand, and a greater willingness by anti-Semites to indulge their hatred in daylight.

"There's been a dramatic increase in what we call 'in-your-face' anti-Semitism," said ADL National Director Abraham Foxman.

"This is more frightening, more confrontational, more devastating, and in terms of the trauma to the individual, the family and the community affected, much more significant than a swastika on the building," he said.

At the same time, the 1,079 reported anti-Semitic assaults and harassments, none of which involved fatality, is roughly the same as the number of American Jews killed in car accidents, assuming traffic fatalities are distributed evenly along religious and ethnic lines.

Nonetheless, Foxman believes the audit, which he calls the most significant barometer of anti-Semitism in the U.S., has an important message.

"I remember when we first came out with the report and somebody said, 'Big deal, in a country of 200 million people, there are 200 incidents,'" said Foxman.

"Tell that to the people affected," he added. "What would be horrendous? How do you quantify it? I don't think there's a rampant epidemic, but it's there, in sufficient numbers to be troublesome and disconcerting.

"The fact it continues to rise is also a troubling element," he said.

It is unclear whether the increase reflects increased hatred or merely more thorough reporting of anti-Semitic attacks.

"We think it's a constant," said Foxman. "It's the same coefficient of non-reporting."

He believes that what is at play is an increasing tolerance of hatred in American society.

A similar explanation for the apparent contradiction between declining attitudes of anti-Semitism and the increasing number of anti-Semitic acts was offered by Jerome Chanes, co-director for domestic concerns of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

"Among those relatively few people who hold anti-Semitic attitudes or views or beliefs, there's been a greater propensity in recent years to act out their beliefs," said Chanes. He said this reflects a general "greater propensity for people to act out their beliefs."

How people are acting out those beliefs, as reflected in the ADL survey, runs the gamut from a brick thrown through a window displaying a family's Chanukah decorations in Billings, Mont., to a man yelling "Jew" at a mourner leaving a cemetery in Framingham, Mass.; from an anti-Semitic letter sent to a newly elected Denver City Council member to 25 cemetery desecrations, eight of them in Ohio.

The variety of incidents adds to the uncertainty surrounding the number: When hundreds of swastikas were painted on institutions and buildings in Washington, D.C. over two days, and when hundreds of anti-Semitic leaflets were delivered to Jews in Teaneck, N.J., each was counted as only one incident.

Still, certain trends seem clear.

The good news is that while neo-Nazi skinheads were proven responsible for a dozen incidents in eight states, that represents a substantial decline from five years ago.

"They've become more of a target for law enforcement," said Foxman. He pointed out that eight of them were arrested for plotting to blow up a black church and assassinate black and Jewish leaders in Southern California.

Most of the skinheads' criminal activity, according to ADL, was committed against black, Hispanic and gay targets, or against other rival skinhead groups.

But a clearly worrisome trend was the continued increase in incidents reported on campus. There were 122 such incidents reported on 81 campuses, up from 114 on 60 campuses last year and more than double the 1988 figures.

These include high-profile anti-Semitism in the guise of academic discussion, such as speeches by Nation of Islam official Khalid Abdul Muhammad and advertisements placed in college newspapers by Holocaust denier Bradley Smith, as well as violent acts such as a brick thrown through the front window of the Hillel building at Michigan State University.

Also reported were dozens of swastikas scrawled in campus lavatories, in elevators and on bulletin boards.

For the third year in a row, the number of incidents of vandalism against public property outnumbered those against synagogues and other Jewish institutions by more than two to one.

Interestingly, the volume of anti-Semitic vandalism — the most public and most widely reported sort of incident — has tracked a course over the 13 years that ADL has been issuing its audit rather similar to that of hard economic times.

The fewest reported incidents came in 1986, at the peak of the Reagan-era economic boom. It rose again starting in 1987, the year of the stock market crash, and peaked in 1990 at the height of the economic recession.

In general, "there is a correlation: When the economy is down, there is greater crime. When there are more jobs, there is less time," said Gerald Arenberg, executive director of the National Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington.

Foxman said that while historically the linkage between economic troubles and anti-Semitism is clear, "I'm not sure it's susceptible to such precise fluctuations. These were dips and recessions. I'll leave that to the sociologists."

The increased attention being paid to security by the Jewish community and the increasing chance of prosecution for vandals "probably accounts for the downturn more than anything else," he said.

And while two-thirds of the states now have laws increasing the penalties for hate crimes, "it's too early to correlate the impact," said Foxman. He observed that many of the incidents are not in themselves crimes.

Not surprisingly, reported incidents were highest in the states with the most Jews: 273 in New York, 234 in New Jersey, 195 in Florida, 191 in California and 189 in Massachusetts.

Nevada, North Carolina and Arkansas had no reported anti-Semitic incidents.

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

MOTENKO — LAZARESCU

Motenko is the surname of a brilliant modern language scholar in Toronto, who went on to become a professor in the United States.

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SURDIN

When Jules Surdin, the personable past president of Beth Tzedec Congregation, asked me to research his surname, I recalled how my aunt became known as Sardine (although she was built more like a whale) because her Jewish name was Sarah Dinah. However, a little fishing led me to the village of Surdy in the Mogilev region.

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The News in Brief

CJC Seeks Leave on Ross Case

MONCTON — Canadian Jewish Congress will seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada the New Brunswick Court of Appeal decision that allowed teacher Malcolm Ross's possible return to the classroom. CJC supports the action of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, which voted last month to take the matter to the Supreme Court. Ross has authored several books alleging a conspiracy by Jews to take over the world.

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Tuition Fee Hikes

CALGARY — Increases in tuition fees at Calgary's two Jewish day schools are inevitable in light of the Alberta government's recently-announced cost cutting measures. The Calgary Jewish Academy and Akiva Academy are facing 12.5 per cent tuition fee hikes.

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B.C Won't 'Censor' Irving

VANCOUVER — The British Columbia film classification bureau has approved a videotape featuring British Holocaust revisionist David Irving. Titled *Search for Truth*, the 85-minute video is about Irving's view that the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust has been greatly exaggerated. The B.C. film classification board says it doesn't censor films.

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BBC Meets With Aristide

TORONTO — Senior officials of B'nai Brith Canada met last week with Haiti's ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. BBC executive vice-president Frank Dimant and Ian Kagedan, director of government relations, were among about 10 business and community leaders attending the hour-long briefing with Aristide.

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Probe of Crown Heights Riots

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department announced last week it would launch a federal investigation into the death of a yeshiva student during the 1991 Crown Heights riots. Attorney General Janet Reno wrote to the Brooklyn District Attorney, stating that the Justice Department was willing to empanel a federal grand jury to probe the death of Yankel Rosenbaum, a chassidic Jew from Melbourne killed in the three days of violence that rocked the Brooklyn neighborhood in August 1991, after a 7-year-old black boy was killed by a car driven by another chassidic Jew. Some in New York's Jewish leadership criticized Reno's probe as too narrow in focus.

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Rabin Rebukes General

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week reprimanded the head of the IDF Planning Branch, Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, for indicating that war might break out in 1994 if the peace talks break down. "I would be more careful than Maj.-Gen. Dayan," Rabin reportedly said. "It was a bad way of putting it." The day before, Dayan, who appeared with Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, told defence correspondents: "We must not forget our basic obligation as the Israel Defence Forces: preparation and preparedness for the possibility of a breakdown in the peace process, which could lead to a limited war, more or less, even in 1994."

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Delay in Dinitz Case

JERUSALEM — Another week may pass before Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair decides whether to press criminal charges against Simcha Dinitz, according to a spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office. Dinitz, who chairs the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization, has been under investigation for possible fraud, including using agency credit cards for personal expenses. The spokeswoman said she expected a decision would be made in about two weeks. Dinitz has agreed to take a leave of absence if he is indicted. He also agreed to retire by the end of the year if any legal proceedings against him are not concluded by then.

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Argentine Rabbi Attacked

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine Jews are experiencing a heightened fear of anti-Semitism in the wake of a violent attack on the country's leading rabbi. Rabbi Salomon Benhamu, 57, was walking to his synagogue in Buenos Aires on Shabbat with his 10-year-old son, when he was assaulted in broad daylight by four people who shouted anti-Semitic slurs and beat him. The attack made headlines in Buenos Aires. Argentine President Carlos Menem telephoned the rabbi and condemned the violence.

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Jewish Man Murdered

ALGIERS — A 62-year-old Jewish man was murdered here last week, and leaders of the tiny Jewish community fear he may be the latest victim of a wave of xenophobic killings that has rocked the country. The victim, Raymond Louzoum, was murdered in the optical shop he owned on the largest street of the Algerian capital. No one claimed responsibility for the killing, but Jewish leaders believe it may have been the work of the Islamic Salvation Front, a group of Muslim fundamentalists opposed to the Algerian government. If so, Louzoum would be the first Jewish victim in the wave of killings that has terrorized the country since last September and claimed 26 other lives.

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Pope to Israel by 2000

ROME — During the next six years, Pope John Paul II wants to make a pilgrimage to major biblical sites in Israel and elsewhere. "My overall desire in the time left before the year 2000 ... is to walk along the paths of the people of God in the Old Testament, and then naturally arrive in the Holy Land — Nazareth, Bethlehem and above all Jerusalem," the Pope told reporters last week. Israel and the Vatican established diplomatic relations at the end of December. The Israeli government has invited John Paul to visit whenever he wants.

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Draft Law Disappoints

PRAGUE — Jewish community leaders in the Czech Republic are protesting recently drafted legislation to return confiscated Jewish property, saying the measures do not go far enough. The draft law calls for the return of all functioning synagogues and all Jewish cemeteries to the country's dwindling Jewish community. But the Federation of Jewish Communities here has charged that there is a substantial amount of property still to be returned to its original Jewish owners. According to the draft legislation, which still has to be approved by Parliament, nonfunctioning synagogues held by churches, nongovernmental organizations and private persons would not be returned to the Jewish community.

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Touvier Trial for March 17

PARIS — French wartime collaborator Paul Touvier will go on trial for crimes against humanity on March 17 in the Versailles Court of Justice. Touvier, 79, was the intelligence chief of the collaborationist Vichy regime's militia in Lyon during World War II. He was twice sentenced in absentia to death following the war but managed to avoid arrest for 25 years Touvier was finally arrested in 1989 and jailed until 1991, when he was released because of reported bad health. He will now be tried on only one count: that he picked seven Jewish hostages who were shot on June 29, 1944 in the southeastern town of Rillieux-la-Pape to avenge the Resistance's murder of Philippe Henriot, the Vichy regime's minister of propaganda.

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Major Meets Arad's Family

LONDON — The case of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad received a boost last week, when British Prime Minister John Major agreed to meet with members of Arad's family, who were visiting here. In a second encouraging development, British diplomats, including Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, announced that they had taken up the case of the missing airman with Iranian and Syrian officials. Major's meeting with Arad's family was planned after 800 people demonstrated outside the Iranian Embassy here, calling for the release of Arad, who bailed out from a fighter plane over Lebanon in 1986 and was believed to have been held by pro-Iranian troops in Lebanon.

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Jewish ANC Contenders

JOHANNESBURG — Four Jews are among the top 50 names on the African National Congress' slate of candidates for South Africa's first non-racial elections in April. Several other Jews are listed among the ANC's top 200. The ANC, led by Nelson Mandela, is the first political party to announce its list of candidates for the country's Parliament. Joe Slovo, chairman of the South African Communist Party, a longtime ally of the ANC, holds the No. 4 slot in the party list.

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By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

Our tradition possesses many wonderful works of moral and ethical wisdom. From the Book of Proverbs in the Bible to the works of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Judaism has emphasized the importance of guidance and instruction in the realm of behavior and conduct among people.

Probably the best known of this genre of writing is Pirkei Avot, the Wisdom of the Sages. This little compendium from the Mishnah is unique in that it is made up solely of the dicta of the rabbis of that time concerning proper conduct, as an individual Jew, as a member of the Jewish people and as a human being.

One of the most significant of the sayings in this collection is a brief one. It contains but seven Hebrew words — Al tistakel bakankan ela vameh sheyeh bo. It is rendered in English — Do not look at the container but at its contents. Now one might be inclined to overlook these words. After all, there is an equivalent saying in English — Do not judge a book by its cover — and the wisdom of these words appears to be rather pedestrian. In reality, these two axioms address a common difficulty today, both within our community and in general.

It is conventional wisdom that first impressions count the most. While this may be so, it means that, all too often, we only judge others by externals. First impressions do not allow for familiarity with the kind of character a person possesses, the talents he or she has, or the knowledge they may have accumulated.

Christy Brown was a very talented Irish writer and poet. But he was born with a crippling neurological disease which left his body twisted and his speech barely intelligible. The only part of his body he could move was his left foot, hence the title of his autobiography and the subsequent award-winning film. Through the use of that left foot and some modern technology, Brown's creativity and brilliance was revealed.

Most people would have been taken aback, even repulsed at the sight of Brown. But if they looked beyond his infirmity and physical appearance, if they would look inside the 'container,' they would find great charm and beauty.

This is also a phenomenon in Jewish life. For example, a Jew dressed in chassidic garb with payes and a long beard is, for some, the quintessential external picture of the truly authentic Jew. For others, this appearance represents the portrait of a rabbinical figure. Still, for others, it is a picture which represents hypocrisy and false piety. Yet, all of these judgements are faulty because they are made on the basis of external appearance alone. Such judgements need to be made with different criteria. They are actually determined by a person's character, wisdom, knowledge, and sincerity. Indeed, it is what is inside that counts.

The dictum in Pirkei Avot reminds us that in making assessments of others, it is not sufficient to look at outward appearance and mannerisms only. These provide but a partial picture. The full picture is found by attempting to look into another's soul.

Rabbi Mark Friedman is the spiritual leader of Shaare Zedek Congregation in Montreal.

Women lose prayer battle

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Supreme Court last week rejected a petition by women to conduct prayer services at the Western Wall.

The court turned down the petition of the women, who sought to pray aloud at the Western Wall, while wearing tallisim, in the face of violent opposition by fervently Orthodox groups.

The Women of the Wall, as they have come to be known since they filed the petition in 1989, were joined in their campaign by an organization of women from abroad, the International Committee for the Women at the Kotel.

The Women of the Wall claimed a partial victory.

They pointed to the court's call for the establishment of a government committee to investigate the matter and to find a way to balance the needs and sensitivities of all worshippers at the Wall.

The decision was "extremely positive," said Bonna Haberman, the group's founder. "The Supreme Court has demanded that the state recognize that women's voices, our freedom of access and our right to prayer are included in the mosaic of religious pluralism at the holy site," she said.

Miriam Isserow, the attorney for the Israel Women's Network, however, called the decision "very disappointing" and charged that it "bowed to the demands of the ultra-Orthodox."

Rabbi Yehuda Getz, who oversees religious practices at the Wall, was equivocal as he walked out of the courtroom.

He called the ruling "neither here, nor there," and said he trusted the government committee charged by the court to investigate the matter would use "common sense" in making a final decision.

Rabbi Simha Meron, a lawyer and former director of Israel's rabbinical courts, was among those representing the Orthodox position in the case.

Read from Torah

He expressed confidence that the government committee would "find ways around" the women's claim that they have a right to pray the same way men do, which he said is "not according to halacha."

Until the committee renders its decision, he said, religious activities at the Wall will continue to fall under the authority of the Orthodox rabbinate.

The women's petition was filed five years ago, several months after the group of mostly Orthodox women began to pray together each Rosh Chodesh, or new month, in the women's section of the Wall.

They sang aloud, wore prayer shawls and read from the Torah, in the same fashion as the men on the other side of the low partition dividing the two sections.

According to media reports at the time, each time the women prayed, they were harassed by the fervently Orthodox groups, who claimed the women were violating Jewish law.

They also maintained that because the women were praying with raised voices, they were distracting the men from worship.

Women are permitted and even encouraged to pray at the Wall, they maintained, but they should do so silently.

The hostility culminated in a violent attack on the women in March 1989, when police were called in to disperse the crowds with tear gas.

The women subsequently filed their petition with the Supreme Court, calling for the Religious Affairs Ministry, the chief rabbis, the police and fervently Orthodox political parties to show why the authorities failed to protect them as they exercised their right to pray as they saw fit.

Since then, the group has dwindled to a few dozen, but it has continued to pray each month at the Wall. The group has been subject to a court order, however, barring them from praying with a Torah and with prayer shawls.

Front Line

Islamic rebellion in Egypt could affect Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Egypt is facing a mounting Islamic fundamentalist rebellion.

The revolt is nothing less than an increasingly violent attempt by Muslim militants to overthrow the pro-Western Egyptian government, led by President Hosni Mubarak, and to establish an Islamic regime patterned after Iran.

On the rampage for the past two years, the insurrectionists have attacked government ministers and high officials, senior army officers, secular intellectuals, Copts (the indigenous Christians of Egypt) and foreign tourists.

With an eye for international headlines, the militants have tried to assassinate such prominent figures as Prime Minister Atef Sedki, Interior Minister Hassan al-Alfi and Gen. Osman Shahin, the commander of Cairo's central military district.

And they have threatened so-called "enemies of Islam." Chief among these are Naguib Mahfouz, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist; Adel Imam, a popular film actor; and Amina el-Saeed, one of Egypt's most illustrious writers.

Xenophobic, fanatical and utterly dedicated, the militants have also imposed something of a reign of terror on Egypt's venerable Copt community — gunning down Christian civilians, burning and looting churches and demolishing Christian-owned shops.

The violence, which has claimed more than 200 lives in and around Cairo and in southern Egypt, has practically ruined Egypt's lucrative tourism industry. The fundamentalists have deliberately targeted the travel industry because it has been one of the pillars of Egypt's moribund economy.

Tourism, which once brought in some $2 billion (US) annually, has fallen off drastically, perhaps by as much as 70 per cent. Buses, cruise ships and hotels have been bombed, resulting in the deaths of seven tourists. The victims have been Europeans, Japanese and Americans. No one is immune.

In response to the escalating terror, the Egyptian government — which has ruled under emergency laws since the 1981 assassination of President Anwar al-Sadat — has adopted a two-pronged approach.

It has rounded up and arrested thousands of Muslim activists, hanging more than a score of them, and closed mosques, Islamic charity organizations and schools.

In addition, Mubarak has attempted to appease the forces of Islam by courting apparent Muslim moderates, a policy begun by Sadat. Before he himself was killed by fundamentalists, Sadat released hundreds of Muslim opponents from detention camps, funnelled scarce funds to Islamic institutions and made a public show of his piety.

With ominous results, Mubarak has maintained Sadat's policy. Thanks to the government's acquiescence, Al Azhar University in Cairo — Islam's oldest theological institute — has banned several of Naguib Mahfouz's novels as disrespectful to Islam; movie directors, entertainers, artists and writers have been forced to modify their work; and academics have had to tread carefully.

Under pressure from Islamic militants, Copts are hard-pressed to build new churches and repair old ones. Furthermore, a numerus clausus has been imposed on Christians, who've been gradually eliminated from positions as cabinet ministers, army and police officers, governors, bankers, parliamentarians and university professors.

In the face of this climate of fear and blatant discrimination, numerous Copts have emigrated. (In the past two decades, thousands have settled in Canada, bringing to an estimated 150,000 Canada's Coptic Christian colony.)

Many Egyptian intellectuals, proud of Egypt's secular traditions, believe Mubarak has gone too far in placating the forces of Islam.

Some of these critics have paid the ultimate price for their dissent.

Farag Foda, a well-known journalist who was particularly critical of the government's posture toward the Copt minority, was assassinated.

Others, like Shukri Ghali, charge that Egypt's minister of religious affairs, Mohammed Mahgoub, is in league with the fundamentalists and using his office to support the radical Islamization of Egyptian society.

Whether true or not, the fact of the matter is that the veil, rarely seen a decade ago, has made an enormous comeback of late.

Two organizations, the Islamic Group and Al Jihad (Holy War), are in the forefront of the Islamic insurrection convulsing Egypt today.

The spiritual leader of the Islamic Group is Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, who faces charges in a conspiracy to blow up the World Trade Center in Manhattan. He has followers in villages, urban slums and universities.

Al Jihad, whose original acolytes murdered Sadat, is led by Ayman al-Zawahri, a physician who lives in exile in Switzerland, Iran and Afghanistan. Al-Zawahari fought with Afghan rebels against the Soviet army. His paramilitary outfit is said to be trying to infiltrate Egypt's armed forces.

Egyptian officials claim that both groups are supported by external powers. Last year, Mubarak reportedly told the director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency that Iran has set up training camps in Sudan for Islamic fundamentalists from around the Arab world trying to destabilize the Egyptian, Jordanian, Tunisian and Algerian governments.

There is no doubt that Iran — the fount of state Islamic militancy today — is helping Egyptian fundamentalists. But it is simplistic to assume that they are dependent on outside assistance and would wither away without it.

The truth of the matter is that Islamic fury is fueled by Egypt's crushing poverty — the joblessness and accompanying sense of hopelessness. The official unemployment rate of about nine per cent is actually far higher, especially among recent university graduates, where it reaches 40 to 50 per cent.

Popular discontent is also fed by woefully inadequate housing for an exploding population, and a widespread perception of a stagnant, corrupt and essentially one-party political system that ignores the aspirations of most of Egypt's 58 million citizens.

Critics charge that, in order to create jobs, encourage foreign investment and foster stability, Egypt must restructure its inefficient, centrally-planned economy. Under the guidance of the United States, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Egypt has made some progress in that direction. But, mindful of the 1977 bread riots which almost toppled Sadat's regime, Mubarak has resisted serious change.

Since the 1978 Camp David Accords with Israel, the United States has poured approximately $30 billion into Egypt, while conservative Arab regimes have written off billions of dollars worth of debts.

But, obviously, these transfusions have failed to stem the rising tide of Islamic militancy in Egypt.

Israel — which signed a peace treaty with Cairo in 1979, the first with an Arab nation — is worried by developments in Egypt, since Islamic leaders are deeply anti-Zionist and are aligned with the rejectionist camp in the Middle East. In keeping with their hardline philosophy, they reject Israel's Declaration of Principles with the PLO, bitterly describing it as a "blatant betrayal of the hopes of the Palestinian people."

More to the point, if the fundamentalists were to seize power, they would almost certainly renounce the peace treaty and sever diplomatic relations with Israel. This would doubtless trigger a major crisis in the Middle East, perhaps even emboldening Israel to recapture part of the Sinai Peninsula, with all its attendant consequences.

Likud's strength sapped by bitter infighting

By DAVID LANDAU

Citing eroding public support for the Palestinian self-rule accord, some political observers here think Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's coalition government could well unravel in the face of a host of political uncertainties.

But their assessment of the Likud opposition is no more generous.

"The Labor-Meretz government is just about ready to fall," wrote Emuna Elon, a popular, right-of-center columnist for the newspaper *Ma'ariv*. "But the tragedy is that there is no alternative to take its place."

She may have exaggerated the weakness of Rabin's coalition, but her evaluation of the state of affairs among the leadership of Likud seemed to hit the mark.

The Likud leaders, she wrote, "are stuck in the mire of their own egos."

"Some of them do have fighting spirit," Elon said, "But they direct it all at infighting between themselves."

Elon's criticisms of Likud came on the heels of a dramatic worsening of relations among the top echelon of the Likud.

Ariel Sharon triggered the latest downturn with a frontal attack on Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud chairman known popularly as "Bibi."

Recently, Sharon made the clear-cut pronouncement — his first in recent years — that he wants to run for the Likud leadership and then for prime minister.

The hard-line former defence minister took aim at Netanyahu for his inability to arouse widespread support among the Likud rank and file against last September's sudden accord between Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

Sharon, who previously stood aloof from the race for leader of the Likud, has claimed that it is shortsighted and unfair of the party to have installed a neophyte like Netanyahu as its leader for the entire parliamentary term and into the next general election, which must be held by 1996.

Sharon said opposition to the self-rule accord — which in the eyes of the right wing spells mortal danger for Israel — requires bolder, more imaginative and more experienced leadership than Netanyahu, 44, is able to provide.

Many senior figures in the Likud Knesset faction are thought to be uncomfortable with Netanyahu's meteoric rise to the leadership.

They regard him as a political lightweight, a master of the television sound bite rather than a person of profound or single-minded political thinking.

In this context, these Likud critics note how Netanyahu originally announced he would honor the agreement with the PLO if he came to power.

But, they point out, he recently changed that stance, arguing that Arafat had violated the accord by failing to revoke portions of the Palestine National Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

The critics claim this zigzagging by Netanyahu reflected a shortsighted desire to curry favor with the factions of the far right, whose supporters, particularly those living in or linked to the settlements, are spearheading the public campaign against Rabin's policies.

Some observers think Sharon himself is angling for the support of these groups and would consider stepping outside the Likud to form a new party based on disgruntled Likud followers and other rightist groups.

Netanyahu, for his part, has referred to Sharon as "an inveterate underminer" — a phrase originally used by Rabin in 1978 to describe his longtime Labor Party rival, Shimon Peres.

In interviews, Netanyahu noted that Sharon had crossed swords with former Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir.

"Now it's my turn," Netanyahu added bitterly.

Shamir, who is sporadically active in public life, recently came to Netanyahu's side with the withering assertion that "Sharon will never be No. 1 in the Likud."

But Sharon's chances are regarded differently by another important figure on the right, Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan.

Eitan, whose staunchly nationalist party won eight Knesset seats in the surprise of the 1992 election, already cast his own hat into the prime ministerial ring, announcing he will run in 1996.

Recently, Eitan said Sharon was an eminently suitable candidate.

But he did not back down from pursuing his own candidacy, leading some pundits to predict that the two former generals — who together ran the controversial invasion of Lebanon in 1982 — may emerge from the current infighting on the right as a single ticket.

(JTA)

Open debate will foster greater involvement

By MILTON HARRIS

An open letter to Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg in response to his article in *The CJN* of Dec. 2, 1993 — "Diaspora has no right to decide future of Israel."

Dear Rabbi Friedberg:

Now I can understand why you have always refused to publicly criticize the policies of any government of Israel: you are afraid that your arguments will be so persuasive that the Israeli electorate — after all, they are the only ones who will "decide matters of life and death for Israel" — will be compelled to follow your lead. I doubt that you have anything to fear. Having participated in several Israel-Diaspora dialogues, I have never observed that Diaspora Jews make the slightest impression on the electoral preference of any Israeli.

Ordinarily, I would reply to you privately, but your attack on "peaceniks" — I confess to being one — requires a public response. You direct several accusations against us: we have pressured the Israeli government (are they moved by every word from Diaspora Jewry?); we have appealed to our own government "to lean heavily on Israel" (during the 30 years of lobbying governments for Jewish causes, I have never seen any Jew do that); we are only concerned with what our "Gentile neighbors would say" (is it useful to impugn each other's motives — why not stick to the issues?).

In the article, you touch on a crucial question: "What are the rights of Diaspora Jews, if any, in reacting to the new arrangements?" Since the establishment of the state, the nature of the Israel-Diaspora relationship has hardly been addressed. It is clear that Israel is not just a state in the Middle East with a majority of Jews: it is the Jewish State. In the perception of the rest of the world, and because of the bond I feel, somehow it also represents me.

Like Rabbi Marmur, I consider myself a Zionist but am unsure what that means today. Soon after forming the new state's first government, David Ben Gurion declared, "To be a Zionist is to move to Israel." That signalled the decline of Zionism as a force in Jewish life. But, I still cling stubbornly to the Ahad HaAm concept of Zionism: wherever we choose to live, we are one people based on the centrality of the Jewish State. Although I have no intention of making aliyah, and am a dedicated and involved Canadian, I still feel a strong bond with the Jewish state. I don't, however, vote in Israeli elections and therefore will never have the right, or the power, to "decide matters of life and death for Israel."

Nevertheless, I do cherish my right to express in public, at any time, my concern that the government of Israel, or our own Jewish community, is pursuing policies that are wrong for the Jewish people. I have no objection to your doing the same.

That for instance, was the reason I supported a resolution at the last Congress Plenary in 1992 that stated "The Shamir Government's settlement policy in the territories is an obstacle to peace," That resolution was soundly defeated. Can anyone today doubt that a doubling of the present settlers in the territories to 260,000 would have prevented any future Israeli government, no matter how strong its electoral mandate, from ever making a peace with the Palestinians that can only include territorial compromise?

Rabbi, you and I have been involved in the activities of our community. But we both know that a considerable number of Jews, especially our youth, are uninvolved with, and even estranged from the community. Some of this alienation — I don't say all — is their perception of Israel as an occupying power, and the Jewish establishment as monolithic, autocratic, aristocratic, and impervious to dissent.

Encouraging open discourse about Israel, I am convinced, would only strengthen Jewish support for Israel and bring greater involvement into our community.

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Grudging attitude

During his historic, precedent-shattering trip to Israel in 1977, Anwar al-Sadat of Egypt wisely spoke of the "psychological barriers" between Israel and the Arab world.

Sadat, the first Arab head of state to set foot on Israeli soil, was perceptive enough to grasp the essential truth that psychological factors are as relevant as substantive matters in the long, bitter Arab-Israeli conflict.

Realizing that, Sadat broke ranks with his fellow Arab leaders and offered Israel an olive branch. Speaking in the Knesset, he declared: "If you want to live with us in this part of the world, in sincerity I tell you that we welcome you among us with security and safety." At another juncture in his remarkable speech, he said: "I tell you, and I declare it to the whole world, that we accept to live with you in permanent peace based on justice."

These words, this vision, resonate 17 years later as Israel is bogged down in bilateral peace talks with the PLO, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.The overarching lesson to be drawn from Sadat's courageous journey is that Israel is receptive to sincere overtures from the Arab side. In exchange for a peace treaty, which was signed in 1979, Israel, albeit reluctantly, relinquished the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt. Although the treaty has not fulfilled every expectation, Israel and Egypt are at peace.

Which brings us to Syria. In Geneva recently, Hafez al-Assad, the Syrian president, spoke of his desire to "normalize" relations with Israel and to seek "the peace of the brave." However, unlike Sadat, Assad did not truly offer the hand of friendship to Israel, nor, we should add, has he really prepared Syrian public opinion for this prospect. Instead, he spoke in vague generalities, without realizing that Israelis hunger to hear about the nuts and bolts of peace — diplomatic relations, open borders, trade.

And by refusing to admit all but one Israeli journalist (who held dual Swiss-Israeli nationality) to a press conference at the end of Assad's meeting with President Bill Clinton, the Syrians squandered an ideal opportunity to break down psychological barriers, and needlessly wrecked a chance at confidence-building.

Clearly, Syria can learn a lesson in diplomacy from the late, great Anwar al-Sadat. Syria, too, can learn from Jordan, which has already taken concrete steps to achieve peace with Israel. And Syria can learn even from the PLO, which is deeply engaged in the peace process.

If Assad fails to reassess his essentially grudging attitude to Israel, he will have to bear responsibility should the peace process not yield practical results.

Unintended results

One of the greatest achievements of the Zionists who created the State of Israel was to eradicate the malaria-carrying mosquitoes in the Hula marsh area of the northern Galilee.

Between 1951 and 1958, Israeli specialists in hydrology and agriculture supervised the drainage of that vast wetland area and managed to reclaim some 19,000 acres of rich submerged soil, which were used to produce potatoes, melons and cucumbers — important crops for the growing population of the newly emergent state.

However, it is now apparent that the high-minded exercise of draining the Hula swamps has had a deleterious effect on the subtle ecological balance in the area. According to the *New York Times* (December 5), the substratum of peat which formed the floor of the marshes decomposed through natural combustion over the years and penetrated the water table.

The result is that Lake Galilee itself has become polluted with the effluents from the Hula acreage, and the drained swamplands are now covered with mice-infested weeds.

Israeli engineers are putting the best construction they can on the problem, by saying that the draining of the marshes served Israel's purposes well in the 1950s; the realities of the 1990s, however, require that the Hula area be reflooded, in order to rectify the current situation. To this end, Israel will now create a lake covering 1,500 acres of the Hula area and will transform the site into a wetland wildlife park with boating facilities for tourists. Environmentalists hope that animals once indigenous to the area — water buffalo, deer, wild boar — will be reintroduced into the projected park.

Israel is to be commended for being realistic in dealing with a problem resulting from its own idealism. The Hula case, however, is an example of the unanticipated consequences that are often recognized years after initial decisions are taken. The mistake of draining the Hula valley appears to be rectifiable.

A final question remains with regard to the Hula wetlands project. Will the mosquitoes return with the water?

NEW ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN

Smiling new arrivals from Yemen in traditional dress gathered recently in Jerusalem. In the past year, half of Yemen's Jews have been airlifted to Israel, with the rest expected to follow in the coming months. [IPPA Photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

REACTION TO LOBBYING

Your Israeli correspondent, Leora Frucht, accurately reports statements about lobbying made by me at a recent meeting in Tel Aviv (*CJN*, Jan. 6). However some context would, perhaps, be helpful to your readers.

I had been asked to react to Mr. Peyton Lyon's statement that the Jewish community is the most powerful lobby in determining Canadian foreign policy; wields disproportionate influence; and is more powerful than either the prime minister or the foreign affairs minister. I had not previously heard Mr. Lyon's statement and the outrageousness of this old canard obviously resulted in an element of dramatic overstatement in my own reaction.

Had I instead been asked to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses and overall effectiveness of efforts to influence Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East — and how this has varied over time and in specific instances — my response would almost certainly have been phrased differently.

Norman Spector
Ambassador of Canada to the State of Israel

Editor's Note: *On Dec. 16, 1993 a letter to the editor from Peyton Lyon was printed in the* Globe and Mail. *In it Lyon claimed that Canadian Jewry's pro-Israel lobby, the Canada-Israel Committee, was "the most powerful lobby in the making of Canada's foreign policy"; and that its influence drew strength from the "exceptionally wealthy and cohesive" Canadian community.*

NO HOLOCAUST DENIAL

It is not my intention to address most of Ralph Niessen's letter (Nov. 4/93), other than to say that not one anti-Polish charge is true or even vaguely accurate. I must, however, address his suggestion that I or any other Pole "is only steps away" from Holocaust denial.

A more absurd and crude statement could not be made.

Six million Polish citizens perished during World War II. This number represents roughly one in eight Polish Christians, and more than 90 per cent of Polish Jews. It is the most tragic epoch in the history of my country, and the brutality of the German occupation, which reached unprecedented depths of cruelty with its planned murder of Jews, is the most tragic epoch in world history.

For anyone even moderately familiar with Polish wartime history, Holocaust denial is an impossibility.

The fate of the Jews was recorded in Polish Underground documents, in statements by the Polish government-in-exile, and in countless writings since then. In Poland, memorials stand wherever a known atrocity was committed.

Some other facts bear mentioning. The Government Delegate (of the Underground) alerted London about the persecution of the Jews in 1940. The government-in-exile sent a note on this subject to Allied governments on May 3, 1941. Also in 1941, the Polish Ministry of Information in London published a booklet titled *Bestiality Unknown in Any Previous Record of History.* In January 1942, the ministry issued another publication, *The New German Order in Poland.*

Stefan Korbonski, the head of civil resistance in Poland, sent a great many messages to London, some of the most important being about the first armed resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto in January 1943; medical experimentation at Auschwitz in March 1943; reports on crematoria, massacres and ghetto liquidations; and on the identity of the Auschwitz commander (Hoess), and his chief aide (Grabner).

The Council for Aid to Jews, code named Zegota, was established on Dec. 4, 1942. A proclamation to the Polish population had been issued on Sept. 17, 1942 protesting against the unprecedented cruelty and mass murders by the Germans, and this proclamation was transmitted to the BBC and other Allied radio stations.

In 1942, the Polish underground emissary Jan Karski, who had, undercover, entered the Belzec camp, and then crossed Europe through Germany and France in order to bring eyewitness reports of Jewish liquidations to the Western Allies, met with and reported to leading politicians and journalists including Anthony Eden, Franklin Roosevelt, Felix Frankfurter and Walter Lippman. He communicated the plea from Jewish Resistance leaders for Allied bombing of rail lines and for Allied warnings to the German civilian population about the ultimate penalty for their government's atrocities. No action was taken. Lippman did not bother writing the story after interviewing Karski.

Malgorzata Dzieduszycka
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HELP THE LIVING

I was intrigued by your Dec. 23 praiseworthy editorial lauding Syria's President Hafez al-Assad's promise to assist the investigation of missing Israeli servicemen. For a man who has never been a lover of Zion, this is truly a remarkable concession. What motivated this dramatic change?

The demise of the USSR, Syria's closest ally, had a devastating effect upon her. She suffered colossal losses financially, materially and politically, which threatened the stability of the country, and may even have jeopardized Assad's survival as president. Faced with such peril, Assad chose to build bridges with the West, and particularly the United States. Under such circumstances helping locate Israeli graves was a minor concession.

In the meantime however, Hezbollah, which is fiercely opposed to the peace accord, has launched a campaign of terror, killing Israelis at random. They generally stage their attacks from territory controlled by the Syrian army.

According to Jewish tradition, it is a mitzvah to honor the dead, but an infinitely greater mitzvah to protect the living. Assad's gesture of helping locate Israel graves, rings hollow and insincere. He would gain greater credibility by taking the necessary action against Hezbollah, and thus save Israel lives, rather than offering to identify their graves.

Alex Bellan
Toronto

German young men receive fitting sentences

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

As readers of this column know, it is my habit to keep a close watch on developments in Germany — its political and social climate, the condition of its Jewish community, and the nation's role in the world.

Recently I wrote about the disgraceful sentence that was meted out to the assailant of Monica Seles. Today, I can tell better news.

You will remember that in November 1992, an attack on foreigners took place in the small city called Moelln, in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein. The arson resulted in the deaths of three Turkish-born residents, who were guest workers in Germany. It aroused worldwide attention and focused both on German xenophobic sentiments and on European anti-foreigner feelings in general.

The trial against the two young men,26-year-old Michael Peters and 20-year-old Lars Christiansen, was concluded last month and the sentences were handed down.

The following is a comment in the weekly publication *The Week in Germany*.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

"The two young men held responsible received the maximum sentences possible. Peters was sentenced to life imprisonment for his conviction on three counts of murder, 39 counts of attempted murder, and one count of arson. Christiansen was found guilty of the same charges but, having been tried as a juvenile, received 10 year's imprisonment, the maximum allowed for a youthful offender.

"In announcing the court's decision, presiding judge Hermann Ehrich stressed that Peters and Christiansen had been aware of the possibly deadly consequences of their actions. The court was not persuaded that the two had displayed humanitarian insticts when they called the police and fire department's after setting the house ablaze in which three people died. On the contrary, the court found, Peters and Christiansen proved their extremist intentions in closing their anonymous calls to the authorities by saying 'Heil Hitler!'

"Defence lawyer Manfred Goerke announced before Wednesday's sentences that this clients planned to appeal their conviction. Goerke argued that their responsibility had not been conclusively proven."

The sentences were widely greeted with approval. Horst Kuehl, mayor of Moelln, expressed satisfaction that Peters and Christiansen had received stiff sentences and hoped that his city would no longer be a by-word for neo-Nazi terror. "We are a normal small city," he said. While one Turkish resident of Moelln told reporters, "Our trust in German justice has grown," another doubted that the conviction would do much to end anti-Turkish sentiment in Germany. In Ankara, the Turkish Foreign Ministry praised the sentence, as did the newspapers throughout Germany and Europe.

What struck me particularly amongst these comments was the one by the mayor of Moelln who said that, after all, his city was just a small normal place in which to live. But it was precisely in these "small normal" places, that so many of the atrocities of the Holocaust were perpetrated. The size of the city was not the deciding factor, compassion and cruelty could be found everywhere and anywhere.

The thought that in rural and small town areas there is a higher sense of morality no longer holds with the same force it once did. Television has levelled all of society, in all its locations. Unfortunately, it has not always been for the better.

Now that the shoe is on the other foot ...

By ROBERT K. LIFTON

Now that former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and Likud Party leader Binyamin Netanyahu have finished their tours of American Jewish communities and returned home, it is worthwhile to consider the implications of their visits. A number of American Jews, particularly those who support the positions of the Rabin government, were deeply offended by the fact that both Shamir and Netanyahu chose to criticize publicly — both within and outside the American Jewish community, including in the halls of Congress — the actions and principles of the Rabin administration regarding the peace process.

Many reminded the Likud representatives that when their party was in power they angrily condemned anyone from the opposition in Israel who challenged their actions in the United States. Such arguments, they then claimed, should be limited to Israeli soil: "We should not wash our linen in foreign lands."

Now that the shoe is on the other foot, however, they are not only willing but eager to criticize their opponents. They try to differentiate the present situation by arguing that these issues are existential — too important to the future of Israel to require abiding by the old rules.

I do not contest the right of Likud spokesmen to advocate their position in the United States. Yes, of course, they are being hypocritical. But that goes to the issue of character, not their right to speak their minds.

Indeed,it was valuable for Americans to hear the positions of Shamir and Netanyahu because it was so clear that neither of them offered any sensible and acceptable alternative to the course now being pursued by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to make peace with the Palestinians and the Arab world. They railed against the Declaration of Principles and against any arrangement with Syria that might entail returning all or part of the Golan Heights. Yet they never explained how the Likud would solve the problem of trying to retain control over 1.8 million Palestinians demanding some form of self government and still retain Israel's democratic and Jewish nature.

Binyamin Netanyahu (IPPA photo)

Nor did they explain how a comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors can be achieved without a deal with Syria that involves territorial compromises respecting the Golan. Anyone listening carefully to their arguments had to conclude that their course would send Israel back to being a pariah state, losing all the hard-won gains of the present process in achieving unprecedented acceptance among the nations of the world. For these reasons I am glad that they aired their views in the United States.

There is one position in particular that was articulated direcly by Shamir and, by implication, by Netanyahu that deserve special condemnation. Shamir stated explicitly that were the Likud to return to power, it would "abrogate" the Declaration of Principles entered into by the present government. This idea is that later governments of Israel are not bound by the ability of any Israeli government to commit the nation to binding agreements. It may well do more damage to Israel's relationships in the family of nations than any Arab attempt to delegitimize Israel.

Can one imagine the hue and cry that would have ensued had President Hosni Mubarak, when he came into office, disawoved the Camp David agreements reached by Anwar al-Sadat with Menachem Begin?

While Netanyahu at one time openly expressed the same position as Shamir, he now packages it more slickly. He states that the Likud would indeed adhere to the present agreement with the PLO but would insist on an interpretation that results in maintaining pockets of Palestinians in separate enclaves or cantons. Of course, this interpretation fully negates the intent and objectives of the Declaration of Principles.

Likud leaders like to argue that there is no point in making deals with Israel's Arab neighbors; since they are not democracies, they cannot be relied on to honor their agreements. What would these positions say about Israel as a democracy?

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A small miracle at the Western Wall

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

When we think of miracles, we generally think big: the Red Sea parts, the sun stops overhead, the flood ends, the people survive again. We rarely encounter small miracles, and if we do, we are wary of identifying them. It takes considerable chutzpah to claim that one was sent a miracle, even a teeny tiny miracle. So, I will simply tell you a story, and you can decide for yourself exactly what happened.

We were spending our honeymoon in Jerusalem, a city where miracles are probably likelier than anywhere else, but even there, miracles are not part of one's personal daily expectations.

It was July 1979. My husband, raised Reform, and myself, raised Conservative, were studying Orthodox Judaism in a very religious neighborhood of Jerusalem. We were living about a twenty-minute bus ride away, in a summer rental apartment in the Jewish quarter of the old city. Our apartment was on a courtyard at the end of a series of winding paths that started near the Kotel, The Western Wall.

We went back and forth to school by bus. The bus stop nearest our apartment was the end of the route, the gate adjacent to the Wall. Each day, I got off the bus, walked right past the Wall, and climbed up the set of stairs to a path that led to our courtyard.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

One day, after classes, I was heading home alone because my husband had an additional class. I thought I would get back in time to make a nice dinner, so I purchased up some groceries: a few onions, a few tomatoes, a chicken, and a handful of other things; the shopkeeper put them in a brown paper bag.

Then, I got on the bus.

When the bus arrived at my stop, I stood up to leave and my groceries crashed to the floor around me. The juice of the chicken had leaked, destroying the brown paper bag. If I had been at any other bus stop on the planet, I would have simply bundled my groceries into my skirt, hiked it up pouch-like, and made do. But I was at the Wall. I could not walk past the Wall with my skirt pulled up way over my knees. I wasn't Orthodox, not yet, but this was the Wall and I didn't have to be a Torah scholar to understand that proper dress was required. I had already come far enough to know that.

On the other hand, I could not carry all these slippery, wet things in my arms. I could not imagine what to do, except take the chicken and abandon the veggies.

I crawled around the floor of the bus gathering my goods. Then I said, half-aloud, half to myself, in real truth more swearing than praying, "G-d, I wish I had a shopping bag."

At that moment, I looked under the seat in front of mine, right where I had just reclaimed an onion from the empty floor, and there was a beige plastic shopping bag with a brown mesh pattern and a rope handle.

It was just big enough to hold everything.

I filled it up and took it home.

Of course, there are many logical explanations for this: someone else had left it, it had been there all along, it had slid forward — or back — from under some other seat. Sure it did. Maybe it just materialized. Maybe it didn't. I don't know. I do know that there are many things beyond my understanding, and this apparently minor event may well be one of them.

When you are given a shopping bag — or any item, no matter how mundane — by a possibly mystical event you cannot explain, you try to hang on to it. But when I looked for that shopping bag just a day later, it was gone. I ransacked the apartment. I looked for it from that moment until we packed up weeks later and came back to the States, but I never found it.

I don't know where it came from, and I don't know where it went.

Features

Future dim in Borisov

Sheldon Kirshner visits a small Jewish community in Belarus.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Seventy kilometres northeast of Minsk, past dense pine and birch forests, ramshackle villages, neat farms and manicured cabbage fields, lies the unremarkable town of Borisov.

Despite its population of 150,000, Borisov is really not much more than an overgrown village, and a dreary one at that.

Certain images reinforce this impression — the compact, single-storey wooden homes framed by trees and enclosed by gardens; the muddy lanes reminiscent of a shtetl; the sight of old men and women, bundled in several layers of clothes, tending to piles of smouldering autumn leaves giving off acrid smoke.

To a Western visitor, Borisov appears caught in something of a time warp. Elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, statues of Josef Stalin — a politically incorrect figure since his death — have long disappeared. But here, a visitor is surprised to see a statue of what appears to be a benevolent Stalin in a defiant pose.

Borisov's industrial pride and joy is its match factory, with its huge smokestack and its row upon row of dusty windows. It's the beating heart of Borisov's economy, employing 2,000 workers. It was the largest such facility in the former Soviet Union, an essential plant in a nation of dedicated, almost obsessive cigarette smokers.

Inside, down a dim hallway, is the unadorned office of Aleksandr Rosenblum, 68. Rosenblum, a phlegmatic lawyer, looks after the factory's legal affairs. He is also vice-president of Borisov's Jewish Cultural Society, known otherwise as Light of Menorah.

Borisov is home to approximately 1,000 Jews. Before the Holocaust, Jews comprised upwards of half its total population. The future does not look bright. "I think most Jews will leave," said Rosenblum, whose son and daughter have made aliyah. "They see no light at the end of the tunnel. They don't believe they, or their children, have a good future here."

No less than 1,000 Jews have packed up and left in the past decade, according to Rosenblum. Their chief destinations have been Israel, the United States and Australia. A handful have gone to Canada.

It's not difficult to understand the flight. Belarus has fallen on hard times since it seceded from the Soviet Union in 1991 and embarked on the rocky road to a free market economy. It's struggling to transform itself into a prosperous capitalist society, but affluence is still far off. In the interval, the people cope with the ravages of hyperinflation, the threat of massive unemployment and the fallout from the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, which has stricken some of Borisov's citizens with cancer. Chernobyl is about 600 kilometres from Borisov, but winds have carried radioactive particles to many regions of Belarus.

In spite of everything, Rosenblum has no immediate plans to emigrate. He is, however, keeping his options open. Some day soon, he and his wife may join their children in Israel. His daughter, a computer programmer, lives in the West Bank settlement of Ariel. She emigrated in 1990. His son, an engineer, settled in Ashdod. He has been there for the past five years.

Aleksandr Rosenblum in old Borisov, where many of its Jewish inhabitants once lived. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Aleksandr Rosenblum in front of Borisov's Holocaust memorial. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

If Jews continue to leave, the future of Borisov's organized Jewish community will be placed in doubt. But emigration seems to be the trend, and Elizabeth Belyavina is an example of this phenomenon.

Belyavina, 41 and single, is the director of Borisov's Sunday Jewish school, which was established in December 1991 with 15 pupils and now has 40.

In April, she and her mother intend to emigrate to New York City at the invitation of relatives. "More than half my friends have already left," said Belyavina, a Russian teacher by training.

Belyavina will leave behind a community that has been battered by communism and nazism.

During the communist period, the authorities in Borisov shut down Jewish schools and institutions, closed all 13 synagogues and converted them into social clubs and warehouses. One lone shteibel, frequented by religious Jews, was tolerated.

"It was dangerous to show an interest in Jewish life," recalled Rosenblum.

On the eve of the German invasion of the Soviet Union, more than one-third of Borisov's inhabitants were Jewish. Jews settled in Borisov in the 17th century or earlier, lured by the grain and lumber trade.

The German army marched into Borisov in the summer of 1941, bombing the town in advance of its occupation. In the chaos, Rosenblum was separated from his parents. He and his cousin escaped, fleeing eastward toward Soviet lines. For a while, he was a railway worker. Then, in 1944, he was conscripted by the Red Army.

By Rosenblum's count, 9,000 Jews were killed in Borisov by the Nazis. They were confined to a ghetto, and murdered in October 1941.

His parents were luckier. Having also escaped, his father served in the Red Army, and his mother worked on a collective farm. After the war, the family was miraculously reunited, and Rosenblum studied law in Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

He and his wife, a journalist, joined the Communist party. "It was the thing to do," he observed. "I was a son of the times."

But Rosenblum was also a true believer, and his faith in communism was not diminished by Stalin's anti-Jewish policy, launched in the late 1940s. True, Rosenblum flinched, and he feared for his life. But not even Stalin's anti-cosmopolitan campaign, climaxed by the Doctors' Plot, shook his beliefs.

Rosenblum remained faithful to the party almost to the end, even though he, and later his daughter, were the victims of state anti-Semitism.

"There were times," he said without elaborating, "when I was denied work."

When he finally quit the party in August 1990, he was thoroughly disillusioned with communism.

Having abandoned communism, Rosenblum found a haven in the Jewish community, whose cultural revival has been of a modest nature.

In 1990, Rosenblum was a founder of Light of Menorah, which was officially registered a year later. To this day, it's still the only Jewish organization in Borisov, though efforts are now underway to form a Jewish religious society.

There is no shul, and the community has not reclaimed old synagogue buildings that were somehow spared by the Nazis. Sabbath and High Holiday services are conducted in a rented building — without either a rabbi and, since 1992, a minyan.

An American rabbi did visit Borisov in the autumn of 1991, ostensibly to say kaddish on the 50th anniversary of the the ghetto's destruction.

The Holocaust is commemorated here in two ways.

After perestroika, a simple plaque was affixed on the wall of an orphanage which saved seven Jewish children.

Around the same time, an obelisk was erected in a thickly-wooded ravine, off a road, where thousands of Jews were taken to be shot in cold blood by the Germans and their local collaborators.

Typically, the Soviet-style inscription deleted all references to Jews. Last October, a menorah was added to make amends.

Steps lead from the obelisk down to a black plaque in a clearing of a dark pine forest. The inscription, in Russian, reads: "9,000. Why?"

This haunting question will always remain unanswered — not only in Borisov, but in every locale in Eastern Europe which was darkened by the malevolent spirit of the Holocaust.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Raisa Petrovna has had enough.

She wants out.

Petrovna, 48, is an example of a Jew in the former Soviet Union whose thoughts have turned to emigration.

A resident of Minsk, the capital of Belarus, she was a "typical" Soviet Jew under communism, more or less integrated and yet not fully assimilated because anti-Semitism kept getting in the way.

Born in Bobruisk, a Jewish centre before the Holocaust, Petrovna is an English teacher. Her husband, 53, is an engineer. They have two children, a son of 21 and a daughter of 16.

The catastrophic state of the Belarussian economy is the main reason for their current interest in emigration.

As the most industrialized republic in the old Soviet Union, Belarus was relatively prosperous. But times have changed. In its transition from communism to capitalism, Belarus is struggling with a host of unwieldy problems. Most notably, its new currency is weak, non-convertible and subject to hyperinflation. This affects everyone but those fortunate few who earn hard currency — dollars, marks, pounds or whatever.

A reasonably good monthly income today is equal to about $100 (US). The Petrovnas don't fall into that blessed category. Their combined take-home pay does not exceed $70.

Under these circumstances, the Petrovnas can only survive on a subsistence level. "Practically all our money goes for food," she said. "We can't afford new clothes, or a holiday."

And it is becoming harder day by day. Now, at the markets, vendors demand payment in dollars. No one has faith in the local currency. There is a climate of despair. "From an economic point of view, it was better under communism," she said, echoing an oft-heard refrain in this part of the world.

With the economy in ruins, the field is open to demagogues who may yet pander to the lowest common denominator. Anti-Semitism is already on the rise, Petrovna claimed. "The government shows a good face to the Jewish community, but I fear an explosion. The Belarussians hate us, though some of my best friends are Belarussians."

Anti-Semitism is nothing new to the Petrovnas. Fifteen years ago, she was in line for a promotion at her school. She had the support of her principal. But the job did not come through. It was, as far as she is concerned, a clear-cut case of anti-Semitism.

Woes in Belarus

Petrovna's husband has suffered a similar fate. "He hasn't advanced at work because he's Jewish," she said.

Until recently, he didn't want to leave Belarus. He was attached to Belarus and, besides, he was a communist. But now he is ready to pack his bags.

"I believe we can have a better life somewhere abroad," she mused. "I am prepared to wash floors, if only for the sake of my children."

They hope to settle in the United States. Her husband's sister lives there and can sponsor them. They have considered Israel, but ruled it out.

"I visited Israel last summer, but I didn't exactly feel at home there," she said. Israel was too Middle Eastern. "The Sephardi faces were strange to me."

Like a good many of the 120,000 Jews in Belarus, Petrovna was estranged from her Jewish origins. Decades of Communist party repression saw to that.

Three years ago, shortly before Belarus broke away from the Soviet Union and declared independence, Petrovna went through a transforming experience.

She was asked to be an interpreter for Israeli youth leaders in a B'nai Akiva summer camp near Minsk. "This opened up my eyes to Jewish culture. I had been ignorant of Jewish customs and traditions. But now, baruch hashem, I know something."

Since then, Petrovna has immersed herself in the Hebrew language, drawn closer to the organized Jewish community, and taught Israeli folk dancing at Minsk's Sunday Jewish school.

But in all probability, her days in Belarus are numbered.

America beckons.

Toronto youth leader elected to top International USY post

By FRANCES KRAFT
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Tamara Kochberg

TORONTO — Reserved? Uninvolved? That image is hard to reconcile with the energetic, talkative former competitive swimmer and 1991 Ontario Winter Games gold medal winner. Not only does Tamara Kochberg hold two United Synagogue Youth (USY) vice-presidencies, she also tutors Hebrew, teaches bar/bat mitzvah lessons, lifeguards and serves on the prom committee at Vaughan Secondary School — all while maintaining an A average.

"USY changed my life. I was quite reserved. I didn't like to get involved in extracurricular stuff," said Kochberg in a recent interview. A founding member of Shaar Shalom's USY group, she is vice-president of Eastern Canadian Region USY (ECRUSY) and was recently elected executive vice-president — second in command — for International USY at its late December convention in Irvine, Calif. She served previously on International USY's general board as Israel Affairs co-chair.

Aaron Levinoff, of USY at Adath Israel Congregation, was the other Canadian elected to the international executive. He is membership-Kadimah vice-president.

Kochberg's involvement with the Conservative movement's youth group began seven years ago when she was an 11-year-old United Synagogue Day School student. As a founding member of Shaar Shalom's USY chapter, she saw the group initially as an excuse to get together with friends. Although USY caters to post-bar and bat mitzvah students throughout their high school years, Kochberg was able to join early because the then fledgling Shaar Shalom chapter was not yet officially part of USY.

Shaar Shalom's USY chapter is one of 11 chapters belonging to ECRUSY, which encompasses Toronto, London, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Ottawa. ECRUSY is one of 17 regions making up the organization in Canada and the United States. There are also sister chapters in Israel (called NOAM, for Noar Masorti, or Conservative Youth) and in Hungary (NOAM-USY).

Attending programs and "getting involved" led to Kochberg's discovery of the regional level, which offered a variety of conventions and a leadership training institute that she attended in 1992 and 1993. "I've learned organization, and an endless amount of leadership [skills]," she says. She credits her perseverance to her experience as a member of the Markham Synchronized Swimming Club, as part of which she competed for four years on a provincial level.

As ECRUSY vice-president, Kochberg spends a lot of time on administrative work, she said. One of her duties involves helping individual chapters plan programs. If a chapter wants to plan a program with an Israeli theme, for instance, she will "help them brainstorm."

She attributes the level of her involvement to the 1992 USY Pilgrimage - Poland Seminar in which she took part. The trip included 10 days in Poland, followed by five weeks in Israel. "It was a fantastic educational experience," says Kochberg.

The students visited five concentration camps as well as the castle formerly inhabited by Polish monarchy. "We learned to deal with our feelings. It was an intense look into what we studied. It was an excellently organized trip," said Kochberg, adding that the religious Conservative component of the trip made it unique. Thrice-daily minyans and Shabbat observance were built into the program. As a result of her participation in USY, Kochberg has deepened her observance of kashrut and Shabbat.

On the program, she forged friendships with people from other regions, reuniting with them at USY's annual international convention, which she attended as ECRUSY representative.

In her new position, Kochberg will oversee Israel-related programming, edit a trimonthly newsletter, and act as liaison between USY and the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Having experienced both the dangers and the beauty of Israel, Kochberg says it is her "duty to continue to share that experience and to encourage and help USYers to travel to Israel, to learn about our Jewish homeland and to help in its development and growth."

Levinoff gets USY posting

TORONTO — Aaron Levinoff, 17, of United Synagogue Youth (USY) at Adath Israel Congregation, was one of two Canadians recently elected to USY's international executive. As membership-Kadimah vice-president, he is one of five vice-presidents dealing with specific areas of USY's operations. (Tamara Kochberg, executive vice-president, is the other Canadian.)

Aaron Levinoff

A Grade 12 student at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Levinoff is one of 28 volunteer peer counsellors at his school. In addition to visiting Grade 9 classes to advise them about choosing subjects, Levinoff is available to help other students, either in person or by phone. The position requires 70 hours of training, Levinoff told *The CJN*. He feels he has benefitted personally by learning improved communication skills.

Levinoff also tutors Grade 4 English and Hebrew, as well as coaching his 12-year-old brother's hockey team.

Levinoff's international position involves trying to increase USY membership throughout North America, he said. He is in contact with the North American regions through a monthly newsletter.

International USY is shifting focus to become more involved in political issues such as environmental problems, Levinoff noted. "We don't get involved in right wing or left wing, but we do get involved in issues of the day."

After four years in USY, Levinoff particularly values his USY friendships, as well as the leadership, organizational and listening skills he honed at USY leadership training institutes.

As a high school student, he finds USY a welcome break from the "competitive environment" at school. "Basically, it's fun," he says. "I want to be involved in what's happening, and I can make a positive contribution."

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Emigre convicted in Kleinberg case

By PAUL LUNGEN
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TORONTO — A Russian emigre who moved to Canada from Israel has been convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Toronto jeweler Michael Kleinberg.

Kleinberg, proprietor of the family store, Samuel Kleinberg Jewellers, at Lawrence and Bathurst Street, was killed during a July 9, 1991 robbery in which $3.45 million in gems and rings was taken. The 35-year-old jeweller was bound and gagged by ropes tied around his neck that asphyxiated him.

According to Crown prosecutors Michael Blain and Paul Tait, Russian-born Alexander Yaari, 34, came to Canada on Jan. 29, 1991 and was married to a Toronto woman a month later. Yaari's immigration papers described him as a boxing coach in Russia and a sailor in Israel.

At the time of his arrest, Toronto police told *The CJN* that according to Moscow authorities, Yaari, who was known in Russia as Alex Podlesny, was not Jewish.

Evidence presented during the trial also indicated that Yaari told associates he had served two 3½-year sentences in Russia for rape and assaults and also had a conviction for theft.

Testimony during the trial showed that Yaari left Canada three days after the robbery. While in Vienna, Yaari severely beat an associate after they had a falling out over a failed business scheme. The associate's friend tipped off police to Yaari's presence, eventually leading to his arrest in an early morning raid by an elite unit of Austrian police employing SWAT tactics and stun grenades.

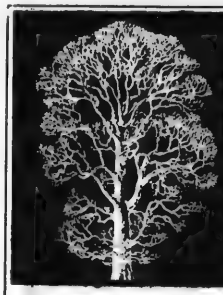
Police found 33 rings worth $79,000 on Yaari. The rings were eventually traced back to the Toronto robbery. They are all that remains of the $3.45 million in valuables that was stolen.

Yaari's Vienna associate eventually turned police informant and testified that Yaari told him he carried a sawed-off shotgun to the store during the robbery. He also testified that he saw Yaari produce a handful of diamonds from a secret pocket in a pair of pants.

Originally facing charges of murder, Yaari waived the right to an extradition hearing when the murder charge was reduced to manslaughter.

During the trial, Crown prosecutors submitted their theory that Yaari had at least two accomplices in the heist. They noted noted that there were no signs of forced entry at the jewelry store, suggesting Yaari had some inside help.

A jury deliberated for eight hours before finding Yaari guilty of manslaughter and robbery. He will be sentenced on March 7 by Ontario Court judge Eugene Ewaschuk.



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Organizations and People

Winnipeg religion writer takes Judaism to heart

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — As Rabbi Alan Green of Winnipeg's Beth Israel Synagogue notes, rarely do you find people who convert to Judaism out of conviction and a search for truth.

Glen MacKenzie is one of those rarities.

Originally from Toronto, MacKenzie grew up in Los Angeles. He returned to Toronto in the early 1970s and enrolled in Ryerson's journalism program. In 1975, he began working as a reporter for the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Three years ago, MacKenzie was moved to the paper's religion page, a move that coincided with the paper's decision to give religious issues more coverage.

Like many baby boomers, MacKenzie notes, he was raised in a secular household. Religion was reserved for weddings and funerals.

"As a religion reporter, I would often hear from clerics that professing a belief in a Supreme Being didn't mean much when you never attend any services," he says. "There was also the question of coming to terms with my own mortality and the social-community aspects of religion and belonging to a group."

MacKenzie says he was attracted to Judaism in part because he liked the specifics — the dietary laws, honoring the Shabbat and the religious symbols of the home, like the Chanukah menorah.

Being Jewish in Canada, he says, gives him a distinct identity he felt he lacked prior to his conversion.

MacKenzie's interest in Judaism was acutally piqued two years ago when he became friendly with Rabbi Judah Kogen, then at the Rosh Pina Synagogue, at a Passover seder held at a church in Kenora for the church's congregation and Kenora's small Jewish community.

"I found Rabbi Kogen to be very interesting and intellectual," MacKenzie says. "My wife (who is supportive of MacKenzie's conversion but not interested in religion herself) and I invited the Kogens over for dinner. They invited us for Sukkot, a Chanukah party and a seder."

He made his decision to convert early last year while holidaying in Jamaica. He read the Torah. On returning to Winnipeg, he enrolled in Rosh Pina's conversion class.

"I have had no trouble giving up pork and I have learned to live without shrimp or clam chowder soup," he says. "The biggest problem has been not being able to drink milk with meat. As well, Hebrew is a tough language to learn. I am still struggling with it in the synagogue."

MacKenzie finished conversion classes in September. On Jan. 13, he appeared before a Beth Din comprised of Rabbis Green and Henry Balser of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue and the Shaarey Zedek's chazan, Sandy Cohen.

On Jan. 18, he underwent his ritual circumcision. At the end of January, MacKenzie is leaving for a working holiday in Israel where he hopes to immerse himself in a mikvah and complete the process.

So far, he reports, all the reaction to his conversion has been positive from the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Even Christian clerics have been supportive.

MacKenzie has also become involved in the Jewish community as a board member of the YMHA Jewish Community Centre and a member of the Folklorama committee for Shalom Square, one of North America's largest ethnic festivals. As well, he has joined the Beth Israel Synagogue, where he says he's found a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

The Beth Israel's Rabbi Green would like to see more converts attracted to Judaism. "There is no reason that Judaism should not be actively participating in the free market of competing ideologies."

Yeshiva U's Israel Club chooses Canadian student as president

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — Tamar Schneider, better known as Tami, is the second consecutive Canadian president of Yeshiva University's (YU) Israel Club.

A third-year education student at Stern College, Schneider succeeded Jasmine Conen, a friend from her days at Ulpanat Orot, Toronto's Bnei Akiva high school for girls.

Schneider, 21, who is in her second year as president, said in a recent telephone interview that she wants to emphasize that the Israel Club is not political.

In addition to providing student programs, the club acts as a conduit for information about Israel and Israel-related activities. New York's Israeli consulate and the American Zionist Youth Federation are among the organizations which keep club members informed.

Unlike law or education clubs, the Israel Club doesn't target a specific subgroup within the university popu-

Tami Schneider

lation, Schneider noted. "Everyone has some connection with Israel," she said.

A Yom Ha'atzmaut program last year attracted 600 people. Membership in the club is several hundred, according to Schneider. A recent Shabbaton attracted a record 150-plus people, she said.

Last year Schneider worked on New York's Israel Day parade, in which 75,000 people took part and Israel Club members carried a YU banner.

The club's theme for the parade was the international aspect of YU, which has students from places like Iran and Costa Rica, said Schneider.

"There are a lot of Canadians involved with the Israel Club," she mentioned. Schneider herself is a dual citizen. She moved to Canada from the United States with her family as a small child.

Schneider has been to Israel and hopes to study there again, she said. A former counsellor at Camp Moshava, she served as junior congregation co-ordinator at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, where her father, Rabbi Barry Schneider, is associate rabbi. As an education student, she is following in the footsteps of her mother, Barbara, a teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools.

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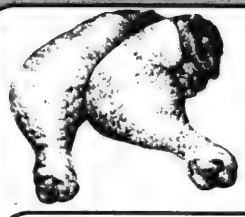

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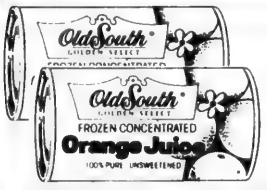

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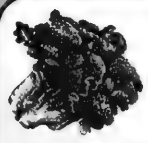

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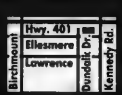

Organizations and People

Security concerns said essential for Israel

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israel shouldn't lose sight of its security concerns in pursuing an agreement with the Palestinians, says one political scientist.

Prof. Alexander Bligh of Jerusalem's Hebrew University said he supports the peace process begun last September in Washington, D.C., but cautioned against making concessions that would affect personal and national safety in Israel.

"The preoccupation of all Israelis is security," said Bligh last month, in a lecture sponsored by the continuing education committee of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

The lecture was the first in a three-part series titled Assessing Israel's Peace Dividends at the Beth Emeth synagogue. About 30 people attended.

Bligh, a visiting professor at York University and a reserve major in the Israel Defence Force (IDF), made numerous comparisons between the peace negotiations with Egypt in the late 1970s and current negotiations with the Palestinians. He said food riots in Egypt in January 1977 were the impetus for the late Eygptian president Anwar al-Sadat to begin bargaining with the Israelis 10 months later, while a bankrupt PLO came to the table in September 1993, after being cut off from Saudi Arabian financing.

Bligh said one difference in the current negotiations is the lack of Palestinian understanding of Israeli security concerns. He said events like the Holocaust and Masada have left many Israelis feeling alone in this world, a feeling that Sadat seemed to understand but that Palestinian negotiators do not.

In assessing these concerns, Bligh set out five points he wants to see considered during the Israeli-Palestinian talks:

- Israeli control of the bridges between Palestinian territory and Israel proper to prevent smuggling of explosives, small armaments and "anything that would harm our security;"
- Exclusion from the Palestinian police force of "convicted murderers [or others] with Israeli blood on their hands;"
- Ensuring that the Palestinian police force never be allowed to become an army;
- Guaranteed protection of Israel's main transportation arteries; otherwise "every airplane taking off and landing at Ben Gurion Airport would be within range of Palestinian mortar shells; every car entering and leaving Jerusalem would be in range of Palestinian small armaments; and cars on the highway from Haifa to Tel Aviv would be in range of Palestinian artillery;"
- Finally, what Bligh called "the principle of hot pursuit," which would allow Israeli forces to chase terrorists back to their home base.

Bligh was in Israel in December and told the audience that while the peace process "cannot and should not be stopped," opinion polls showed only 50 per cent of Israelis support the processs. He said national unity was too important to sacrifice.

"Peace with the enemy should not mean war within our people. If it means two Jewish peoples living in Israel, no way. Forget the Palestinians, forget the Arabs, forget everybody. It's a price no Israeli should or can pay."

Bligh also raised the possibility that some IDF soldiers may disobey orders to evacute settlers from the territories, a concern voiced by an IDF officer he met during his December visit.

NIF puts emphasis on social needs

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In Israel's early years Jewish donors gave money to help build homes, bridges and roads. While roads and bridges are still needed, the president of the New Israel Fund (NIF) says that he feels more comfortable addressing the social needs of the country.

"There is something much more fulfilling when you are helping to build a society that you can be proud of," said Maurice Green at a recent lecture sponsored by the United Jewish People's Order at the Winchevsky Centre in North York.

Green is a labor law specialist and has been president of the NIF since 1992.

The NIF was founded in 1979 in the United States by Eleanor Freedman and Jonathan Cohen. "Part of the reason they felt they wanted to form the New Israel Fund was because — in what was pretty much a socialist-oriented state — they were concerned that the State did everything," said Green.

"The last thing on the agenda for so many years was in fact the state of the society. The Jewish agency would look after things — the Kibbutz movement, whichever one you were in, would look after things — the bureaucracy would look after things — don't question, don't push. And as a result, there were very few grassroots social action groups."

In Canada over the past year, the NIF had over 900 donors. Money raised by the NIF goes towards such areas as civil and human rights, the status of women, Jewish-Arab coexistence, religious pluralism and tolerance, and assisting new immigrants in Israel.

The NIF is a partnership between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. "It's not the Diaspora imposing its version of what Israel should be doing. We're there to help," said Green.

Among the groups supported by the NIF is the Israel's Women's Network, which has shelters for battered women and rape crisis centres across Israel. As well, Green mentioned the Movement for Governmental Reform, which is "a grassroots organization of people coming together, saying look at the dilemma that Israel has been in all these years. We know the political classes, we know the power the religious groups hold — we have to have a change." The Environmental Defence Force which works toward a better water supply in Israel, among other projects, is another group supported by the NIF.

When asked by an audience member whether people can donate money to the NIF and specify which cause they wish to support, Green said that it is possible to give an "area designated donation." However, he added, people are encouraged to give to the general fund.

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Historic site chosen for WJCC complex

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Campus complex is one step closer to fruition. At a press conference held at the Manitoba Legislature on Thursday, Jan. 20, Jim Ernst, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, announced the sale of the Fort Osborne Barracks to Winnipeg Jewish Community Campus (WJCC) Inc. for $2.2 million.

Campus is envisioned as a combination K-12 school and Jewish community centre, which will replace Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate in north Winnipeg, Ramah School in south Winnipeg and the present Y downtown. Sheldon Berney, president of WJCC Inc., noted that the three buildings are "outdated and poorly located."

"We are delighted to purchase such an historic site for our educational, social and cultural facility," he said.

The barracks sit on 16 acres of land in an area between Tuxedo and River Heights in south Winnipeg, where about 50 per cent of the Jewish population live.

Several of the buildings currently on the site are listed as historically significant by the Manitoba Historical Resources Act and have to be incorporated into the Campus complex. The buildings formed the original University of Manitoba Faculty of Agriculture around the turn of the century. From 1917 to 1967, the buildings were used by the Canadian Armed Forces. At the moment, they house various provincial government offices which will be relocated.

Berney reported that the estimated cost to build Campus is $20 million. "I am happy to say are we close to our goal," he said. "Support from corporations, foundations and the community have been terrific. Thousands of people have given of their time and money."

He said the construction process will create 450 jobs and make a significant contribution to the local economy.

The construction plans still have to pass an environmental assessment and receive the appropriate heritage and zoning permits. Berney said that, optimistically, the WJCC Inc. is hoping to begin the 1996-97 school year at the new Campus which will also house a library and community offices.

Tu b'Shevat telethon successful in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Take many more callers, give them double the number of phones, and what do you get? A very successful telethon!

Follow-up calls still have to be made and the final tally isn't in yet, but judging by results so far, Hamilton Jewish National Fund (JNF) Tu b'Shevat telethon co-chairs Maureen Price, Sharon Marcovitz Hart and Ronit Gafni have every reason to be pleased.

Indeed, with "a lot more people to help clean up" the campaign, Price is sure that "we're going to do better still, better than in previous years."

It was largely thanks to the efforts of former Na'amat president, Marcovitz Hart, who happens to be the current Hamilton JNF president, Price said, that the women's organization was able to enlist the help of 26 JNF board members and friends in addition to their own 30 volunteers.

The additional office space was provided by Effort Trust Company, which shares the building with the accounting firm of Taylor, Leibow, where the telethon has been held in recent years.

This was the sixth annual JNF Tu b'Shevat telethon conducted by Na'amat, which is raising funds for its third project.

The first was for a site in Eilat, the second for Mount Scopus; this year's project, said Price, is an orchard garden in a Jerusalem Peace Forest recreation area.

The garden "will be terraced as in ancient times" and planted with "fig trees, olive trees, vines and grapevines."

"Somehow that just caught our imagination," she added.

An interesting sidelight, Price noted, is the fact that this happens to be a shmitta (fallow) year, when no in-ground planting is permitted.

However, rabbinical authorities permit the planting of nursery trees "on specially prepared, plastic covered surfaces," in other words, she explained, "so long as nothing is planted in the ground."

In-ground planting is permitted, she added, in cases where peoples' livelihood is at risk, especially that of new immigrants and the unemployed.

But in general, JNF emphasis this year "is on healthy forest maintenance."

Na'amat expected it would take them two years to complete their new project, but the way things are going, said Price, "we may even finish it this year."

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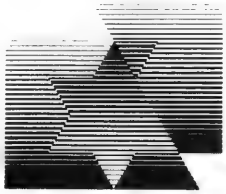

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Organizations and People

Jewish ethics viewed as useful in medicine

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Dr. Mark Poznansky does not claim to be a halachic expert on Jewish ethics. But his experience and interest have led him to understand that secular and Jewish medical ethics often differ.

Poznansky is president and scientific director of The John P. Robarts Research Institute, an autonomous medical research organization affiliated with both the University of Western Ontario and University Hospital. Poznansky spoke to 80 Hadassah-WIZO members at their Annual Medical Services Luncheon Jan. 16.

"When I give this talk to non-Jews, they are sometimes jealous," said Poznansky. There is a lack of guiding rules or policies surrounding secular medical ethics, he said, but Jewish medical ethics "follows not only a set of laws but laws set down in a hierarchal manner . . . the issues of life and its sanctity, the supremacy of God . . . take primacy over all issues . . ."

Poznansky demonstrated the difference between medical ethics and Jewish ethics by presenting several cases:

As a physician you have a patient with AIDS. The patient's partner is also your patient. The person with AIDS asks you not to divulge this information to the partner. What do you do?

"Jewish medical ethics will state unequivocally that you must tell the patient's partner. The value of life is infinitely more sacred than the doctor/patient trust." Poznansky said secular medical ethics is still stuck on the issue of doctor/patient confidentiality.

A young chemistry student drops and breaks a bottle of dangerous gas on the lab floor. He falls to the floor unconscious but is revived and later discharged fom a hospital. He later dies at home from congestive heart failure as a result of a delayed reaction to the gas. This information is not represented in the medical literature and is therefore not taught to medical students; the emergency room physicians could not have predicted this outcome. But, Poznansky continued, "the Nazis experimented extensively with this gas in concentration camps during the Holocaust. The experiments were heinous in nature and completely unethical." Should the data from these experiments be available?

Poznansky presented this dilemma at the second International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics in San Francisco several years ago. "The rabbis' interpretation from Jewish law is once again clear. You can and must use any data or information available to save a life. Certainly the sanctity of a life is much more important than the issue of the ethics of the Nazi experiment."

According to Halachah, there are only three things you can't do in order to save a life: take a life, perform idolatry or adultery.

Poznansky also pointed out that halachic interpretation can change, as in the definition of death. Secular ethics have endorsed the Harvard criterion which states that death has occurred when there is cessation of all brain waves (as determined by an EEG) and the opinion of at least two disinterested neurologists. Survival off life support must not be a possibility.

Optimal transplant conditions

Jewish law previously considered death to be the cessation of the heart beat, breathing and a detectable drop in body temperature. Unfortunately, these are not optimal conditions for organ transplant.

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Prior to accepting the Harvard definition, he noted, halachic experts considered transplants double murder: removing the donor from life support systems and the small chance of survival for the recipient. The increased survival rate for transplants was an important consideration in changing the Jewish law.

Poznansky also spoke about human testing of drugs. Jewish law says testing is prohibited without consent or some benefit to the patient. For example, clinical trials of AZT for people with AIDS was condoned because the patients may have benefited. But even with informed consent, sometimes it is not enough reason to permit possible hazardous procedures, Poznansky said. This belief has frustrated researchers.

These limitations stem from the "laws pertaining to . . . the notion of our being created in God's image and the prohibition against doing self harm," Poznansky said.

CZF contest competitors getting ready for finals

TORONTO — "We are pleased to invite the public to attend the finals of our third annual Public Speaking Competition, which promises to be the most exciting and competitive final to date," said Shalom Schachter, vice-president, Education, of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), central region. "The finalists will be competing for a trip to Israel as well as other attractive prizes. All the competitors have been outstanding and have displayed both eloquence and an in-depth knowledge of Israel affairs," he continued.

The event will take place on Feb. 6, 1994, at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., at 8 p.m.

Possible topics to be chosen include: A "new zionism" was born with the mutual recognition between Israel and the P.L.O.; The end of the cold war has opened up a Pandora's box of anti-Semitism and racism; and Jewish continuity will flourish with the increasing recognition of the role of women.

Judges will be Michael Shneer, businessman and a member of the C.Z.F. (central region) executive; Shoel Silver a member of the district administrative board, B'nai Brith Canada; and Paul Marcus, national director of the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada. The moderator will be lawyer Shalom Schachter, who has acted as chair for this competition.

The program consists of a 20-minute speech by each contestant, a brief question and answer period and a discussion among the contestants on a topic chosen by the judges.

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JNF trip heads to Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Thirty-six people from the Hamilton area and 14 from London and Windsor will participate in the Feb. 16-28 JNF Mega Tour to Israel, reports Hamilton-based regional JNF shaliach, Yoram Gordon.

Fifty participants from south-western Ontario out of a total of just over 300 from across Canada, "is very nice," Gordon observes, adding that it's "20 per cent more than last year."

Going with the group will be Rabbi Bernard and Marjory Baskin, who will lead the south-west Ontario contingent, and Dundas mayor, John Addison.

For Addison, says Gordon, the trip will be an opportunity to strengthen ties with the city of Afula, with which Dundas has been twinned since 1989.

Besides meeting with the mayor of Afula and the Afula Youth Orchestra, which visited Dundas in 1990, arrangements have been made for Addison to visit Nazareth and other Christian holy sites.

A tour of Christian holy sites has also been arranged for other non-Jewish tour members.

For those going on this tour for the second time, there's a separate program that will include a visit to Arab and Druze villages and a night at the Mitzpeh Ramon conservation area.

A highlight for the Hamilton group will be the celebration on Masada of the bat mitzvah of "Missy," (Morissa), granddaughter of Al and Pearl Cohen and daughter of their son, Larry. The Cohens lead a family group of seven that includes Missy's older brothers, Joshua and Jonathan, and uncle, Michael Cohen. Rabbi Baskin, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Anshe Sholom, the Cohens' long-time congregation, will lead the service.

The tour will be in Israel over Purim, "which should be very nice," says Gordon.

ISRAEL FESTIVAL

York University's Bear Pit was the scene of last week's three-day Israel Festival, to which Israeli singer Kobi Chaim (background) was a lively addition.

The festival, organized by students Gena Rotstein and Tomer Berliner of the Jewish Student Federation, featured a slide show on Israel, generous samples of Israeli delicacies, and a large sign-in board in support of peace. Tagar, the newly organized Herut-Likud affiliate for university students, had a display table. Jewish books and artifacts from Negev Book & Gift Store were offered for sale.

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Organizations and People

Common Ground is gearing down

TORONTO — Common Ground, the non-profit, privately funded organization which has utilized role-playing seminars to teach 4,000 Torontonians about Israel and the Middle East, is gearing down. A decrease in funding as well as a noticeable drop in attendance at its seminars followed the Sept. 13 signing of the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Common Ground director and co-founder Sender Axelbaum told *The CJN*.

"Israel is no longer under fire," said Axelbaum. "As long as Israel was perceived in a negative light, we had to have educational programming. People felt compelled to respond. Interest has dropped off radically [since September]. At this point the program cannot continue to be sustained [as it was]."

Common Ground is closing its office at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch and will cease fundraising. Its programs will continue to be offered on a limited basis to larger groups by Michael Berger, who served as the organization's educational director. Axelbaum is returning to his hometown, St. Louis, with a long-term goal of making aliyah.

Common Ground was the outgrowth of an idea that began at Aish HaTorah in Israel, which provided the seed money for the program and instituted its own seminars in Jerusalem. Axelbaum and Berger brought the idea to Toronto in 1991.

Each of their seminars, most of which were held at private homes, consisted of lively role-playing scenarios in which participants defended beliefs ranging from Likud to Labor to Islamic Fundamentalist. Participants were provided with comprehensive but easily understood background information to enable them to speak with authority. Axelbaum and Berger culled their briefing information from over two dozen Israeli experts, both Arab and Jewish, with whom they remained in close contact.

In December 1992 they filled the Leah Posluns Theatre for a Common Ground stage version fundraiser hosted by entertainment personality Al Waxman.

Last year they began an offshoot program, in which 50 "ambassadors" pledged to discuss Israel's concerns with 50 people over the course of a year.

Those wishing to arrange Common Ground seminars can reach Berger at 416-785-9414. — F.K.

Twenty-one year old shlicha follows in bubbie's footsteps

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the few months since Sharon Tsur's arrival in Toronto, the young shlicha brought from Israel by Herut-Likud has begun to revitalize the right-wing organization. As Betar-Tagar shlicha, her mission is to strengthen the group's youth wing (Betar) and organize for the first time a Toronto chapter of Tagar, the branch of Herut-Likud begun 10 years ago for university students.

Tsur, 21, is to the best of her knowledge the youngest shlicha ever sent by the World Zionist Organization to a Diaspora community. The first emissary to serve Herut-Likud in Toronto, she is following in the footsteps of her maternal grandmother, Rina Rosenblatt, who was a Betar shlicha in 1930s Poland.

Tsur's late grandfather, Zvi Rosenblatt, was one of the three Zionist Revisionists accused but eventually acquitted of the murder of early Zionist labor movement leader Chaim Arlosoroff in Palestine 60 years ago. The Zionist Revisionist movement, of which Betar was an offshoot, was founded by Vladimir Jabotinsky.

Largely because of her grandfather's experience, Tsur was steeped in Herut ideology from the time she was very young. In 1981, Tsur's mother was leading tours to the territories beyond Israel's Green Line (pre-1967 borders) to encourage people to settle there.

Sharon Tsur

At the time Tsur was a politically aware 9-year-old. She recalls answering a knock at the door to find a plumber summoned by her mother. Even though the house was "full of water," the future shlicha insisted on knowing how he was going to vote before she would agree to let him in.

When the plumber stated his intention to vote Labor, "I wouldn't let him in," Tsur recalls, laughing. "Today I'm not like that," she says, although she believes that "people should take a stand."

Her own stand as a shlicha is that Tagar "is not discrediting but not supporting the [current Israeli] government."

Tagar's role is twofold, she says: education and activism. With the help of a small, newly formed committee, Tsur has launched two major campaigns, one to work on freeing missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad, and the second to support Israelis living in the Golan Heights.

Because Tsur is the same age as many university students, she asked herself in Israel, "What would *I* want to do?" She felt strongly about the above-mentioned campaigns, and filled a suitcase with related literature and pre-printed postcards to bring to Toronto.

The skills Tsur brings to her role as shlicha can be traced in part to her experience in the Israeli air force, where she served as a social worker/counsellor after completing an intensive four-month training course.

Born in Toronto, Tsur moved to Israel at the age of 8. She wants to make it clear that although she "doesn't like" the way the peace process is shaping up, she'll "be the first one to be happy if it works out."

Tsur says that she is for peace, but that she doesn't know what the solution is. "I do believe that the Golan Heights is an inseparable part of Israel," she said.

Tsur is now promoting Tagar's upcoming conference in Pennsylvania at the end of February, to include workshops on challenging campus anti-Semitism.

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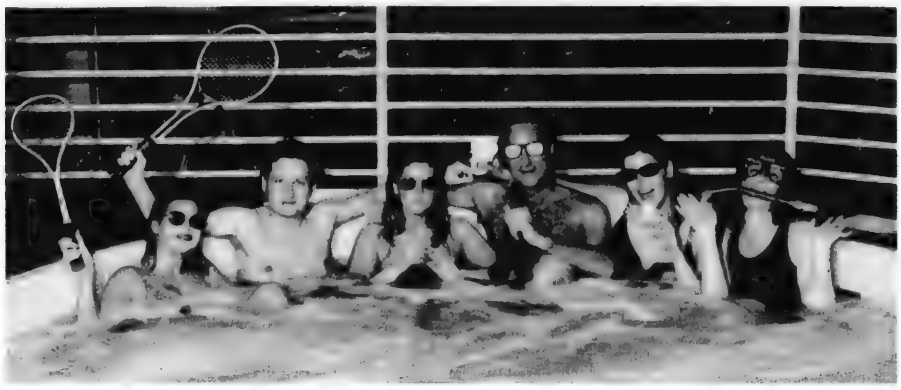

CLUB FUN WEEKEND

Israel Cancer Research Fund committee is planning a Club Fun weekend Feb. 25-27 at White Oaks Inn and Racquet Club. Committee members hard at work (from left) Alana Caplan, Randy Gordon, Marla Johnston, Don Kagan, Lianne Esakov and Cheryl Pollock. For information call 487-5246.

CIP seder program aids Russian families

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is said that the table becomes sweeter when you invite a stranger to your Passover seder. Toronto Jewish families are once again being asked to sweeten their seder tables by hosting recently arrived Russian Jews.

The seder program, now in its fifth year, matches Russian families with Canadian hosts on the basis of age (including ages of children) and interests.

"It would be easy to stress the benefit for the Russian families, but it's definitely a two-way pleasure," says Susan Goldberg, co-chair with Marsha Slavens of the Community Integration Program (CIP) under whose auspices the seder program operates. The CIP is a joint program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), operating out of the JCC's North Y branch on Bathurst Street.

In addition to the seder program, CIP runs a number of programs for newly arrived immigrants, including classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) and a program called Family-to-Family in which Canadian and Russian Jewish families are matched for a one-year period to share holidays, friendship and cultural awareness.

One seder program host wrote on a follow-up evaluation form that their guests' stories of life in Russia "made our seder more meaningful."

Many of the guests have never had the opportunity to celebrate Jewish holidays, nor are they likely to have had much contact with Canadian Jewish families, said Luda Felik, CIP staff associate who immigrated to Canada five years ago after a decade in Israel. She is originally from Moldova.

Before she immigrated to Canada, Felik was told, "It's a cold country and the people are cold."

"In my experience," she says, "the people are very warm. They try to help you."

When interviewed at the JCC, Felik played the tape of an interview she had had with a Russian Jew whose family had participated in the seder program.

"Now we know we are Jews," he said. "In Russia my family and my children knew we were Jews [but to be Jewish there] is very bad. Now after this program I'm proud to be Jewish. We celebrate Pesach like Canadian Jews now."

Host families are given a trilingual Haggadah printed in English, Hebrew and Russian. CIP also distributes an explanatory booklet for those who know little about Passover.

"I think it's like rekindling a light," said Goldberg. "A lot of [guests] talk of the Canadian family being a role model. It's a very successful, feel-good kind of program on both sides."

"It's a very big mitzvah," says JCC North Y branch program director Rosanne Zarnett, who is overseeing the seder program for the first time this year. The program can be viewed as a tool in strengthening Jewish continuity by "bridging the gap" between Russian Jews and the established Jewish community, Zarnett stressed.

Over 1,200 Russian Jews arrived in Toronto this year, said Goldberg. Last year close to 140 Canadian families hosted Russian families through CIP. To obtain more information about becoming part of the seder program, please call the Seder Hotline at 631-5680.

Education conference planned

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Winnipeg lawyer Rocky Pollack is chairing the conference. Freda Steel, a professor of law at the University of Manitoba, is the program chair.

Pollack said the conference is geared towards teachers, lay persons, parents and students.

Full registration includes GST, conference material, two receptions, two lunches and one dinner for $178 before Feb. 15 and $199 after that date. The same package is available to students for $100. A basic registration without meals costs $75 before Feb. 15 and $95 after that date. Registration packages are available through CJC regional offices and CZF bureaus across the country.

Topics to be addressed include the role of Jewish education in continuity, marketing Jewish education, the Jewish response to social issues, teaching a second language, the Israel experience and Zionist education, and Jewish women. The 75th anniversary of CJC and Yom Ha'atzmaut will also be celebrated.

Participants will be offered optional visits of local schools on both Friday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 19. For more information contact Shellie Ettinger in Montreal (514) 931-7531 or Lawrence Lavitt in Winnipeg (204) 949-1482.

Air Canada has been appointed the official airline for the convention. Call Frances Maron at Travel Eze, 1-800-387-9966 (in Montreal, 322-2814) or Air Canada, 1-800-361-7585. When purchasing a ticket, please ask that your Event Number CV940132 be entered in the Tour Code box and Reference Code CJC-5 in the Endorsement box, regardless of the fare purchased.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Thursday, Feb. 3

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Dr. Rachel Schlesinger, associate professor, division of Social Science, York University, will speak on Family Transitions and Maintaining Jewish Identity, at Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's Family Shabbat, 9 a.m., 3080 Bayview Ave. For more information call the synagogue office, 223-3433.

ART AUCTION

Solel Congregation, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga, is holding its annual art auction, featuring such artists as **Erte, Tarkay, Fazzino** and more. 7 p.m., wine and cheese preview, 8 p.m. auction. Tickets, $4 in advance, $5 at the door.

Sunday, Feb. 6

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Come out and hear writer **Nomi Berger**, who will discuss the life of a writer, how an initial idea becomes a book, research involved and promotion, at Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture, $6.

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly Basic Judaism Course resumes, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. **Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker** of Congregation Darchei Noam will discuss Tzedakah and Gemilut Hasadim. Everyone invited.

SHAAREI-BETH EL, OAKVILLE

Rebecca Sisterhood is sponsoring a study session with **Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz** who will discuss feminist images of God in Judaism, 10 a.m., Munn's School. Light brunch will be served. Call (905) 849-6000 for information.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education will speak at Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood's Breakfast Club, following 9 a.m. services. Nursery available 9 a.m. till noon. Everyone welcome.

STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS

Jewish Storytelling Arts, will meet 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. For information call 699-8914.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Canada's hottest new children's entertainers, Judy and David, will be at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 3 p.m. Tickets, $6 children; $10 adults. Tickets available at the door. Sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, New Leadership.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection, The Canadian Zionist Federation and the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present the third annual public speaking competition, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisterhood Hall. All ages welcome. Members free, guests $2.

Monday, Feb. 7

HELLER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Rabbi Dr. Hillel Goldberg will speak on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik: Talmudist, Philosopher, Teacher, at the Ronald Heller Memorial Lecture, 8:15 p.m., Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, 200 Wilmington Ave. Public invited.

WINTER STUDY PROGRAM

Continuing Education committees of Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am present a joint Winter Study Program featuring **Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum**, Feb. 7-March 14, 8-9 p.m. At the Feb. 7 session, Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Dr. Nussbaum will discuss the Samaritans — Origins, History and Customs. For information, call 633-5500.

HOW TO RAISE A MENSCH

Country Shul, Richmond Hill presents, **Sarah Chana Radcliffe**, educational therapist and author who will kick off a six-part lecture series, 8 p.m. with a lecture on How to Raise a Mensch. Cost per lecture is $4 for non-members. Country Shul is located in the plaza at the northeast corner of Bathurst and Carville. For more information, call **Lisa Marcus**, 764-0832 or **Marcy Cutler**, 770-3339.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

LECTURE FOR WOMEN

Aish HaTorah, Women's Division presents **Chana Poupko** who will discuss How Women Grow Through Relationships From a Torah Perspective, 8 p.m., 296A Wilson Ave. This lecture will appeal to women of all ages and lifestyles. Admission, $5. For information call 636-7530.

ISRAEL IMMIGRATION

Emmanuel Zismann, Knesset member and chair, aliyah and absorption committee, will speak on Absorption and Immigration in Israel Today, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave. Presented by Israel Aliyah Centre and Canadian Zionist Federation, central region. RSVP 633-4766.

YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

State of Israel Bonds is sponsoring a public information seminar featuring **Richard Venn**, chair and CEO, Wood Gundy Inc., and **Sherry Cooper**, vice chair and chief economist, Burns Fry Limited, who will talk about The Looming Pension Crisis - Taking Control of Your Financial Future, 7:30 p.m., North York Memorial Hall. Seating limited. Reserve by calling **Marcia Cohen**, 789-3351.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND CONVERSOS

University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program and Department of Near Eastern Studies present **Professor Daniel J. Lasker**, Department of History, Ben-Gurion University, who will talk about Jews, Christians and Conversos: Jewish-Christian Polemics on the Eve of the Expulsion From Spain, 4 p.m., Room 142, Earth Sciences Building, 5 Bancroft Ave. Everyone welcome. For information, call 978-3143.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Holy Blossom Temple, Department of Continuing Education's first annual Canadian-Jewish Film Festival screens, *The Quarrel*, with commentary by **Rabbi Dow Marmur**, 8 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn.

Thursday, Feb. 10

THE JEWISH FAMILY

Susan Jackson, Canadian Jewish Congress, will lead a seminar on The Jewish Family: Coping in the 90s, 8 p.m. Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr. Sponsored by Temple Kol Ami. For more information, call (905) 660-5199.

CURRENT AFFAIRS LECTURE

Erica Biro, a current affairs specialist, will be the featured speaker at an informal evening presented by the Leadership Development Group of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 8 p.m. Fireside Lounge of Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Refreshments served. Tickets, $12. For reservations, call **Pattie**, 789-7071.

QUILT SALE

Yachad branch, National Council of Jewish Women, invites everyone to a sale of designer quilts and co-ordinates including a variety of designer pillows, window treatments and fabrics at less than discount prices, 7-10 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Cash and VISA accepted.

OSTEOPOROSIS AND MENOPAUSE

A public forum presented by the Osteoporosis Society of Canada will provide information on osteoporosis and menopause, two specific areas about which many women have concerns, 7-9 p.m., Convocation Hall. Tickets, $10, can be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets, 870-8000.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

GET CONNECTED

Jewish Information Service invites you to call about Jewish Directories. Update your Jewish Community Services Directory or consider a volume that you don't have. Nominal charges apply in some cases. Call weekdays after 9 a.m., 635-5600.

AIDS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

If you have lost someone to AIDS, a Tuesday evening weekly bereavement group is being organized through the AIDS committee of Holy Blossom Temple. Call the confidential AIDS information line for further information, 789-1187.

VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP

Disabled Civilian Veterans of the Yom Kippur War support group is looking for new members and volunteers. Meetings held every Monday, 7:30 p.m. Call **David Lax**, 489-6851.

IF WE ARE WOMEN

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section is hosting *If We Are Women*, a play by **Joanna Glass**, Monday, Feb. 14, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. Tickets, $36. Reception at theatre, 6:15 p.m.; play, 7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Breast Health Examination Demonstration. For tickets and information, call Council House, 633-5100.

STANDARD FIRST AID

St. John Ambulance, Metropolitan Toronto, offers the following first aid courses: Standard First Aid with Heartsaver Component, Monday-Thursday, Feb. 7,8,9,10, 6:30-10 p.m. Cost, $76. Standard First Aid Renewal, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost, $46. For more information, call the training department, 967-4244.

BRIDGING COURSES FOR WOMEN

Women's Studies Program, Atkinson College, York University, offers thirteen-week non-credit bridging courses for women who want to upgrade academic skills and explore potential for university study. Course material focuses on the portrayal of contemporary women in literature. Fee, $75 plus books. Courses are subsidized by Atkinson College as part of its affirmative action program. For information on dates, times and registration, call **Marlene Richman**, 736-5882.

FAMILY FRIENDS

Reena, a social service agency supporting adults with developmental disabilities has several volunteer opportunities. As a Family Friend, volunteers invite Reena clients who have no families of their own with whom to share holidays, to participate in family activities and special dinners. PAL-unteers work one-on-one with a client, teaching important basic values and helping them to develop a trusting friendship. For information on these, and other volunteer options, call **Arlene Margolese**, co-ordinator of Volunteer Services, 787-9554, ext. 3036 or 787-0131.

WHY BE JEWISH?

The Discovery Seminar, Saturday, Feb. 12, 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., answers the question, why be Jewish?, through an approach which uses techniques of Israeli Mossad, psychology, zoology and a dash of mysticism. Seminar features **Harold Gans**, senior mathematician with the U.S. Department of Defence, who will present the codes found through computer scans of the Bible. Cost including lunch and refreshments, $89. Babysitting upon request. Call Aish HaTorah, 636-7530 for information and registration.

SPRING SALE

Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. is seeking vendors for its Spring Craft and Boutique Sale, Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 635-0131 for information.

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AWARDS

Chris Carder (left) and Ken Bonert receive the Myer Sharzer Memorial Award as best reporters in the graduating year of the School of Journalism at Ryerson Polytechnic University. Sharzer, a one-time journalist, was executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region at the time of his death. The award is presented annually at the School of Journalism's graduation ceremony.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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HADASSAH-WIZO CONFERENCE
Sixteenth Annual Florida Southern Conference of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO members is on Monday, Feb. 21, 9:30 a m.-3 p.m., at Doral Ocean Beach Resort, Miami, Florida. Husbands and life associates welcome. For reservations, including luncheon at $36 (US), call Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, (514) 937-9431 or conference co-chair, **Marcia Shapiro**, (407) 588-8030.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Positive Parenting (begins in February); Single Parenting (begins Feb. 7); One marriage: Two Religions (begins Feb. 16). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SEEKING PIANISTS
Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's music department is offering a four-week training workshop to train prospective adult volunteers who have piano skills to lead sing-alongs. Apply by calling the Volunteer Department, 785-2850.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Are you interested in a Jewish cancer support group? Open to cancer patients, family members, caregivers. Lectures and group discussions, as well as coping techniques will be incorporated throughout program by professional facilitators. For information, call **Rachel**, 782-6908.

NEW BBW CHAPTER
Shira, B'nai Brith Women chapter-information, is looking for working women, ages 30 and over, who are interested in Jewish community programming in central Toronto. The chapter offers fun programs, provocative sessions, community issues and fundraising events. For information call **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313.

HOLOCAUST COMMITTEE AND JF&CS
A six-week series for couples in which one partner is the child of a survivor is being offered by Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family and Child Service begining in mid-February. Discuss the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership presents. Topics include parenting styles, relationships with parents, children and in-laws, and improving communication. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883 or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

CROCUS FLOWER SALE
Canadian National Institute for the Blind requires volunteers to sell flowers across metro in malls, TTC and other public buildings, Feb. 12, 13 or 14. Call the Volunteer Centre, North York, 481-6194.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN
Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services, 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information, call 362-3248.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY
The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program and help a Russian family discover its Jewish heritage. For more information, call **Selena Kovshoff**, JCC, CIP office, 636-1880, ext. 261.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is offering two pre-school programs in September, 1994. A five-morning program for children born in 1991 and a four-morning program for children born in 1992 will provide children with crafts, music, indoor/outdoor play, Jewish holidays, Shabbat and more. Summer camp also available for children who are 3 by June 1, 1994. For information and registration, call **Ellise**, 785-6638.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SERIES
Lawyer **Fran Weisberg**, will discuss Custody and Access Issues; lawyer, **Lorne Wolfson** will speak on Alternate Dispute Resolutions; **Rabbi Mordechai Ochs** will discuss the Get; social worker, **Elinor Gertner** will talk about the Impact of Separation and Divorce on Children, at JF&CS's Separation and Divorce Series, Feb. 17, March 3, March 10 and March 17. For information regarding fees and registration, call **Heidi Shuster**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER
Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto are seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

WIZARD OF OZ
Associated Hebrew Schools' grade 8 students present *The Wizard of Oz*, directed by **Sharyn Stein-Hurwitz**, Saturday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m.; and Monday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Neptune Branch, 3630 Bathurst St. For tickets and information, call 789-2235.

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION
Bring in Adar b'simcha with the women's Rosh Chodesh committee of Shaarei Shomayim. A women's Minchah service will start at 4 p.m., Shabbat, Feb. 12 in the downstairs chapel. **Rabbi Dratch** will lead a shiur for both men and women on the topic of Esther and Purim, 4:30.

at the JCC

JCC, North Y branch Program Department presents a craft, toy, jewelry, clothing pre-Purim vendors' show, Sunday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested in being a vendor should call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Beat those winter blues and join the Senior Adult Services, North Y branch for its Tuesday luncheon and entertainment featuring the songs and music of **Helen Knight** and **Paul Mathews**, Feb. 8, 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance as numbers are limited. For more information call **Yvonne Martell**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Join the Leah Posluns Theatre School for a creative and fun month of July for children and teens. Call 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

for seniors

Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group, Holy Blossom Temple, presents **Arlene Perly Rae**, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 12 noon, who will discuss Perspectives on Israel. Bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies supplied. Call **Deborah Tameanko**, Holy Blossom Temple, at least two days in advance if you need a lift.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m., Thursday, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Feb. 3, **Ronit Goldfarb** will lecture in Hebrew on What is a Good Investment? For information call 783-9453 or **Avner**, 771-0250.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club, next Saturday dance, Feb. 12 in community centre. Dance to a live band, Sunday, Feb. 13. Variety show features the Scarborough Show Stoppers, Feb. 14, 1-3 p.m. Members $1. The next movie, Wednesday, Feb. 16 is a *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Purim party and dance, Sunday, Feb. 27, $6 members, $7 non-members. All other activities ongoing at present. For information, call 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning to attend *Twelfth Night* and *Cyrano*, at Stratford in the near future, and *The Phantom, Evita* and *Me and My Girl* at Artpark. In the planning are a trip to Arizona for Purim and possibly one to Western Canada. Coming shortly is an exciting travelogue presented and narrated by **Stanley Witkin**. For information on all activities call **Lina**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. North, Hamilton, has bowling, Friday, Feb. 4, 2:15 p.m. at Sherwood Lanes. Thursday, Feb. 10, 12 noon-3:30 p.m. are the Shalom Winter Games. Regular programs include rummy tile, armchair travel, armchair exercises and Wednesday night bingo.

A Time for Me, is an 8-week personal growth workshop series for seniors beginning Feb. 8. Meet with others and discover strategies which help you look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care with support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Call **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows will meet Friday, Feb. 4, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. For more information call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING
The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Friendship Circle for single people 55 and over and living on their own meets every other Thursday. Coffee and tea served in the cafeteria, 2:30 p.m. and program starts 3:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults meets Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For more information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Healthy Cooking, a series of cooking lessons with **Sharon Zeller**, highlighting low fat, high fibre ways to make food flavorful, Tuesdays, Feb. 8 and 15, March 1 and 8, 2-3 p.m., Cultural Room. Admission free. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Centre.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, Sunday, Feb. 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50; non-members, $4.

Elaine Borins, psychiatrist, director of the Women's Clinic, Department of Psychiatry, Toronto Hospital will discuss New Health Directions for the 90s, Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m. in the Synagogue.

WINNING TICKET

Alex Eisen holds the winning ticket of the recently held Shaare Zedek Medical Centre Heartline lottery, which he drew at the project's conclusion. Shown with Eisen, a board member of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation are, from left, Sheila Dropkin, national executive director, Renee Solursh, national co-president and Richard Goldstein, national treasurer.

TEA AND MUSIC

The second annual Cooper Family Afternoon of Tea and Music, at the home of Lynda Latner, was held to support Alzheimer's Disease research at Jerusalem's Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital. From left are Janice Segal, Tobie Bekhor, Florence Cooper, Lynda Latner and Clara Cooper.

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Arts

Israeli artists colony influenced Hamady

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Owner Cherna Hamady says she knew the Roseborough Gallery was going to be a success from the "good vibes" she sensed emanating from the building.

Perhaps that's because the Yonge Street location was the former election headquarters of the Natural Law Party.

When Hamady took over the lease soon after the Oct. 25 federal election, she found a legacy from the previous tenants.

"There were rainbows everywhere," she laughs, gesturing at walls now covered with prints. "We had to paint over a huge one in the middle of that wall."

The Roseborough Gallery, located at the corner of Roxborough Avenue and Yonge Street, is part framing shop and part art gallery. Hamady's partner and brother-in-law Michael Hamady looks after the framing end, while Cherna is responsible for the artists. Many of them she has known for years.

"Batia Eisenwasser-Jancourt grew up with me in Montreal," she chuckles. The childhood friends met again at the artists colony of Ein Hod in Israel.

Hamady, 51, had left Montreal for Israel in 1964 after marrying a fellow Zionist. She and her ex-husband lived on a moshav near Affula and quickly started a family of two daughters, whom they brought to Canada in 1968 for a three-year hiatus.

It was during this hiatus that Hamady, living in Halifax, took a ceramics class offered by the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. It was her only formal training. She thought about becoming an artist, and was even accepted into an Israeli art school, but instead moved to Ein Hod to work in the collective gallery.

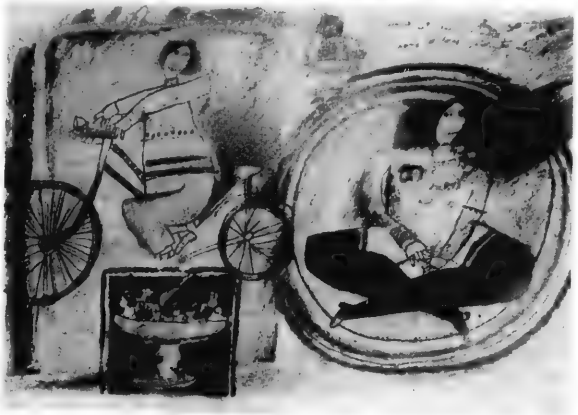
The Ein Hod Artists Village, where Hamady arrived soon afer the breakup of her marriage in 1971, was founded in the 1950s by artists like Dadaist Marcel Janco. Located south of Haifa, it is now home to about 90 artists and their families. Hamady spent 13 years in Ein Hod, 10 of them as manager of the gallery, organizing international exhibitions and playing den mother to the often temperamental artists.

She married husband Eli Hamady, a Druze, in 1979. They moved to Toronto in 1984 because of problems caused by the intermarriage, the depressed Israeli economy and the lack of career advancement opportunities. "I had reached the top," she says simply.

The Roseborough Gallery is Hamady's first venture into the Canadian art market but already she's making heads turn. Despite ankle-deep snow on the sidewalk, passersby stop to stare at the works hanging in the gallery windows. Canadian artist Steve Kenny's nature canvases are mesmerizing, as are his trompe l'oeil plant stands ($1,000) displayed inside.

Equally eye catching are lithographs by Ein Hod artist Yevgeny Abeshaus. Prints from his Vanity of Vanities series show frock-coated men and women against a surreal landscape dotted by soap bubbles (the hand-colored prints run between $150 and $300 — framed ones are $525). And the figures floating through painter Theodore Tobiasse's work seem familiar. "Actually, they call him the next Chagall," says Hamady.

The Roseborough Gallery is located at 1094 Yonge St. in Toronto. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 927-7884 for more information.



Roseborough Gallery co-owner Cherna Hamady (right) holds a print by Israeli artist Yevgeny Abeshaus. Below is a work by painter Theodore Tobiasse, called "the next Chagall." [Amy Sattin photo]

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Arts

Ottawa artist combines photography, sculpture in thought-provoking exhibit

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Ottawa-born artist Cheryl Pagurek started out as a sculptor while studying fine arts at Queen's University in Kingston.

Following her graduation in 1990, she headed west to continue her studies at the University of Victoria, where she obtained her master's degree in 1992, and where she has continued to live.

As she pursued her art, Pagurek began "doing a lot of groupings" of her sculptures, which led to installations. Then she took up photography. Now, she combines the two in an unusual and thought-provoking manner.

Interested in the home as a reflection of personal identity, Pagurek began building installations of domestic rooms for various sites and photographing them.

Originally, she said in a recent telephone interview, these installations were "generic." Her most recent installation, however, is a very personal and loving look at her grandparents' immigrant experience.

First, there is the living room at *5 Fraserwood Ave., Apt. #2*, her installation and photographic series at the Hamilton Artists Inc. gallery.

Constructed like a stage set out of painted cardboard, styrofoam and fabric, the room is modeled after her grandparents' living room in Toronto. They are, Pagurek writes, "Polish Jews who left Europe shortly before the Second World War and immigrated to North America."

The "ornate and flowery character of their living room," with its "gilt fixings, busy combinations of patterns and colors, and highly embellished furniture," reflects her grandparents' conception of success and comfort, representing "all that is opposite to the bleakness of their past hardships as immigrants finding their way in a new country, having lost their families during the Second World War."

Beyond the living room is the main gallery, where a series of nine color photographs capture this installation in various sites.

The color photographs come in sets of three, and are printed in three sizes.

In one set, Pagurek superimposes photographs of the installation onto photographs of a garment factory, vividly illustrating the contrast between her grandparents' living room and the factory where they once worked.

Another set shows the living room installed in the Jewish cemetery in Victoria, a juxtaposition, Pagurek writes, that "not only contrasts the private space of the room with a public environment, but also refers to history, heritage, and the constant presence of the Holocaust in my grandparents' lives."

Photograph of installation superimposed on photo of Jewish cemetery.

The effect, as one steps from the living room into the main gallery, is startling. One can almost hear the whirring and clatter of sewing machines in the factory, or walk past the edge of the cemetery with its overgrown grass and sad, leaning headstones.

They are a moving and poignant glimpse of the experiences of Pagurek's grandparents and of countless immigrants like them.

Pagurek's grandparents, Bill and Jennie Lieback, still live in Toronto and yes, it's the same living room.

The installation will also be on view at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre in Kingston, Ont., March 20 to May 22.

In Hamilton, the exhibition continues at the Hamilton Artists Inc. gallery, 284 James St. N. until Saturday, Feb. 12. Hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For information, phone (905) 529-3355.

Spielberg, film receive awards

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — In what is being considered a rosy augury for this spring's Academy Awards, Steven Spielberg's Holocaust epic, *Schindler's List* has taken top honors at the Golden Globe Awards for 1993's best dramatic film, director and screenplay.

In addition to the three awards given for *Schindler's List*, awards were won by the neurotic Jewish television writer and stand-up comedian Jerry Seinfeld for his quirky weekly television series in which he plays himself.

Seinfeld won a Golden Globe as best actor in a situation comedy and the NBC series was chosen as the best comedy series for 1993.

The award for best supporting actress in a television series went to Seinfeld co-star Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

Other winners included Bette Midler for her role in the television film *Gypsy* and Winona Ryder as best supporting actress in the feature movie *The Age of Innocence*.

All these actors are Jewish.

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Considering the high profile and multiple accomplishments of Toronto entertainment entrepreneur Garth Drabinsky, it's almost incredible that the authorized biography that Gina Mallet was commissioned to write in 1989 has yet to appear. Is it still a viable project? "The official line is that the book is being finished and will be published," says Mallet, former drama critic of the *Toronto Star*.

Within a year of Mallet's signing the contract, a boardroom coup d'etat forced Drabinsky out of Cineplex and put the project into temporary deep freeze. However, work began in earnest again in 1990, and by mid-1992 the manuscript was so close to completion that McClelland & Stewart added it to its fall 1992 publication list. Filling in for Drabinsky, Mallet even spoke at an industry sales meeting, reviving interest among booksellers. Then, reportedly, Drabinsky decided the time wasn't right and had the book pulled from the line-up.

M&S publisher Doug Gibson puts a positive slant on the delay. "Books take longer than everyone expects," he says. "As Garth's career continues to develop, there continues to be more to write about. So it's a continuing saga."

Since leaving Cineplex, Drabinsky has continued to be a powerful force in the entertainment world. His company, Live Entertainment, has staged a multi-million-dollar production of *Showboat*, which has garnered both critical and popular acclaim, and consistently played to sold-out houses since it opened the North York Performing Arts Centre last October. It is slated to hit Broadway in October 1994.

Live Ent's production of *Phantom of the Opera* recently took a mid-winter break from a Canadian tour to play Honolulu. Currently on Broadway, the company's production of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* won seven Toni awards last year and took London by storm in 1992. Yet another touring production — *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, starring Donny Osmond — is currently playing Chicago.

All this adds up to phenomenal box office. Drabinsky's accomplishments are simply unprecedented for a Canadian showman. So where's the bio?

"It's coming along and I think it might appear this time next year," says Gibson, who adds that Marq de Villiers, author and former editor of the magazine *Toronto Life*, will complete the manuscript, leaving Mallet free to work on other projects.

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Here's an item involving another former drama critic for the *Toronto Star* — the late great Nathan Cohen — as well as a former drama critic for *The Canadian Jewish News*, Jeniva Berger. Berger, who wrote for *The CJN* for seven years during the 1980s, is founding president of the Canadian Theatre Critics Association, which this year is sponsoring the twelfth annual Nathan Cohen Award for excellence in theatre criticism.

Berger continues to write about theatre for various publications. She is the chair of the awards, which consist of two $500 cheques and accompanying framed certificates. Sponsors are *Saturday Night Magazine*, The Mirvish Foundation and the *Toronto Star*. Co-sponsors are the Live Entertainment Corporation of Canada and the *Ottawa Citizen*.

The awards are to be presented Feb. 28. For further information, phone (416) 367-8896.

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Although *Show Boat* has won much attention, there is much more than that esteemed musical playing at the North York Performing Arts Centre. On Thursday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m., the North York Concert Orchestra presents the Choir Connection with the North York Singers in the Recital Hall; featured works include Beethoven's *First Symphony* and Handel's *Overture to the Royal Fireworks*.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Shylock most famous Jew in literature

Shylock: A Legend & Its Legacy, by John Gross (Simon & Schuster, $25 (US)).

Shylock is the most famous Jew in literature. He is part of the world's mythology and has been a subject for study by social historians, psychologists and literary critics. He occupies a place in the dictionary where his name is synomymous with lending money at a high rate of interest.

The author of this lively and informative study writes: "In the extent of his fame, Shylock belongs with Don Quixote, Tartuffe, Sherlock Holmes, Robinson Crusoe . . . he is a familiar figure to millions who have never read *The Merchant of Venice* or ever seen it acted."

Shylock is not a Jewish name and where did Shakespeare get it? Isaac Asimov suggests the following. There is a Hebrew word shalakh, which appears twice in the Bible (Leviticus 11:17 and Deuteronomy 14:17). In both places, birds of prey are being listed as unfit articles of diet for Jews. No one knows exactly what bird is meant by shalakh, but the usual translation into English gives it as "cormorant." The cormorant is a sea bird which eats fish so voraciously that the word has come to mean personified greed and voraciousness. Perhaps Shakespeare used a form of the Hebrew word both as name and characterization of the conflicted and mysterious moneylender.

From the time of his first appearance in Shakespeare's play, written from 1596-98, Shylock has become for both actors and playgoers an object of contempt, humor, pity and rage. It was a favorite play of the Nazis who gleefully used it for vile propaganda.

Gross traces Shylock's origins and background in literature, theatre and political and social history. He wonders how Shakespeare really understood Shylock and wanted him portrayed on the stage and what this chameleon-like personality can mean to us 400 years later.

Did Shakespeare know any Jews? The answer, undoubtedly, is no. Jews were expelled from England at the end of the 13th century. Gradually, a few made their way back but there were only a hundred or so in the time of Elizabeth.

Shakespeare's main aim was to write a play that would amuse and find favor with his audience. He didn't hesitate to make use of the anti-Semitic stereotypes of his age. But to make Shylock merely a villain would distance him from the audience. Surely it would be better theatre to portray him as an ambivalent figure with feelings and concerns that the audience could share. Thus, Shylock becomes a figure of dignity, worthy of sympathy and understanding as he delivers his memorable lines, "Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? . . . If you prick us do we not bleed?" At least for part of his play Shakespeare's genius transcended the customary and the expected.

The author, former editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*, and now the theatre critic of *London Sunday Telegraph*, shows how renowned actors over the years have played Shylock. In the 18th century he was a creature of greed and wolfish cunning until Edmund Kean's interpretation in 1814 evoked a generous measure of understanding and support. Henry Irving's Victorian interpretation displayed a suffering Shylock, a victim of persecution. Other actors — as well as directors — including Olivier, Geilgud, O'Toole and Jonathan Miller have brought their own unique insights to the play — often transforming it in dress and manner to meet the sophisticated needs of a changing audience.

Whether the play should be studied by high school students or produced at Stratford or other festivals remains an unresolved question that the author tackles at the book's end. "It is still a masterpiece," he concludes, "but, there is a permanent chill in the air, even in the gardens of Belmont."

This book is of enduring interest — learned and perceptive — and imparts much information in a manner absorbing and lucid.

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By GERRY MORRIS
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Judy Garland's comeback performance on May 21, 1961 was one of the most emotionally charged events in the history of the hall.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

One of my favourite books of Jewish travel is so rare that Toronto's Robarts Library might possess the only copy in Canada. Entitled *Mission of Inquiry to the Jews*, it's an account by some Protestant clergymen from Scotland about a trip taken in 1839 through Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Their object was to assess how ripe the Jews were for conversion by observing Jewish sites, living conditions and attitudes.

Though parts of the book may seem unkosher to some, the authors regarded the Jews highly and penned many elaborate descriptions worth reading. In 1839, Zionism was strong and there were an estimated 10,000 Jews in the once and future land of Israel, which was then plagued with cholera. There is prescient irony in this description of Sir Moses Montefiore's encampment on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives: "He had fixed a cord round the tents at a little distance, that he might keep himself in quarantine. On the outside of this, a crowd of about 20 or 30 Jews were collected, spreading out their petitions before him. Some were getting money for themselves, some for their friends, some for the purposes of religion. It was an interesting scene, and called up to our minds the events of other days, when Israel were not strangers in their own land."

The report of the return journey through Wallachia, Moldavia, Austrian Poland and Prussia provides rare English-language descriptions of Jews in many villages of present-day Romania, Ukraine, Austria, Poland, Slovakia and Germany. The book gives population statistics, descriptions of towns and the surrounding countryside, and myriad details of Jewish prayer services, synagogues, marriages, funerals, schools, inns, customs and dress. Through conversations with many rabbis and ordinary Jews, a sense of the nationalistic consciousness of the Jewish people emerges.

"Czernowitz is a pleasant town, with streets wide, well aired, and clean. The houses are generally two or three stories high, and there are barracks and other public buildings ... There are 3,000 Jews here, with eight synagogues, only three of which are large. These three we visited, being all under the roof of one large edifice. The congregation were engaged in worship when we entered [and] ... a group soon gathered round each of us at different parts of the synagogue. On saying to those around, 'We have been at Jerusalem,' they were immediately interested, and asked, 'Are the Jews there like the Jews here?' "

Interest in this obscure volume should not be limited to historians. If your ancestors came from Bucharest, Iasi, Cracow, Tarnapol, Brody, Lemberg (Lviv), Hamburg or any of dozens of other places mentioned, this book probably contains insights into how they lived. It also helps us realize how lucky we are, now that debilitating sea voyages, horse-carts, bumpy mud roads, and week-long quarantines are no longer requisite elements of travel.

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A more recent book for Jewish travellers is Ruth Ellen Gruber's *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to Central & Eastern Europe* (Wiley, 1992). This attractive guide provides capsule histories and descriptions of Jewish sites in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and the former Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. It also provides useful information regarding climate, currency, language, visas, accommodation and kosher cuisine. Gruber says that the seeds of the guidebook were planted during a trip to Romania in 1978, when she found a surviving great-uncle and the gravestone of her great-grandmother. Unlike the 1839 journey described above, any post-Holocaust voyage to Central and Eastern Europe in search of Jewish heritage must necessarily include sites of Jewish martyrdom, which Gruber does not neglect. She also presents details of many surviving synagogues and cemeteries, not all in derelict condition. Her book is a thorough, poignant catalogue for travellers to Central and Eastern Europe to consult.

Also published by Wiley, *Jewish Museums of North America* by Nancy Frazier chronicles collections of Judaica in the United States and Canada. The book describes a rich and varied assortment of art, artifacts and memorabilia. Highlights include the house in Denver (now a museum) where Golda Meir once lived; a collection of field recordings of Yiddish folk songs in the U.S. Library of Congress; and colonial-era Jewish-American portraits at the American Jewish Historical Society headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts. Canadian entries include the Montreal and Toronto Holocaust Remembrance Centres and the Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto.

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Going to Poland? Several new books for the Jewish traveller have appeared in recent years. *Guidebooks to Jewish Warsaw, Lublin and Cracow*, published through grants from the Ronald Lauder Foundation in New York, are available through the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw. According to Jewish genealogist Miriam Weiner, who has visited Poland numerous times since 1989, new guidebooks to aspects of Jewish culture in Polish cities like Lodz and Lublin are available in various Warsaw bookstores. She recommends the 1992 book *Poland's Jewish Heritage*, by Joram Kagan. Travellers might also wish to consult the *Jewish Travel Guide*. Published annually by the *London Jewish Chronicle*, it lists the addresses of many Jewish entities and organizations around the globe and provides capsule histories of the Jews in almost 90 countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. It's possibly the most comprehensive thumbnail guide to the Jewish world in print.

IAMAT helps to ensure proper medical assistance

By MARC HUBER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Getting sick on a holiday isn't anyone's idea of fun.

It's not just the local strain of Montezuma's Revenge. Armchair athletes at home can increase their chances of injury while on vacation. Snakebites in the middle of a jungle are no picnic either.

But finding reliable medical assistance in an exotic holiday spot is difficult. How can you be sure the doctor recommended by your hotel manager didn't buy his medical degree through the mail? Prudent travellers want professional, competent medical treatment in their own language. It may mean the difference between a cast and a bloodletting.

Fortunately, a non-profit group, the Canadian-based International Association For Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT), can help. Anyone can join and there is no charge for membership other than a request for a tax deductible donation.

IAMAT members can refer to a compact directory listing doctors in 125 countries who speak fluent English or French and are also fluent in the local language. In order to be accredited, IAMAT's doctors must have received their medical training in Europe or North America. Physicians' qualifications and offices are inspected by IAMAT staff before being approved.

On call 24 hours a day, IAMAT doctors charge patients according to the organization's fee schedule for hotel calls ($55 US), office visits ($45 US) and emergency appointments at night or on holidays ($65 US).

The organization was started in 1960 by Dr. Vincenzo Marcolongo, who trained at Montreal's McGill University. While working in Rome, he treated a young Canadian music student suffering from headaches. There were complications from the painkillers prescribed by the original, non-English speaking physician. Marcolongo knew the reaction occurred only among people of Anglo Saxon descent and saved her life with blood transfusions, vitamins and antibiotics.

After this experience, Marcolongo began organizing IAMAT's database. Though he died in 1988, his widow, Assunta Uffer Marcolongo, continues her spouse's work at the organization headquarters in Guelph, Ont..

Like most doctors, IAMAT emphasizes a preventative approach. Members receive a wealth of annually-updated information about global health hazards. Twenty-four world climate charts outline specific climatic conditions throughout the year. These detailed charts contain recommendations for seasonal clothing and indicate the sanitary conditions of water, milk and food in 1,400 cities around the world.

The world immunization chart lists required and recommended immunizations for such diseases as hepatitis B, yellow fever and encephalitis.

Malaria still remains a concern in many parts of the world. IAMAT provides guidelines on how to avoid the disease along with noting which strains are resistant to chloroquine, an anti-malarial drug. The organization also recommends buying lightweight, portable mosquito nets as the best way to prevent bites from mosquitoes, spiders, assassin bugs and other insects.

Members also receive a clinical record to be completed by their home doctor before departing. This document provides a complete medical history in case of emergencies. All of IAMAT's materials easily fit into an airline ticket folder.

IAMAT plans to construct a conference centre in Guelph, Ont., that will host continuing education programs for doctors around the world. My IAMAT membership card is one more thing I don't leave home without.

For more information contact: 1287 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto M6E 1B8 (416) 652-0137.

Eilat's beaches beckon visitors

EILAT, Israel — Those looking for a new destination this winter should consider Eilat.

Eilat, located on the shores of the Red Sea, offers everything for an enjoyable vacation. Water temperatures remain above 20ºC (68ºF) throughout the year, and there are miles of beaches to enjoy with showers, sunbeds and other modern bathing facilities.

One can also enjoy water and outdoor sports played in the waters and along the beach of this vacationers paradise.

The calm surface of the sea is also ideal for fun boating activities: pedal boats, rowboats, kayaks, self-drive motor boats and banana rides. You can take a one-hour or a full-day cruise aboard one of the many yachts that depart regularly from the Eilat Marina. Deep sea fishing is available, while those closer to shore can marvel at the gorgeous colors and shapes of the coral reefs, among the deepest and most breathtaking in the world.

Accommodation of all types are to be had in Eilat, from luxury hotels to beach bungalows and bed-and-breakfasts. Recent development has doubled the number of rooms available.

With its unlimited supply of sunshine, Eilat has a perfect climate all year round. It rains only six days a year on average. Daytime temperatures rarely dip below 21ºC (70ºF), even in the winter. Sunbathers enjoy full days, either by the pool of their hotel or on one of the many beaches.

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Ed Waitzer

Edward J. Waitzer is chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission.

He received his LLB and LLM degrees from the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, and was called to the Bar of Ontario and New York.

From 1977 to 1981 Waitzer worked for the Toronto Stock Exchange as vice-president, Listings and Distributions. Thereafter, he was a partner of Stikeman, Elliott, in their Toronto and New York offices until joining the Commission late in 1993.

Since 1990 he has been an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School.

He has written extensively on a variety of legal and public policy issues and has served as a director of a number of corporations and community organizations. Waitzer spoke CJN *freelance writer Ruth Schweitzer.*

CJN: *What is the role of the Ontario Securities Commission?*

Waitzer: The Commission is an independent statutory agency with two purposes which are interrelated. One is to promote capital market efficiency and the other is to ensure an adequate level of investor protection. I say that the two purposes are interrelated because unless there is an adequate level of investor protection, you will never have an efficient capital market. People have to be satisfied that there is a degree of integrity to the market in order for them to be prepared to participate in it.

CJN: *What is its relationship to the government?*

Waitzer: The Commission is a creation of statute, but it's fully accountable to government. I'm appointed by the government as are all of the commissioners. Staff are appointed by me. We're accountable to the government for our budget. We have to get approval for the Commission's budget from the government, and we report to the government through the Minister of Finance.

CJN: *How is the Commission funded?*

Waitzer: The Commission is funded out of general revenues of the government, although the Commission at this point is a profit centre for the government. The Commission generates fees in a variety of ways, such as registration fees, transaction fees; and also generates revenues out of settlements and fines. Right now the Commission is generating approximately twice as much revenue for the government as its budget requires, so the Commission is spending about $20 million a year right now and generates over $40 million a year in revenues for the government.

CJN: *Is the Ontario Securities Commission big enough to adequately do the job?*

Waitzer: It's a difficult question because you really have to ask what adequately means. No commission will ever be big enough to ensure absolute integrity in the markets. I think the Commission is big enough to do an adequate job.

One of the difficulties that the Commission faces is that it is part of the civil service and it's faced with all the constraints that the civil service currently faces. To some extent, that limits the ability of the Commission to operate as effectively as it might otherwise. That's one of the areas we are currently focusing on in terms of how to promote organizational effectiveness. But I'm not sure that the problem is size. I think it's more doing what we do more effectively.

There are some areas within the Commission which are currently stretched to the limits, in part because it's been a very busy market for the last year or so. Some elements of the Commission, the registration area, the corporate finance area — just because the volume of transactions that they are handling has gone up dramatically — are quite strained right now. But the industry is cyclical, and people who are very busy right now may not be as busy a year from now depending on what happens in the markets. A lot of what we do is responsive to what's going on in the financial markets.

CJN: *What two or three key things do you hope to accomplish during your term?*

Waitzer: The most ambitious project that we're focusing on right now, which will likely be the least visible, is what I alluded to before, that is, improving organizational effectiveness within the Commission. It's not an issue that most appointees take on. Very few people who take on a job such as mine for two or three or four years are inclined to focus a lot on administrative matters simply because it's hard enough to get some substantive policy issues through in a short time frame. You never get any credit for doing internal management work because it's not visible, and you're always remembered for your policy initiatives, so most people in my position tend to focus on launching policy initiatives quickly. I told Commission staff that if anything we are going to cut back on new policy initiatives during the next little while to give us a little time to focus on how to make our working environment a more efficient and more effective one and a happier place to work in.

People at the Commission are very intelligent, deeply committed to what they do; they have a strong sense of purpose, and they are significantly underpaid relative to the kinds of salaries that they could be commanding in the private sector. At times, some of the organizational constraints can be quite demoralizing, so I think there is a real opportunity to try to rethink how we do some of what we do and end up with a happier working environment. I would label that as the initiative I'm spending the most time thinking about right now.

There are a couple of other initiatives that I've started talking about.

One is that I think it's essential we start thinking about what we should be doing in the mutual fund area. It's an industry that's grown very rapidly. The regulatory framework hasn't kept up with industry growth, and it's time to catch up a little bit and maybe even get ahead, anticipate some of the issues that are going to arise from this exponential growth.

The other area I've been talking about is quite a bit more technical. It relates to trying to develop a truly integrated disclosure system. Right now, the securities law framework focuses heavily on the prospectus, which is the document that's prepared in connection with an initial offering of securities, as being the defining event in securities law. So for example, liability provisions in the statute are much more onerous if there is a misrepresentation in a prospectus than would be the case if there is a misrepresentation in a press release or a quarterly report or any of the other continuous disclosure obligations. I think the Commission would work much more efficiently and the market would work much more efficiently if we had an integrated disclosure system that de-emphasized the prospectus as being the defining event in the securities offering process. So that's another significant policy initiative that I'm trying to develop some support for amongst market participants.

CJN: *Are the recent takeovers by banks of trust companies, investment dealers and investment counselling firms a concern?*

Waitzer: It's an issue that relates to the two objectives I was talking about earlier — market efficiency and investor protection. It's an issue that relates to market efficiency because it impacts on market structure and the ability of companies to raise money and investors to invest.

The industry structure has been and is changing quite dramatically. Financial services is a highly dynamic sector of the economy. Many trust companies have disappeared. Many currently predict that insurance companies will be acquired by banks and many of the large securites firms have already gone that route.

It raises concerns about competition, about potential conflicts of interest, and about market innovation. There are a whole host of issues that come out of changing industry structure, and yes, they are very much of concern to the Securities Commission.

CJN: *Complex financial transactions, swaps, hedges, use of derivative products have been on the rise worldwide. Is this a concern to Canadians?*

Waitzer: Canadians have always enjoyed access to some of the most sophisticated markets, intermediaries and financial instruments in the world. Even though Canada is itself a relatively small market, there are many Canadian issuers and investors who are very familiar with and taking advantage of a wide range of derivative instruments in order to hedge or invest or for a variety of other purposes.

Does that create regulatory concerns? Well, the biggest challenge for regulators in the financial services sector is to keep up with the rapid level of innovation that's taking place within the market. So the Commission has spent a lot of time trying to understand how these instruments work and get a feel for what regulatory implications flow from their use. The Commission isn't doing that by itself. We work closely with other securities and financial regulators around the world. Regulators generally are getting a much higher comfort level as to the risks that are posed, both systemic risks and capital risks, and the appropriate regulatory responses to some of those risks.

I should also say that most of the sophisticated users of these instruments — and by and large the instruments are used by sophisticated investors — have an equally good grasp of what they're doing, and we haven't seen in Canada any significant failures or crises resulting from the use of derivatives to date.

CJN: *Recent surveys in the United States and Canada show that the majority of people think mutual funds are government guaranteed. Please comment.*

Waitzer: That's very much a concern to us. There are a variety of reasons why there's been this massive transfer of funds from bank deposits essentially into mutual funds. For one, we're at a point in a cycle where interest rates are low and the equity markets have been quite buoyant, so it would become very attractive for investors to transfer their funds from savings bonds or GICs or savings accounts to mutual funds. It's become clear that many of those who do so are focusing on relative or absolute yield rather than on risks.

Last week, in the *New York Times* I read a survey of investors who had shifted money from banks to mutual funds. The survey indicated that 90 per cent of the investors had been told specifically when they made their investment in the mutual fund that the mutual fund wasn't guaranteed or insured. Of the 90 per cent who were specifically told, 50 per cent of them still believed that in some way or other their investment was guaranteed by the government. But the risks go beyond this false belief that they still enjoy some kind of guarantee or insurance.

Many new investors into mutual funds don't understand the volatility, don't understand the fact that their investment may go down or up in value, they don't understand the risks relating to liquidity, and they don't understand there are risks associated with their ability to redeem their mutual fund units.

So there's clearly the need for public education. It's a real challenge to do it in a market environment like this, where the appeal of mutual funds is so high. The banks interestingly enough have been doing quite a good job at public education, in an effort to retain some of their deposit base in their own mutual fund products, so I think the level of public education is going up quite dramatically. The Investment Funds Institute of Canada, which is the association that represents most of the investment fund managers and distributors, have also been doing a lot of work in this area. They recently put out a half-hour videotape; they've been publishing a lot of educational materials. It's quite good. So hopefully we'll achieve a higher level of public awareness before the markets crash and people are disappointed.

CJN: *Canadians are increasingly looking outside of North America to invest. What are the implications regarding our securities regulations and foreign investment?*

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Creative Ideas in Financial Planning

Multi-million dollar firm plans U.S. expansion

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When Max Lacob, a South African-born entrepreneur, bought a secretarial school as a business venture for his wife, he never dreamed he would turn the school into a multi-million dollar computer training company.

"I had no intention of going into the education business," he said in a recent interview.

Lacob, 51, and his partner, Ben Shtang, 58, run the Academy of Learning, a company which originated in South Africa. They have developed a training system for teaching adults to use the standard computer software found in most offices.

The first Canadian Academy of Learning opened in 1987. There are now 78 franchised locations across the country and five centres in the U.S. Last year the company, which is based in Richmond Hill, had sales of $12 million.

The Academy of Learning, which is the brainchild of Lacob, grew out of his wife's secretarial school. In 1984 he gave up an executive position at a large electrical distribution company in Johannesburg. He started a personnel business which he operated out of an office in the secretarial school. Lacob eventually quit this business to run the school.

He noticed the school was attracting mature students who wanted computer skills; he had discovered an untapped market. "There was a huge potential market if someone could come up with some system for the consumers of the 1980s — adults looking for computer training," he said.

Max Lacob

Ben Shtang

Lacob recognized that adult students needed to learn at their own pace so he devised a flexible training program. He bought the rights to a typing program based on audio tapes, which he adapted for computer training. He also introduced written exams to measure the students' proficiency.

The Academy of Learning was enormously successful in South Africa. Within two years there were 16 centres, all of which were franchised. In 1987 Lacob sold the business to immigrate to Canada, where he felt his children would have a better future.

In Toronto, he teamed up with Shtang, a friend and former business colleague, to launch the Academy of Learning in North America. Shtang was in the midst of selling a profitable lighting manufacturing business and was ready for a new venture. "I was very excited by the whole concept of the Academy of Learning," he said.

They started a small experimental school with 10 computers to test the Canadian market. By the end of that year they had established four more centres; three years later there were 39 and today there are 78. There is no other career school in Canada with such rapid growth.

Lacob and Shtang have an ambitious expansion plan for the U.S.: they expect to franchise up to 400 centres in the next three to four years.

Lacob and Shtang attribute their success to the excellence of their product. "We get results," said Shtang. They call their training formula an "integrated learning system," which is a hands-on approach to learning. Students follow instructions by the audio tapes and workbooks and learn through doing the exercises. They have to master each step before they can advance. If they get stuck an instructor is always available to help them.

The program also has high performance standards. All students must pass written exams to complete their courses. A certificate from the Academy of Learning means that a student has reached a certain level of proficiency. All exams are marked at head office to maintain franchise-wide standards.

The head office does not keep figures on the number of people who find jobs after completing their courses. Those records are kept by the individual franchises. Parin Jaffer, the operator of an east-end centre on the Danforth, said that up until 1991 students had a 75-80 per cent placement rate. She does not have new figures, which are lower as a result of the recession.

Larry Jacobs, 37, a full-time student at the Danforth centre, expects to have some difficulty finding a job in February when he will have completed a six-month diploma program in office administration. However, he is very positive about his training.

"I find that the hands-on experience is the best way of learning. I'm satisfied that I have learned quite a bit," he said.

Jacobs said he is getting good value for his money, and his course does not come cheap — the tuition of the administrative assistant program has set him back $4,300. Full-time students like Jacobs are eligible for government loans from the Ontario Student Aid Program (OSAP), because the Academy of Learning is a licensed private vocational school.

As well as the full-time diploma program, there are short skill-upgrading courses. An 18-hour course in WorldPerfect will be in the $200 range, while the most expensive course, the diploma in microcomputer business applications, costs $4,400.

Business from private students accounts for about 50 per cent of the company's sales. Government and business contracts are also important sources of income. Around 40 per cent of the company's revenue comes from government training contracts for full-time diploma program. The individual franchises compete for lucrative training contracts with government agencies like the Canada Employment Centres and the Workers' Compensation Board.

Contracts with private businesses account for around 10 per cent of the company's business. Large corporations like the Bank of Montreal, Ford and General Motors have sent their employees to the Academy of Learning for short courses to upgrade their skills on popular business software.

Economic News From Israel

Average Income Up

JERUSALEM — The standard of living of the average urban family improved significantly over the past six years, both in terms of income and consumption, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics' preliminary findings based on the 1992/93 family expenditure survey.

The gross average income of urban households during the period of the survey was 6,130 shekels ($2,040) a month, a real increase of 17.5 per cent since the last survey, six years ago.

Taxes and National Insurance Institute payments consisted of about 19 per cent of this, bringing net income down to 4,315 shekels ($1,470).

The average household spent approximately 5,700 shekels ($1,900), adjusted to current prices, in goods and services, including housing. This reflects a real increase of 9 per cent in consumption expenditures compared to six years ago.

When housing is excluded, the average household consumption expenditures reached about 4,590 shekels ($1,530), growing by 15 per cent over inflation during the past six years.

These changes reflect the dramatic improvement in the standard of living in the past six years. The difference also shows how the urban population's consumption behavior has changed as their income has risen, as well as the prices of the goods and services they purchase.

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Privatization Proceeding Quickly

ISRAEL — Israel's rush to privatize raised nearly $460 million (U.S.) for the treasury last year.

The highest profile firm likely slated for privatization is El Al. Up to 51 per cent of its shares could be sold on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by the end of this year.

Israel Ship Yards will be completely out of the government's hands by May. Over the summer, 26 per cent of Bezeq's shares, Israel's national phone company, will be available on stock exchanges in Tel Aviv and other locations.

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Windows on the World

ISRAEL — For Microsoft Israel, Windows is a success in any language.

The company recently introduced to Israelis a multilingual version of the popular computer program. Users can operate simultaneously in Hebrew, English, French, Russian and Arabic.

Israel was selected as the test country for multi-lingual Windows because the Hebrew edition sold so well.

Microsoft Israel invested about $1 million (U.S.) to develop its five language innovation.

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Iacocca Drives A Hard Bargin

HAIFA — Former Chrysler Corporation president Lee Iacocca can't keep away from cars.

His company, Laser Enterprises Technology recently struck a 10 year, $100 million (U.S.) deal to market a driver-assistance device manufactured by the Haifa-based Ramat Silioon firm.

Called Contolaser, the Israeli safety tool warns drivers when they're too close to another vehicle. There is also a warning mechanism for low visibility situations.

Iacocca wants to install the product in American-made cars and also sell it to private customers.

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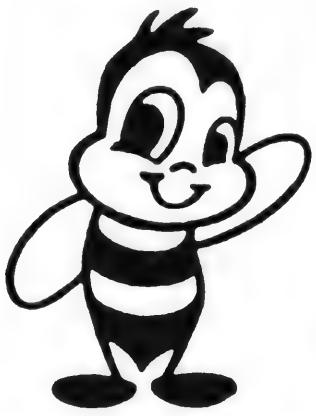

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While it might strike many that exporting honey to Israel, the land of milk and honey, is like bringing coals to Newcastle, one gets the feeling Eli Grossman doesn't regard the notion as impossible.

Selling honey to Israel won't happen anytime soon — the Jewish state's domestic honey lobby is powerful — but Grossman, general manager of family-run Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd. of Toronto, proudly notes that a big sale to Israel of Billy Bee Honey Barbecue Sauce and Honey Mustard is just around the corner.

"It's 99 per cent complete. We're ready to go with our first order to Israel," says Grossman, whose father Jack founded Billy Bee some 40 years ago and even came up with the cute bee logo with which the company's products are identified.

It's taken a long time, but Billy Bee's patience with Israel's often maddening bureaucracy is about to pay off. Supersol, Israel's largest grocery chain, has agreed to an initial order of 2,000 cases of the Canadian-made sauce and mustard.

Various marinades

Actually, Billy Bee, today run day-to-day by company president Jack Grossman's three sons, was ready with its shipment months ago. Freight, a local distributor and a customs broker were all in place. But glitches involving Hebrew labels and gaining Israeli kashruth certification delayed matters. (Although all Billy Bee products are COR certified in Canada, they must undergo local inspection in Israel).

As well, anyone exporting a food product to Israel must go through the country's health ministry.

With the red tape now more or less out of the way, Israel will become another in a long list of countries to savor Billy Bee products. Those include Japan, France, Pakistan and about 20 others.

One roadblock was Israel's import tariffs, which for these products range from 30 to 50 per cent in order to protect local agricultural interests. That's why the Grossman brothers — Eli, sales manager Ralph and Leonard, the plant supervisor — are strong proponents of a Canada-Israel free trade pact.

Even though Israel's honey producers have managed to keep foreign competitors out, Eli is confident that once other Billy Bee products get a toehold and build brand recognition, the company's staple product could one day be on Israeli shelves.

Billy Bee managed to get around Israel's strong tomato lobby by touting its barbecue sauce as a unique product. "We are the first honey barbecue sauce in Israel," notes Ralph.

Six months ago, the company introduced honey roasted peanuts and will soon add honey-lemon drops and various marinades to its 20-strong product line. Its diversification has paid off: Billy Bee grossed over $20 million last year, up 15 per cent from the year before. It's been the largest honey packer in Canada for years.

The Grossmans are also counting on the cachet Western products seem to have in Israel.

As for doing business with the Jewish state, Eli counsels patience.

"Go right to the customer first. Sell the product first. Then get approvals," he says. "There's no point getting the green light if no one buys the product. But patience is the main thing."

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Waitzer: It's almost trite to say that markets are increasingly global, just because that's been the case for a long time. Largely due to the impact of communications technology, the barriers, other than regulatory barriers for a Canadian investor or a Canadian issuer to access other markets, are minimal. There are frequent examples.

Rogers Cable is one example of a Canadian company that has raised billions of dollars in the U.S. market because there isn't a well-developed market in Canada for unrated debt or more junior debt.

Similarly, Canadian investor demand for foreign securities has led to the proliferation of various foreign equity funds and bond funds, and foreign advisers coming into Canada one way or another.

All of that leads to the need for greater regulatory cooperation and harmonization, which I think is actually taking place quite naturally and well.

CJN: *What is the relationship between the Securities Commission here and the one in Israel?*

Waitzer: There isn't a formal or institutional relationship. I have a personal relationship with the chairman of the securities commission in Israel. He's a friend, and we've spent quite a bit of time talking about investment flows.

Increasingly, I think there will be interest amongst Canadians and Americans to identify investment opportunities in the Israeli market. The Israeli stock market has also been quite buoyant during the last little while, both as a result of privatizations and optimism as to the prospects for economic development as the peace process matures.

He has done yeoman's service in introducing a serious securities regulatory framework into that market in very short order. Israel enjoys many advantages that Canada does, for instance. Israel enjoys a trade agreement with the United States as does Canada, so it wouldn't surprise me over time to see bilateral treaties between Canada and the United States and Israel to reduce barriers and have more investment flows between the countries. I think it'll take a little time for the Israeli market to mature to that level, but as I say, he's done quite a remarkable job.

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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Duberman gets shot at the big league

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — First he's up, then he's down. A few days later he's back up, only to be sent down again shortly afterwards.

No one should be surprised if in all the comings and goings, Justin Duberman begins to feel a bit like a yo-yo on a string. But the 23-year-old winger is certainly not complaining, not when being called up means being put on a line with future Hall of Famer Brian Trottier and getting to practice with the Magnificent One, Mario Lemieux.

For Duberman, getting the call up from the Cleveland Lumberjacks, the Pittsburgh Penguins' farm team in the International Hockey League (IHL), to the big club is just another step on the road he hopes will lead him to a permanent spot in the National Hockey League (NHL).

So far, the 6 foot 1, 185 lb. winger has played four games in the big league on a line with Trottier and rookie hopeful Ed Patterson. His stats are slim — no points, no penalties and only two shots on goal, but even cracking the Penguins' talent-laden (though injury-riddled) lineup has to be considered a feather in his cap.

Duberman, who was born in New Haven but who grew up in Chicago, said his third-line duty meant "we went out there, kept [the puck] in their end, made a lot of bodychecks and tried to outwork" the other team.

"It was a great experience playing with Trottier," he said in a telephone interview from the Lumberjacks' practice facility. "He's been an idol of mine.

"I always thought he was an unselfish player and everywhere he plays, he wins. He made me feel comfortable on the ice and gave me some pointers."

Duberman said making the transition from "the I" to the NHL was fairly comfortable, since the Lumberjacks play the same style the Pens do. As for his own approach to the game, Duberman describes himself as "a pretty hard worker in the corners, and I have some skill with the puck. If I'm fortunate to play in the NHL, I'll continue to work hard."

He says he's not put off by the daunting prospect of cracking the Penguins' star-studded lineup. "I want to be part of a winning team and if I have to wait, I'll wait," he said. "I want to play on a cup-winning team."

Unfortunately, Duberman missed out at a chance of playing on a cup-winner last year with the Montreal Canadiens. He was originally selected by the Habs in the 10th round of the 1989 entry draft, 230th overall, out of the University of North Dakota (UND) where he spent four years on an athletic scholarship.

During that time, he didn't play with the Canadiens or their farm team but in his senior year at UND, he tallied 17 goals and 27 assists for 44 points in 39 games. Duberman said he chose UND because of its record in churning out NHL-calibre players like Ed Belfour, Troy Murray, James Patrick, Dave Tippett and Dave Christian.

Duberman was acquired by Pittsburgh as a free agent on Nov. 2, 1992 and spent the season in Cleveland. Last year with the Lumberjacks, he bulged the twine 29 times and set up 42 others for 71 points in 77 games. He was the club's fourth-leading scorer and tops among Lumberjacks' rookies.

During his amateur career, Duberman was one of the last cuts of the U.S. Olympic team. Prior to that, he stuck with the U.S. national team for 17-year-olds, playing on a team that included future NHLers Jeremy Roenick, Tony Amonte and Keith Carney.

Like many other young athletes, Duberman is grateful to be getting the chance to make it in the big league. "I'm getting paid to do something I'd do for free," he said. "The game's been really good to me. To be a professional athlete is great."

Justin Duberman patrolling the wing for the Lumberjacks

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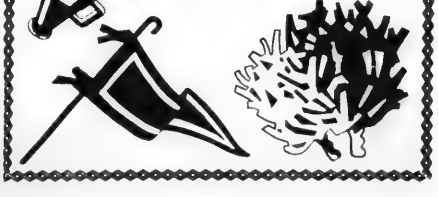

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JDC-led convoy evacuates 296 out of Sarajevo

ROME (JTA) — Just hours after a mortar killed at least 68 civilians in the worst atrocity committed in the 22-month siege of Sarajevo, a Jewish-organized, multi-ethnic convoy successfully brought nearly 300 people from the embattled Bosnian capital.

The six-bus convoy, organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in partnership with Sarajevo's Jewish La Benevolencija organization, brought 296 Jews, Croats, Serbs and Muslims on a tortuous overland journey overnight from Sarajevo to Makarska, on the Croatian coast, where JDC maintains a refugee center, JDC officials said.

The group included men and women of all ages, and a few children. Among the evacuees was an elderly Muslim woman who has been designated a Righteous Gentile and her family, who have been invited to live in Israel.

Included in the convoy were 176 Jews, leaving about 300 to 350 Jews in the city, the JDC said.

The 50 or so Jewish evacuees who say they want to live in Israel are being processed in Makarska by the Jewish Agency.

"We are so happy to have been able to bring this convoy out," JDC President Ambassador Milton A. Wolf told JTA by telephone from Makarska.

"The convoy brought out not only Jews but a multi-ethnic group that including Christian Serbs and Croats as well as Muslims," said Wolf.

"Our joy in bringing out the convoy, however, is tarnished by the terrible tragedy of the shelling Saturday," he said. "It took place as our convoy was preparing for departure, and people who just got off the buses say it was horrible."

Wolf extended thanks to the governments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, to Serbian forces, to the United Nations Protection Force and to the Jewish communities of Sarajevo and Zagreb, Croatia, for their help in setting up and making possible the evacuation.

He also thanked the government of France, the European Jewish Congress and the Central British Fund of London for their help.

"It was an event that had to be orchestrated — a Herculean effort," he said. "Everyone was very cooperative."

The first of the six convoy buses was just leaving Sarajevo at 12:30 p.m. Saturday when the deadly shell hit Sarajevo's central market, killing 68 and injuring at least 200.

"They decided to make a run for it and got three buses out," Wolf said. "Then there was a delay before the last three buses were able to leave."

The last bus left Sarajevo at 4 p.m.

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Multilateral peace talks set for Chateau Montebello

Delegates will assess progress

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Senior Israeli and Palestinian officials, including Yossi Beilin, Israel's outspoken deputy foreign minister, are in Canada this week for talks aimed at mapping progress in the multilateral round of Mideast peace negotiations.

Some 30 delegates from 10 countries and the European Union (EU) are scheduled to meet at the Chateau Montebello resort near Hull, Que. from Feb. 8 through 10 to try and resolve differences outstanding after two years of talks on the multilateral track.

The five separate multilateral rounds were devised under the October 1991 Madrid formula for Mideast peace talks, which also called for simultaneous bilateral talks between Israel and the Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Negotiators are composed of the steering committee of the multilateral rounds, of which Canada is a member. In fact, Canada chairs the round on Mideast refugees, a thorny subject that includes calls from so-called diaspora Palestinians — those who left or who were expelled after 1948 and 1967 — to return to Israel.

Two rounds of talks on refugees took place in Ottawa in 1992 and one each last year in Oslo and Tunis.

The chairs of the other four rounds — the United States, which holds the gavel on the water and arms control rounds; Japan, which chairs the talks on the environment, and the EU, under whose aegis the talks on regional economic development have taken place — are all represented in Montebello.

The United States and Russia, sponsors of the bilateral talks, are co-chairing the three days of talks.

Also attending are delegates from Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Norway and the EU.

Representing Canada is Marc Perron, assistant deputy minister for Africa and the Middle East and this country's top Mideast diplomat.

The talks are "informal and discreet," Perron told *The CJN.* "We're not here to grab headlines."

Perron called the refugee talks "the most difficult" of the five multilateral working groups. But "there have been some real results."

He said Canada is working toward disproving rumors in several Palestinian refugee camps that there has been a secret deal between Israel and the PLO to do nothing for the thousands of Palestinians who fled or were thrown out of the new Jewish state in 1948.

Canada has earmarked $55 million over the coming five years toward the improvement of Palestinians' lives in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ottawa has also facilitiated several projects, including a rainwater catchment scheme, the creation of an updated refugee data bank and the repatriation of up to 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Egypt to Gaza, Perron said.

Canada chairs the next round of refugee talks in Cairo in May.

The talks are "open discussions, with no protocol," said Eli Yerushalmi, counsellor at the Israeli Embassy. "It's mainly a brainstorming session."

The last meeting of the steering committee was held in December in Tokyo.

Friedberg's murderers receive life sentences

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The murderers of Jason (Yehoshua) Friedberg, the Montreal-born soldier shot to death outside Jerusalem last March, have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The three Palestinians, all members of the Fatah faction of the PLO, confessed to the murders of Friedberg and three other Israelis.

Jawad, Mohammed and Ibraham Shamansa, of the West Bank village of Kafr Katana near Ramallah received four consecutive terms of life imprisonment.

They were charged with the deaths of 24-year-old Friedberg, high school students Lior Tubol and Ronen Caramani, and taxi driver Rafi Doron.

"No punishment — not even the death penalty — can atone for the [accused's] crimes," said Jerusalem District Court Judge Yaacov Bazak. "They took the lives of innocent victims in cold blood."

Before sentencing, one of the accused defended his acts, saying they were political and not criminal. He was cut off by the judge amidst the angry cries from relatives of the victims.

After the trial, Johad Bolus, the lawyer for the accused, said he hoped such acts would no longer take place now that Palestinians and Israelis had embarked on a path of peace.

Friedberg, a member of the elite Golani brigade, was returning to his base near Tel Aviv when he was abducted and shot to death in March, 1993.

The recent immigrant from Montreal had two weeks remaining in his army service when he was killed.

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Unified Jewish state seen a must for Israel

Israelis starting to question religious beliefs

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israel is a state for Jews but if it is to survive the future — particularly the long-awaited peaceful times ahead — it must become a Jewish state as well, says the director of Israel's Bet Midrash, a training centre for Israeli rabbis and educators within the Masorti movement.

"Israelis are already beginning to ask questions about the meaning of life. When you have a gun to your head, there's no time to ask. But as we move toward peace, they're beginning to ask tough spiritual questions — questions about their religious beliefs and their identity as Jews," said Rabbi Harvey Meirovich.

Rabbi Meirovich recently addressed an audience at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in a presentation organized by the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism.

Masorti is a growing religious movement with over 40 congregations in Israel ranging in size from 40 to 200 families. It is based upon the ideals and practices of Conservative Judaism within the framework of modern society. Its ultimate goal is to build a triad between Judaism, Zionism and modernity in order to achieve a Jewish state.

"Presently, we have a very divided Israel" said Rabbi Meirovich. "Twenty per cent of Israelis identify themselves as Orthodox or ultra-Orthodox, 45 per cent are secular and 35 per cent consider themselves to be Masorti, but not in the traditional sense that I view the movement."

Rabbi Meirovich said Orthodox Jews are a boon to Judaism but discourage modernity by not acknowledging science, literature and archeology as an important part of their children's education. He said secular Jews voice an absolute "yes" to Israel and modernity but "no" to religion.

"The greatest enemy of the Jewish people is the Jewish people," he said. "There are so many factions and issues dividing us within Israel. Each group is vying for ultimate power. . . If we continue to move in our present direction, in my opinion we will create a state of Hebrew speaking goyim.

"The problem, as we see it within the Masorti movement, is that with religious fundamentalists, there are no questions allowed. And with secular fundamentalists, there are no questions necessary."

Masorti founded the Bet Midrash 10 years ago. There were only six students. Today there are over 200 and the program is running neck and neck with Hebrew University. Next year, the projected enrolment is more than 300.

Then there is Tali — a Hebrew acronym which stands for the enrichment of Jewish studies for Jewish children. Tali is a school system, much like United Synagogue Day Schools or Bialik, except that it operates within the public school system. A group of Israeli parents discovered they had the right to format 25 per cent of their children's education, and developed a school system to enrich their secular education. What began as a single school 16 years ago is now a 30-school system, with 10 more schools to open this year. Tali hopes to reach 40,000 children within five years.

"The Bet Midrash is doing some very exciting things and has a lot of responsibility on its hands," said Ron Hoffman, secretary of the Canadian Masorti Foundation. "While it is training the Tali teachers and writing its curriculum and text books, the seminary also plays a key role in the evolution of Conservative Judaism around the world."

Hoffman said the Bet Midrash did outreach programs to the former Soviet Union.

"As close to half a million Russian Jews have migrated to Israel, they have come with an incredible thirst for knowledge about their heritage. The Masorti movement appeals to the intellectualism of the Russians more than Orthodoxy does because they are tired of being dictated to," he said.

Cancer fighter Farkas-Himsley succumbs to disease

'Giving and loving' — Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Prof. Hannah Farkas-Himsley

TORONTO — Prof. Hannah Farkas-Himsley, who for a large part of her life was dedicated to combatting cancer, recently died of the disease in her Jerusalem home. She was 76.

The soft-spoken microbiologist was based in Toronto, where she worked to isolate a naturally-occuring protein that kills cancer cells and viruses. The protein, produced by certain bacteria, is being tested on psoriasis and skin cancer, with a possible application to the AIDS virus.

Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter, a friend and the former head of the Dermatology Centre at Women's College Hospital, worked closely with Farkas-Himsley.

"She was a very beautiful woman, not only physically but beautiful throughout. She was giving and loving in all of her contacts — a cultured lady who was interested in music and the arts and an avid reader," said Schachter.

"But most of all, she was a scientist who worked hard. Nothing stood in her way, not even her illness, as she continued to work in her research and the route it led her to enlarge and enrich her knowledge."

Farkas-Himsley was born in Moscow during the Russian Revolution. Her family made aliyah in 1926 when Farkas-Himsley was 8. She served in the Haganah and studied biology and bacteriology at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. She earned her PhD in 1946.

In 1940, she married Prof. Ladislas Farkas, a Hungarian physical chemist and head of the Middle East Scientific Council who was invited to Palestine by Chaim Weizmann. He was killed in a plane crash in 1948 while en route to Europe to buy equipment for Israel.

The young widow had two daughters, Leorah, 4, and Ruth, nine months. She joined the Department of Bacteriology at the Medical School in Jerusalem. In 1953, she became the scientific attache at Israel's embassy in London where she organized

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Toronto Crown attorney to visit Yugoslavia to examine rape charges

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Laura Silver says she's going to the war-torn former Yugoslavia to investigate allegations of widespread rape for really one reason: she's Jewish.

"It just struck me as something so important," says Silver, a Toronto Crown attorney, of her imminent one-month mission to Slovenia and Croatia. There, she will interview women who claim they have been raped and tortured in the bloody ethnic war that has torn the former Yugoslavia into pieces.

Silver and two other female colleagues from the downtown Toronto Crown's office will leave at the end of February. "It's naive to believe there will be no risk," Silver, 35, told *The CJN*. "But we've been assured of our safety by UNPROFOR [the United Nations Protection Force] and it's supposed to be relatively quiet in Zagreb [The Croatian capital]."

Silver's Jewish background motivated her to volunteer for the mission. "The Holocaust is part of our heritage. I was always taught it should never happen again," she said. "I didn't have to explain it to my parents, who are not Holocaust survivors. For me, this was something I felt I had to do.

Will visit refugee camps

The three lawyers were chosen when their boss was asked by a representative of the United Nations if there were any volunteers in his department with experience in sexual assault cases.

Six came forward and three were picked by a UN commission to make the trip. The commission was set up in October 1992 to gather information on violations of international humanitarian law in the former Yugoslavia.

One of the qualifiers, said Silver, was that the UN wanted women, presumably because Muslim women won't speak about rape to men.

Silver is further qualified because since last year, she has prosecuted only those cases involving child abuse.

Under the investigation's terms, the team will go to detention and refugee camps to interview women who have alleged widespread sexual assault. The women are from all sides of the Yugoslav conflict — Serb, Croat and Bosnian Muslim — but will be mainly Muslims.

"These [allegations] are happening to people perceived to be our enemies," Silver says, "but that doesn't matter."

The investigation will also extend to claims of torture, execution and other violations of humanitarian law.

The team, which will include psychiatrists and psychologists, will report back to the UN security council with its findings.

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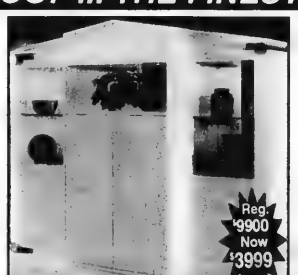

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Laskin named to Appeal Court

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

John I. Laskin

TORONTO — Human rights advocate and longtime community volunteer John I. Laskin has been appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal. He will be sworn in March 2.

Laskin leaves the firm of Davies, Ward & Beck where he has served as head of the litigation department since 1984.

During his almost 23 years at the bar, Laskin has been involved in a number of leading cases in the field of constitutional law — in many of them, acting pro bono (without taking a fee).

"I've always had some sympathy for the underdog," he told *The CJN*.

His most recent case involves five families with children in Jewish day schools who are challenging the provincial policy of denying public funding to Jewish schools while providing full financial support to Roman Catholic schools. A decision in that case has been reserved by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Earlier, Laskin represented Canadian Jewish Congress in a number of human rights and constitutional cases. The Bill 30 reference, in which Congress was an intervener, asked the Appeal Court to rule on the proposed extension of Catholic school funding through Grade 13.

In other cases, he has argued against religious prayers and instruction in Ontario schools (practices which were overturned by the province's Court of Appeal) and he has represented Congress at the Supreme Court of Canada in the Jim Keegstra case, arguing for the constitutional validity of the anti-hate law.

In the Simpson Sears vs. O'Malley case, the court agreed with his contention that discrimination occurs when a rule of employment, though applicable to all employees, adversely affects minorities.

Laskin said that while he has donated his time to arguing legal issues affecting the community, "at the same time, the community gave me an opportunity to argue some of the most fascinating cases of our time."

He said his late father, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Bora Laskin, served as a key inspiration to him and "he instilled in all of us the importance of public service."

Laskin said he was "pretty excited and a little overwhelmed" by the prospect of serving on the province's highest court. "It's the final court in [Ontario]," he said. "They make decisions that affect people's lives. It's a daunting task."

In addition to publishing numerous papers on legal issues — including defamation, human rights and wrongful dismissal — he has served on a variety of professional organizations.

He has been a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, a member of Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, the Congress subcommittee on the constitution (1981-82) and community relations committee. In addition to his other pursuits, Laskin has been an occasional contributor to *The CJN*.

High Court hears Yom Kippur case

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Supreme Court of Canada last week heard the case of three Jewish teachers from Quebec who claim their right to practise their religion, as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, is violated by their school board's refusal to allow them paid leave for Yom Kippur.

Joseph Kadoch, Louise Elbaz and Jacob Lahmi, it was argued, are subject to discrimination because the board's Catholic teachers do not lose any salary for the time they are absent for their religion's holidays, such as Christmas and Good Friday.

The case, which was won on appeal by the Commission Scolaire Regionale de Chambly in the Quebec Court of Appeal in June, 1992, was brought to the Supreme Court by the teachers' union, the Syndicat de l'Enseignement de Champlain, an affiliate of the Centrale de l'Enseignement du Quebec (CEQ).

The union's lawyers Claude Melancon and Georges Marceau say a decision could come down in anywhere from a few weeks to a few months' time.

"The school calendar of the Commission Scolaire Regionale de Chambly allows for a certain number of paid religious holidays, but only those of Catholics," Marceau said.

The teachers are also seeking reimbursement of the paid days they have lost over the past 10 years.

They are asking the Supreme Court to decide if Catholic school boards must accommodate the religious holidays of their non-Catholic employees and, if so, in what way.

In addition to the constitutional issue, Melancon said a second question raised by the case is whether a labor arbitrator is entitled to interpret the law — and make mistakes — without judicial review, an issue of keen interest to Quebec unions.

The union believes the school board could accommodate the Jewish teachers either by allowing them to take off Yom Kippur as one of the three days a year teachers can be absent for "personal reasons" or by rearranging their schedules in order that they could put in their 27 hours per week on other days.

"No one is asking that the Jewish teachers have more paid days off in the year than the other teachers," he said.

The three teachers are not seeking time off for any other Jewish holidays.

The dispute goes back to 1985 when the teachers' union filed a grievance on behalf of the three employees after they were docked a day's pay for being absent on Yom Kippur.

That was the year the school board decided that observance of a religious holiday was not a legitimate reason to be absent for personal reasons as they had in the previous two years.

The teachers' union pointed to a clause in their collective agreement that the school board must "respect the exercise of the fundamental rights of the teachers without distinction."

"Personal reasons" spelled out in the collective agreement include such things as getting married, attending a funeral or taking care of a broken furnace, Melancon said, as well as a general discretionary clause giving the board power to accept other reasons.

A labor arbitration tribunal ruled 2-to-1 almost two years later that the school board discriminated against the three teachers, citing the freedom of religious practice enshrined in both the Canadian and Quebec rights charters, and not made "reasonable allowances" for the teachers' need to not work on Yom Kippur.

The school board lost its appeal of the tribunal's decision in Quebec Superior Court, but won on another appeal to the Court of Appeal in 1992.

Melancon said a Supreme Court ruling on this case will help clarify how far an employer must go to accommodate an employee's request to be absent from work for religious reasons.

The question is how to balance the employee's constitutional right to practise his religion against the employer's right not to suffer "undue hardship" in accommodating him, as has been established in similar cases, Melancon said.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

SALUTIN

Rick Salutin is a columnist for *The Globe And Mail*. He enjoys a reputation as a perceptive analyst and critic.

His surname conjured up an image of the lowly army private ceremoniously demonstrating his respect for a superior officer.

I am pleased to report that my original misconception that Rick was probably descended from a humble soldier has been happily resolved. His surname actually derives from Seluytin, a shtetl in the province of Vitebsk, which makes him a good Litvack.

GROPPER

Lony Gropper of Toronto has been unable to trace the origin of his name. I share his problem.

I can only guess that it originates from Grabar (tanner in Ukrainian), which also appears in the form of Graber. . . .

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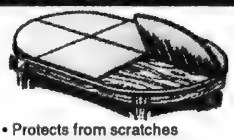

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Shabbat Zachor '94 brings renewed hope

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

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TORONTO — Last year at this time, Judy Feld Carr sounded a message of hope: that the next Shabbat Zachor, the special mid-winter Sabbath of remembrance and prayers for Syrian Jewry, would be the last.

This year, there's an extra bounce in Carr's voice, for now, she's more hopeful than ever that in the coming months, every Jew who wants to leave Syria will be able to do so.

The numbers may bear out Carr, the tireless long-time chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews. Since appearing to have opened its doors just a crack to Jewish departure two months ago, 14 Jews left in December and 94 in January.

Add to that the roughly 2,600 individuals who left when the door was ajar from April to October of 1992, and that leaves a community of about 1,100 souls, mainly in Damascus but also in Aleppo and Qumishli.

Of those, nearly everyone now holds an exit permit, Carr says. But here's the catch: Authorities appear to be playing the same mind-game in which the Soviets engaged in the late 1970s and early 1980s — splitting families.

The Syrians still have not issued the precious documents to several families and to "a few" Jewish children, Carr told *The CJN*, thereby making it that much more difficult for their parents and siblings to leave.

That's why Jewish communities across Canada and in several other nations will commemorate Shabbat Zachor on Feb. 19 as a day of prayer for Jews in oppressed lands, particularly Syria.

"I'm praying this will be the last time, that we can bring this to an end," Carr says. But she adds that if the straws in the wind prove accurate, Syria's Jewish community will be reduced in the coming months to a core of between 200 and 250 people — the elderly, infirm or those who simply won't leave whatever the opportunity.

However, it's important not to get too euphoric, Carr warns.

For one thing, there's still a lot of fear among Syria's Jews, whose movements and communications are monitored around the clock by the dreaded secret police; who are prohibited from holding certain official jobs and — a key plank of Syrian terror — who are not allowed to sell property.

That means any departing family cannot sell a house or business. Only personal effects may be sold. (Ironically, Judaica cannot be taken out of the country; all unused religious objects go to the government).

Other restrictions — a family may only take out the equivalent of $2,000 (U.S.) and two suitcases per person — mean those who leave do so with very little. A proud people, Syrian Jews are reluctant to accept charity once most of them arrive in the large Syrian emigre community in Brooklyn.

Professionals must retrain and, of course, there's the language problem.

So fear of the future, when Syrian Jews have so much to fear from the present, is what's keeping some in the country from leaving, Carr explains.

Another problem is that because they leave on travel visas, Syrian Jews going to the United States arrive as visitors, not as refugees, and are thus denied the many advantages refugee status confers.

Some go to Panama, Brazil or Mexico. For those who remain, there is one mohel left but there is no shoichet for a very observant community.

Syria's on-again, off-again policy on travel for Jews was discussed in a December meeting between U.S. Secetary of State Warren Christopher and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad. The Syrians reportedly pledged to issue visas to all remaining Jews by the end of that month.

It's not known whether the matter came up again during last month's meeting in Geneva between Assad and President Bill Clinton.

Destruction of Amalek

On Shabbat Zachor, Jews pray for the destruction of Amalek, the archetypal enemy of the Jewish people throughout the ages.

And since its inception in 1975 at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, Shabbat Zachor also marks the yahrzeit of six Syrian Jewish youths murdered while trying to escape the country in 1974.

Sisters Mazal, Laura and Farrah Sebbagh, their cousin Eva Saad, Natan Shaya and Kassem Abadi were betrayed by their Arab smugglers, who had been paid to spirit them across the Lebanese border.

The girls were reportedly raped, killed and their mutilated bodies put in sacks and dumped on their parents' doorstep in Damascus's Jewish quarter with a note saying, "Here are your children."

Guest speaker at Beth Tzedec on the 19th will be Prof. Howard Troper, co-author of *None is Too Many*, who will speak on Syrian Jewry: A Canadian Jewish Responsibility.

For Carr, the winding down of her 23-year, largely personal campaign on behalf of Syrian Jews is bittersweet. "It's the end of an astounding Jewish community, which numbered 40,000 before World War II," she says. "Except for Morocco, it's the last Jewish community in an Arab country today.

"But I'm hoping desperately this [campaign] comes to an end."

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Yaqzan slams Jewish organizations

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *"For the vast majority of people, the proof of six million having been killed lies in the pictures of a few thousand skeletons and a few thousand emaciated prisoners of war shown on the screen. But that is hardly proof. . . As for the Jews wishing to destroy Christianity, it would seem a very natural thing for them to do."*

It appears that despite being heavily censured for a newspaper article in which he downplayed the seriousness of date rape, former University of New Brunswick (UNB) professor Matin Yaqzan continues to spew the kind of provocative rhetoric that landed him in hot water in the first place.

In a recent letter to the *Saint John Telegraph Journal*, Yaqzan rose to the defence of former Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross, arguing that his views of the Holocaust and of an alleged Jewish conspiracy to destroy Christianity are "within the realm of possibility."

Yaqzan, who took early retirement in the wake of the outrage his date rape article provoked, called Ross "a far superior role model for his students than his critics or the vast majority of teachers. . . He is certainly far superior to the teachers who are homosexuals and are despised by many of the parents."

In a broadside aimed at Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada, he accused them of "bearing false witness" against Ross and for "using the media to create the mass hysteria against [him]."

Yaqzan's latest letter prompted Congress spokesman Bernie Farber to criticize the *Telegraph Journal* for publishing it, saying the "letter belongs in the racist rags which bigots receive in plain brown envelopes."

In a signed editorial, Gerry Childs of the *Telegraph Journal* agreed with Farber's assessment of Yaqzan's views. But, he said, the paper decided to publish Yaqzan's "venomous propaganda" out of a desire to bring to the public's attention the kinds of views espoused by the former professor.

In addition, Childs said the paper felt bound by the right to free expression, adding it did not wish to give Yaqzan the opportunity to claim he was being silenced or was a martyr to the cause of freedom of speech.

Yaqzan first gained national notoriety after writing an article in the UNB student newspaper in which he suggested that some women accept monetary compensation for the "inconvenience or discomfort" of date rape. Prior to that, he had penned various letters that defended Ross and which attacked Jews as revenge-seekers and of exercising "undue influence" over political figures.

NAHON convention set for March

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — North American High School Organization Network, better known as NAHON, will be holding its ninth annual national convention from March 3-6 at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Kingston, Ontario.

The activist organization for Jewish high school students, formed 12 years ago in Toronto, has a presence in Canadian cities including Vancouver, Winnipeg, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Moncton.

Issues concerning NAHON students include Jewish identity and Holocaust remembrance. The NAHON task force formerly known as the Oppressed Jewry task force was recently renamed the Oppressed People task force to reflect students' concern for those living in war-torn Bosnia as well as in other trouble spots around the world.

"The main goal of NAHON is to make Jewish students aware of their Jewish identity... and of how they can help solve problems in the Jewish community," said Melanie Shore, one of five convention co-ordinators.

Scheduled convention speakers include Eli Rubenstein, director of young leadership development, United Israel Appeal; Julius Ciss, director of Jews for Judaism; Howard Katz, national director of Network Canada (the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students); and Steven Shulman, associate director, community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region. A representative of Yachdav, a Montreal group for Jewish homosexuals and lesbians is also scheduled to speak, as is a representative of Auberge Shalom, a Montreal shelter for abused women.

Among the issues to be addressed at the convention are the Middle East peace process, Israeli politics, student leadership, assimilation, intermarriage and neo-Nazis.

Notes Shore, "It's not just sitting there listening to speakers. There will be workshops, simulations, games."

A choice of egalitarian or traditional Shabbat services will be offered. The cost ($130 from Toronto including transportation by chartered bus) will include all meals, which will be kosher.

For further information or to register call the NAHON office at 416-783-1165 or Josh at 416-223-8677.

Additional charges laid against two Montreal men

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Rabbi Meyer Krentzman's troubles with the law deepened last Friday when he and co-accused Andor Galandauer had four additional charges laid against them in connection with the production of fake passports and other illegal documents.

At the same time, Galandauer was charged with possession of a wide array of prohibited arms, including assault weapons associated with military and police use, and the improper storage of 31 firearms with ammunition.

The two already face seven charges each related to trafficking in cocaine and heroin, for which they have been denied bail. In a separate case, Rabbi Krentzman is scheduled to appear before a judge on April 27, in connection with two fraud-related charges involving a cheque for more than $88,000. Those charges were laid more than a year ago.

Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom after the charges were laid, Galandauer's lawyer Leonard Waxman tried to squelch rumors that his client and Rabbi Krentzman are involved in shipping arms to Israel, possibly for the defence of militant settlers in the territories, or in any sort of gun trafficking.

"These allegations are not supported by the facts...The evidence is to the contrary," Waxman said.

Waxman stated Galandauer has been a gun collector for many years and has "a permit for each and every one" of the guns he owns. He acknowledged, however, that Galandauer may not have complied with all of the more restrictive gun laws passed last year, which ban or require modifications to certain arms.

"Ignorance of the law is no defence, but negligence is not the same as trafficking."

Rabbi Krentzman is represented by Raphael Schachter, one of the city's top criminal lawyers.

In a separate scrum with reporters, Detective Sgt. Roger Granger, the ballistics expert who laid the weapons charges, was noncommittal in response to questions on whether charges of drug trafficking, illegal weapons and phony passports add up to some kind of international conspiracy.

"I can't comment on what these weapons might be used for. That would have to be investigated," Granger said. "But the law says that to obtain registration you have to know how the gun functions."

What is certain, he said, is that they are not for hunting or target practice.

One of the guns, because it is largely plastic, is difficult to detect by airport x-rays, Granger said. He told reporters that bullets capable of piercing bullet-proof vests were among the more than 10,000 bullets he said police found. He also said that no guns were found that could be loaded with some of the magazines seized.

Granger said that many of the long arms are expensive, worth up to $1,500, including one with a laser sight valued at $1,000 alone.

In a court deposition, MUC police allege that they found equipment for the purpose of producing fake passports, stamps and other documentation at a fabric pleating business owned by Galandauer on de Gaspe Street.

The deposition also claims that they found an illegally obtained video camera and micro-relay.

The other two charges against Galandauer and Krentzman relate to the discovery by police last March of illegal written documentation to obtain passports for Larry Aguebor and Rose Mary Aguebor. Crown prosecutor Mario Dufresne said Larry Aguebor is a convicted criminal now serving a jail term.

According to a list supplied by the Montreal Urban Community police, the illegal weapons in Galandauer's possession included 13 large-capacity cartridge clips; 16 Shurikens; one Munchaku; two Bush Master rifles; one Heckler & Kuch rifle with four large-capacity magazines; two large-capacity Glock pistols; a large-capacity Smith & Wesson pistol; and a large-capacity Heckler & Kuch pistol.

They were found at the de Gaspe Street building and his Cote St. Luc home.

The preliminary inquiry is scheduled to begin Feb. 21.

Galandauer, 45, was in his second year as parnass of Beth Zion Congregation at the time of his arrest in January. Rabbi Krentzman, 49, davened at Beth Zion, occasionally giving the Dvar Torah at services. He conducted the synagogue's parallel High Holiday services in 1991 and 1992, but was not otherwise employed by it, said Yechiel Glustein, chairman of the religious committee.

Glustein deplored linkages made in some media between Rabbi Krentzman and Beth Zion, whose rabbi is Sidney Shoham.

Rabbi Krentzman was executive director of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal for almost 10 years, and later national director of the Canadian Zionist Federation and Montreal director of Jewish National Fund for much shorter periods. He left JNF in June 1991.

It was Glustein's committee that appointed Galandauer to the parnass position. "He was an exemplary member of the congregation for many years, attending services regularly, and of good character. We had no reservations about him."

Rabbi Yonah Rosner, president of the Rabbinical Council of Canada's Montreal wing, of which Rabbi Krentzman is a member, said the organization is stunned, but will not censure him for the time being.

"We are allowing him the presumption of innocence...But it is a shock and a great tragedy."

Rabbi Krentzman had been responsible for the weekly inspection of the eruv surrounding Cote St. Luc and St. Laurent until his arrest, Rabbi Rosner said, and it has been difficult to replace him.

He said that a "considerable amount of money" has been collected from individuals to help Rabbi Krentzman's family. He and his wife have five children.

Clarification

The Ahavas Chesed Social Service Centre, the subject of an article in the Jan. 27 *CJN*, should not be confused with the Association Ahavat Chesed, another registered non-profit Jewish organization in Montreal.

Founded in 1982, Association Ahavat Chesed works anonymously, its volunteers raising money in the Jewish community which they distribute to the needy. Cheques are sent at the beginning of every month and at holidays. The intention is that the recipient not know who is giving them the charity.

JUDO TAKES OFF IN ISRAEL

Ever since Yael Arad won her silver medal in the 1992 Olympic Games, judo has taken off in Israel. Here, a group of young participants — aged five and six — with a teacher at one of the many judo classes based in Israel's schools. [IPPA photo]

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CJN Exclusive

Ehud Olmert

For 28 years, Teddy Kollek and the city of Jerusalem became almost synonymous. It seemed nothing could break his hold on the city's mayoralty but in municipal elections last November, Likud Knesset member Ehud Olmert, 48, unseated Kollek, 82, and took over the reins in one of the world's most beloved and disputed cities. A corporate lawyer by training, Olmert was first elected to the Knesset in 1973 and he joined Yitzhak Shamir's Likud government in 1988 as minister of health. Prior to the election of Yitzhak Rabin's Labor government, he held various cabinet posts and became known in North America as an articulate spokesman for Israel, appearing on many news and current affairs programs. Olmert was in Toronto recently where he spoke with The CJN's Paul Lungen.

CJN: *What is the reason for your visit to Canada?*

Olmert: I am on my way from New York to Los Angeles on a short speaking tour, and I was asked to stop in Toronto [for one day] to meet with some friends who supported my campaign. That is the main purpose, but I'm also using [the trip] to talk about the problems and challenges facing Jerusalem. I think this is of concern to all Jews everywhere.

CJN: *What are the problems and challenges facing Jerusalem?*

Olmert: Well right now Jerusalem is becoming the most sensitive topic on the item of negotiations with the Palestinians [who are] demanding political status in the city. This threatens the integrity and unity of the city and is something we have to try to oppose.

CJN: *How can you as mayor oppose that negotiating position?*

Olmert: First of all, as mayor I represent the people living in Jerusalem and their voice must have a certain significance in the direction the talks go. That's number one.

Number two, I believe that the mayor has enormous political power to do things in the city which may bear in a certain way on the availability of political solutions.

CJN: *In practical terms, what can you do that will effect the future disposition of Jerusalem in the negotiations? Is it by setting up communities that would make it impossible to divide the city?*

Olmert: For instance, yes.

CJN: *Do you have specifics in mind?*

Olmert: I have it, but I don't want to disclose it.

CJN: *Have you begun to do anything that will impact on the negotiations?*

Olmert: Well you must understand that. . . I have no interest in interfering with the negotiations. It seems that would not be required because the government's explicit, public position is identical to mine. So here I don't think the problem is in opposition to the government, because I have no particular interest to oppose the government or to declare a war against the Israeli government. It is the legitimate government of Israel and whether I always agree with the government or not, I stand behind it.

I'm talking about creating such facts that even when there will be a demand by the Palestinians, and I think it will be sooner rather than later, that we will not allow anything to happen that contradicts the fundamental interests of the State of Israel.

CJN: *By that it seems you're implying that the Israeli government would give in to the Palestinians, whereas you as mayor...*

Olmert: No, I'm implying the opposite. I'm implying that since the government's position is identical to mine, maybe at one time what we do will only be helpful to the government. I don't imply that they want to withdraw from certain parts of Jerusalem. I definitely hope they won't.

CJN: *Are you working then in concert with the government, sharing a plan with the government?*

Olmert: I don't have to act in concert with the government entirely, but I'm entitled to pursue my policies within the context of the powers of mayor in the city, and that's what I'm doing.

CJN: *What are your main objectives as mayor of Jerusalem in dealing with the day-to-day issues that confront the residents?*

Olmert: First and foremost is to keep the integrity and the unity of Jerusalem. Although this is also a national objective, it's definitely also the objective of the mayor on a local basis.

My next priority is education, followed by expanding and improving the road system in Jerusalem. Together with that is economic development.

CJN: *I understand that you want to set up a Jerusalem stock exchange. Can you tell us about that?*

Olmert: Some discussions have already started.

One of the purposes of my visit now is to pursue with NASDAQ (stock exchange) some type of involvement by them in our efforts. They called me [here in Toronto] following some inquiries that I made. They're interested and I'm going to talk with the president of NASDAQ later in the day.

CJN: *Do you have a time frame in which you want to set up the exchange?*

Olmert: I want to do it as soon as possible. I think it will attract the business community to Jerusalem even more. One of the day-to-day problems of the city is that for some reason, Jerusalem is outside mainstream business in Israel. That needs to change. We need to strengthen the economy of the city.

The economic expansion [and upgrading of] the infrastructure is very important. Having more companies registered in Jerusalem with their headquarters in the city will be very important.

CJN: *Does Israel have room for two exchanges (the first is in Tel Aviv)?*

Olmert: Why not? There are 300 applications on the waiting list for public issue waiting for approval at the security exchange commission. This gives you some idea of the dynamics of the money market in Israel. So definitely, there is room for another exchange.

CJN: *It's been reported that you owed your election to a great extent on the strong support of Orthodox voters and that you might be beholden to them to implement their agenda. You mentioned education as one of your priorities. To what extent does that refer to improving the allocations to Orthodox education?*

Olmert: First of all, it was very popular to [attribute] my victory over Teddy Kollek by the wide support I received from the haredim (ultra-Orthodox). However, a close examination of the figures of the landslide proves that even if there hadn't been one haredi vote supporting me, I'd still have topped Teddy by 3,000 votes. So, the popular notion that I could become mayor only with haredi support is not true.

I made an agreement with the religious parties and the first principle of this agreement states that there will be no change in the status quo on religious matters. Indeed, the haredi parties are interested in the fair allocation of funds for their education system. And this is something they are entitled to get by virtue of their numbers.

I don't think that giving haredi Jews their fair share in the education system, relative to the number of kids who study in their system, is in any form or manner a religious coercion or surrender to their demands. The fact that they didn't get it until now was discrimination, which I do not support.

Had someone said that the Arabs in the east of Jerusalem were not entitled to allocations relative to the number of pupils that go through their school system, everybody would say this is discrimination, apartheid and what not. But when it comes to Jews, it becomes religious coercion. What does it have to do with coercion?

CJN: *There are reports also that you might be under pressure to extend Sabbath observances, close roads during Shabbat, perhaps close cinemas or clubs that want to open. Are you under any pressure along those lines?*

Olmert: The only pressure I get is from the secular press that is anxious to build up pressure in order to justify their initial reaction and predictions. Any other pressure does not exist.

CJN: *Does that mean if a club owner wanted to stay open on a Friday night, he would be able to do so without any problems?*

Olmert: First of all, clubs are open on Friday night without any change.

CJN: *What about new club owners?*

Olmert: First of all they have to apply. I haven't received one application since I was elected.

CJN: *Are you saying that if someone did apply and wanted to open a club or a movie on Shabbat, he would have no problems?*

Olmert: If it will meet the parameters set in the past according to which other clubs and restaurants are open, then they will be allowed.

CJN: *How would you describe the relationship in Jerusalem between the secular and the Orthodox? Are they on good terms or is there friction between them?*

Olmert: I think relations are fair and comfortable and I don't expect to have any undue tensions. I don't see any reason for this.

CJN: *Jerusalem is well-known as the home to three great religions. Sometimes they don't get along so well. Has that been a major concern of yours, to make sure they live in peaceful and tolerant manner.*

Olmert: They do, and I just have to make sure they continue to. The temptations are many. You have to be able to keep the balance and remember the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is not to surrender to the pressures of the day, and to keep good relations among all of them, with respect, dignity and sensitivity.

CJN: *During your campaign you criticized Teddy Kollek for not doing enough for the Arabs of East Jerusalem. What are your plans now in that regard?*

Olmert: To do precisely what I promised during the elections, to equalize their share according to their proportional numbers.

CJN: *Does that mean that Jewish and Arab communities of the same size will get the same resources, the same road repairs, the same sewers?*

Olmert: Precisely.

CJN: *Have you been criticized inside the Jewish community about that?*

Olmert: No one criticized me for that. They only criticize me when I want to apply the same criteria for the haredi Jews. Then some people say, "religious coercion." But when I talk about the same things with regards to Arabs, everyone says how liberal I am.

CJN: *What impact will the recent accord between Israel and the Vatican have on Jerusalem?*

Olmert: It will [have an impact]. It was just signed. It's a matter of time, but we expect an increased number of pilgrims coming.

CJN: *There must be enormous pressures on you as mayor of one of the world's great cities. How do you manage to cope with it without it driving you to distraction?*

Olmert: Look at me. Do I look paralyzed, like someone who can't withstand some pressure? I ran against Teddy Kollek, against the government of Israel, against the Labor Party which is in power, against all of them put together without any party lined up behind me. I ran as an independent. I raised all the funds for myself, I didn't get one penny from my party and I defeated Teddy Kollek. So why do you think I should have any problems?

Public life is demanding but I don't come without a certain degree of experience. I have accumulated experience in the last 20 years in parliament. I held important public positions in the Knesset, in the cabinet and I think I came ready for the job.

CJN: *Do you actually enjoy the pressure?*

Olmert: No one enjoys the pressure endlessly. You learn how to cope with it. I don't get excited every time someone leans on me.

I always remember the story of Menachem Begin who once noticed that one of his assistants was very upset. He asked him, What happened, why are you upset?

And he said, There are so many pressure from all sides and it's so tough. And Begin said, I'll tell you what you should do. Put the pressure in the other direction.

And that's what I tell my staff all the time. Put the pressure back and don't get excited. They are pressuring us, we will pressure them. That's all.

CJN: *What is your vision for Jerusalem? What would you like it to be like in 10 or 20 years?*

Olmert: Jerusalem will be the most dynamic city in the world. It will flourish. It will become the silicon valley of the Middle East. Today we already have the basis for it with a growing number of hi-tech companies that have their bases in Jerusalem. There will be plenty more in the near future.

It will be the tourist centre of Israel. Ten thousand more hotel rooms are being built in the next five years. And it will be the political centre of the Middle East, as it always was in many ways.

CJN: *The 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem is coming up in 1996. What are some of the plans for that event?*

Olmert: We are going to announce soon what the plans are. There is going to be one year of celebrations that will emphasize the historical background of Jerusalem as King David's city and its significance to Jewish life, with an emphasis also on its centrality for other religions. We will also emphasize that the freedom of access to all holy places is an integral part of the policy of Israel and the city. And we hope that millions of tourists will come to visit us in 1996 as part of the celebrations.

Farrakhan lashes out at U.S. Jewish group

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Outrage and revulsion rippled through American Jewry last week when the controversial Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam refused to distance himself from — and even appeared to support — anti-Semitic remarks made by a top aide.

At a news conference last Thursday, Farrakhan announced he was dismissing the aide, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, not for the message but for the manner in which it had been delivered.

Farrakhan also strongly attacked the Anti-Defamation League, which had publicized Muhammad's remarks.

"Louis Farrakhan's words at his press conference spoke for themselves. It was classic anti-Semitism," ADL national chair Melvin Salberg and national director Abraham Foxman said in a statement.

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, the ADL's counterpart in this country, said in a statement that it agrees Farrakhan "is a classic anti-Semite who has been responsible for the distribution in Canada of virulent hate propaganda attacking not only Jews but Catholics and the gay community as well.

"Unfortunately," the League added, "the Nation of Islam and Louis Farrakhan also have credibility among some African-Canadians."

David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said his organization was "repulsed by Louis Farrakhan's comments. It is the same old bone-chilling hate delivered with a smile."

And Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said that "Farrakhan not only reaffirmed the essential validity of what Muhammad said but repeated for the television audience and the press the distortion of Jewish history which has become the stock weapon in his anti-Semitic arsenal."

Amid heavy security at a downtown hotel here, Farrakhan said he considered Muhammad's speech to be "vile in manner, repugnant, malicious, mean-spirited and spoken in mockery of individuals and people, which is against the spirit of Islam.

"While I stand by the truths that he spoke, I must condemn in the strongest terms the manner in which those truths were represented," Farrakhan said.

"I have warned my brother Khalid several times about his manner of representing the truth," Farrakhan said.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council said, "By deliberately choosing to ignore that his aide's speech was quintessentially racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and homophobic, Minister Farrakhan proves that his own message is inherently racist."

The content of Muhammad's speech was widely publicized by ADL in a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* on Jan. 16.

In his remarks, Farrakhan ripped into the ADL, calling it "anti-black and even anti-American."

Louis Farrakhan

Farrakhan charged that the ADL aimed "to destroy the reputation and character of Louis Farrakhan in the eyes of the world, and to ultimately destroy the Nation of Islam."

Farrakhan had been under growing pressure to distance himself from Muhammad's comments, which were made Nov. 29 at Kean College in New Jersey.

In the speech, Muhammad said that Jews were "sucking our blood in the black community," that Jews controlled the White House, the media and the Federal Reserve, and that they brought the Holocaust on themselves.

The speech also included remarks seen as anti-Catholic and anti-white.

Farrakhan said Muhammad had been invited to the college to discuss the controversial Nation of Islam book *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews.*

In the course of the news conference, Farrakhan offered a spirited defence of the work, saying he agreed with "the truth of this book."

The book includes a discussion of the alleged Jewish role in the slave trade.

Last Wednesday, Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), head of the Congressional Black Caucus, said the caucus was distancing itself from a previously announced "sacred covenant" with the Nation of Islam.

"It is clear that the Congressional Black Caucus' ability to work for change with the Nation of Islam (is) severely jeopardized as long as there remains a question by some of our membership about the Nation of Islam's sensitivity to the right of all people and all religions to be free from attacks, vilification and defamation," Mfume said.

Also last Wednesday, the Senate, by a vote of 97-0, passed a resolution sponsored by Sens. John Danforth (R-Mo.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) condemning Muhammad's speech.

JDC-led convoy evacuates 296 people out of Sarajevo

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Saturday and arrived in Makarska at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, he said.

Torrential rains and mudslides on the narrow winding roads across the mountains slowed the convoy and disrupted radio telephone contact between the buses and Makarska, Wolf said.

"It was incredible weather," he said. "There was no contact with the buses. They were late [and] we didn't know what had happened, so we started out on the road inland looking for them and met up with the first bus about 10 or 15 miles from Makarska."

In the first bus was Zajniba Hartaga-Susic, 77, along with her daughter, Aida, her son-in-law, Branumir, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and her 10-year-old granddaughter, Stella.

Hartaga-Susic is a Muslim who was designated Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in recognition of her rescue of Jews during World War II.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres personally intervened to help gain permission for Hartaga-Susic and her family to be evacuated, by formally inviting all of them, in the name of the Israeli government, to live in Israel.

The evacuees had been allowed to bring only a couple of suitcases with them.

The strain of the grueling overnight trip and of life in besieged Sarajevo was evident on their faces.

"They looked tired, exhausted — but happy," Wolf said. "There was great joy on arrival, embraces, tears — particularly in light of the terrible shelling Saturday.

"Some of the evacuees were met by family members — it was very, very moving.

"You go through many experiences in a lifetime, but when you see human beings being saved, being brought to freedom, it makes you feel that you are doing something with your life," he said. "And, of course, this is another instance of the JDC fulfilling its mission."

The evacuation convoy was the latest in a series of air and land evacuations executed by the JDC, the operational organization for overseas Jewish aid, since the beginning of hostilities in Bosnia. These evacuations have transported about 2,200 residents of Sarajevo of all religions and ethnic groups to safe havens.

Wolf said that because of the difficulty in organizing the convoys, at this time no further evacuation was planned.

"Unless there is a real strong request for another convoy, we'll wait," he said.

Israeli minister resigns over failed health proposals

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's health minister has resigned following the cabinet's rejection of a health care reform measure he had strongly backed.

Haim Ramon submitted his formal letter of resignation during the weekly cabinet meeting this past Sunday.

Last week, the cabinet endorsed a decision of the ruling Labor Party to reject health care legislation that would have broken the link between two of the party's longtime sources of influence, the Histadrut trade union and Kupat Holim Clalit, Israel's leading health maintenance organization.

Ramon had argued that the Kupat Holim-Histadrut connection was the single most potent cause of the Labor Party's unpopularity.

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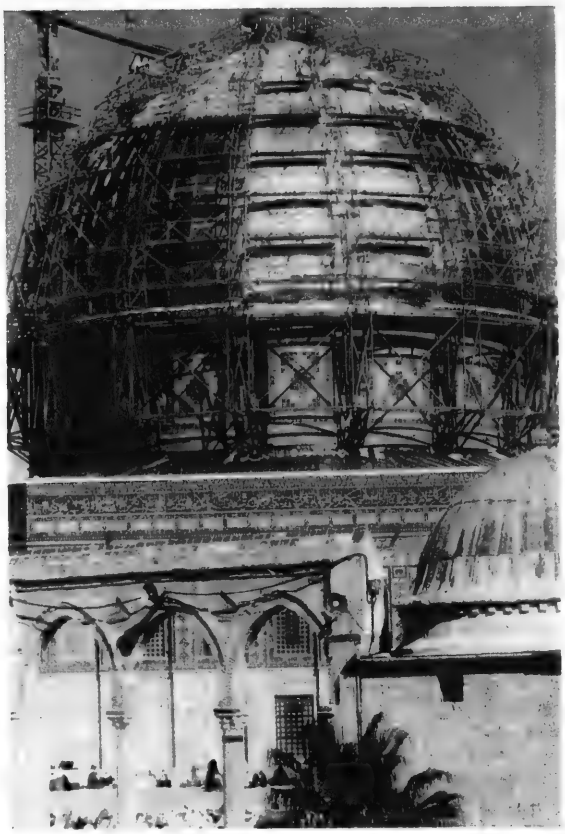

JERUSALEM'S SKYLINE TO RETURN TO NORMAL

Jerusalem's famous skyline has not been quite itself in recent months for the golden dome of the Al-Aqsa (Dome of the Rock) Mosque has been undergoing repairs since July 1992. The work — to repair a previously leaky roof — is due to be completed by March of this year. [IPPA photo]

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Beilin clarifies his remarks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin insists that he wants Jewish fundraising for Israel to be reformed and not destroyed, and that he seeks a new, more honest Israel-Diaspora relationship.

He says those who characterize his campaign otherwise are distorting it out of self-interest or fear of changing the status quo.

At the same time, however, he acknowledges that changes will be painful.

Beilin, who's in Canada this week to sum up the last two years of multilateral Mideast peace talks, unleashed a fury last month when he told an international Zionist women's group that Israel was a relatively wealthy country and should not continue asking for Diaspora "charity."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin subsequently gave a speech in which he became so angry about Beilin's remarks that he knocked one of the microphones off the podium.

Rabin since has tried to contain the damage he clearly believes Beilin has done. In speeches to visiting Diaspora groups, and in a letter-writing campaign to U.S. Jewish leaders, Rabin has gone out of his way to reaffirm the importance Israel attaches to Diaspora philanthropy.

Two weeks ago, in a speech to Hadassah leaders, he said to disregard such "noises" by "youngsters" who do not represent the position of the government of Israel.

Indeed, Rabin is making a point of calling on Jewish communities in developed countries to intensify their efforts to help finance the absorption of hundreds of thousands of immigrants and would-be immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Rabin, Jewish Agency officials and others have angrily protested that Beilin does not have the faintest understanding of the critical role of Diaspora fundraising.

They say its value goes far beyond the checks written and the programs sponsored. They point to the North American-Israeli partnership it offers in the building of the Jewish state, which provides a vital component of Jewish identity.

Yehiel Leket, head of the Jewish Agency's department of youth aliyah, argued heatedly with Beilin on the question of Diaspora fundraising during a recent Knesset committee meeting.

"I told him that he may understand Palestinians, but he definitely has no understanding of Jews," said Leket.

Rabin, Leket and others also claim that relieving North American Jews of their responsibility to contribute to Israel threatens the $3 billion in aid provided annually by the U.S. government.

By and large, Beilin has been dismissing the explosion over his remarks in part as a result of media distortions that claimed he was out to abolish the Jewish Agency and its international appeals.

Leket said that is disingenuous. He and others claimed Beilin has repeatedly argued that the Jewish Agency should be dismantled, and then backed down when the heat turned up.

Beilin was concerned enough about the brouhaha to call a few members of the Jewish media to his Knesset office last week to clarify his position before meeting with Jewish leaders last week in the United States.

The remarks to the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) were made, Beilin explained, because "I felt it was necessary to deliver the message that Israel is (no longer) this poor country which needs charity."

"We do not need charity, we need partnership," he said.

Continuing to portray Israel in a dismal light as a fundraising tactic may hurt prospective immigration, he added.

But interpreting his remarks as a call to abolish the United Jewish Appeal is "really nonsense," he said.

Beilin explained that he wants to "restructure" the Israel-Diaspora relationship, against the background of the peace process and Israel's growing economic and strategic strength. and the crisis of Jewish continuity in the Diaspora.

The combined phenomena mean "we have to change the agenda of our relationship with the Diaspora," he said. "That's why I raised the issue."

But, he added, "suggesting changes is met with a kind of criticism which paints you as somebody who would like to destroy rather than reform." That, in turn, serves to protect institutions from change, he said.

"Of course, I'm not speaking about destruction," he said. "I speak about changing priorities in the Jewish appeal and the structure of Jewish organizations."

Beilin envisions an international organization based on the Jewish Agency, but performing "some functions not met today (and) cancelling some functions which are performed."

Existing appeals, he said, should address themselves to "the most important issue" — the threat to Jewish continuity in the Diaspora — and Israelis should be involved in the discussion, since "it is in the national interest of Israel to preserve Jewish continuity."

The money from the appeals can and should help pay for immigration and absorption, he said, but the bulk of it should be funneled to Diaspora Jewish education and visits to Israel for young people.

The other issues currently addressed by Diaspora philanthropy, such as agriculture and Israeli children in distress, are "mainly for Israel to deal with," he said.

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עס זיינען שוין דורכגעלאָפֿן 51 יאָר, זינט דער אויסזידלונג פון די יידן אין סמאָשיז (פּולן), און פון די אָרומיקע שטעטלעך: ראַקעוו, לאָגעוו, פֿלאָנסק, יזשעק, ריסוונע און באָגרייוו. אויבער 12 טויזנט יידן — מענער, פֿרויען און קינדער — זיינען אומגעקומען אין די באָרבאָרישע אַקציעס פון די נאַציעס מערדער.

עטלעכע וואָכן פֿאַר דער אויסזידלונג, האָבן זיך אין דער סמאָשיזער געטא — אויף דער איניציאַטיוו פון דער אָרבעטס-אָפּטיילונג בײַם יודענראַט — געשאָפֿן עטלעכע אָרבעטס-בריגאָדעס. א גרעסערע צאָל מענטשן האָבן זיך אָנגעשלאָסן אין די בריגאָדעס, האָפֿנונג, אַז די דייטשן, וואָס האָבן זיך גענוטיקט אין אָרבעטער, וועלן זיי לאָזן בלײַבן בײַ דער אָרבעט און אַזוי אָרום וועלן זיי זיך ראַטעווען. אין דער שנײַדער-פֿאָבריק, וואָס האָט זיך אײַנגע-אָרדנט אין דער סמאָשיזער געטא, האָבן גע-אָרבעט אָרום 800 שנײַדערס, וואָס האָבן געגעבן, גערײַניקט און פֿאַריכט מונדירן פֿאַר דער דייטשער אַרמיי.

נאָר אין 1940 האָט זיך אין סמאָשיז געגרינדעט די פּידמע אָמלער, וועמענס הויפּט-אויפֿגאַבע איז געווען צו בויען אַ וועג נאָך מזרח, ווײַל שוין דעמאָלט האָבן די דייטשן זיך געגרייט אָנצופֿאַלן אויף רוסלאַנד. איך בין געווען איינער פון די אָרבעטער אין דער פּידמע אָמלער.

דעם 7-טן נאָוועמבער, 1942, זיינען קיין סמאָשיז אָנגעקומען די זאָנדער-קאָמאַנדאָס. אין זייערע ריינען זיינען הויפּטזאַכלעך געווען אוקראַיִנער און ליטוויעס, וואָס האָבן זיך פֿרײַ-וויליק אָנגעשלאָסן אין דער ס.ס. און געהאָלפֿן פֿאַרניכטן אין מאָרדן די יידן פון פּולן און פון די אַנדערע אָקופּירטע לענדער אין אײראָפּע. די זאָנדער- קאָמאַנדאָס האָבן גלײַך אָרומגעריגלט די שטאָט, אָבער וועגן און נאָס זיינען געווען באָוואַכט פון די מערדער, צו מאָכן זיכער, אַז קיינער זאָל נישט קענען אָנטלויפֿן. דאָך איז געלונגען אײניקע יידן צו אָנטלויפֿן און זיך אויסבאַהאַלטן אין די אָרומיקע וועלדער און דערפֿער.

פֿולשע און יידישע פּאָליציאַנטן זיינען אָרום-געלאָפֿן איבער די גאַסן און גערופֿן אָבער יידן צו פֿאַרלאָזן זייערע הײמען און זיך פֿאַראַמלען אין מאַרק. ווער עס וועט זיך נישט צושטעלן — האָבן זיי געוואָרנט — וועט גלײַך דערשאָסן ווערן.

אונדז, די אָרבעטער פון דער הימלער-פּידמע, האָט מען באָפֿוילן זיך אויסצושטעלן באַזונדער אויפֿן אָפּעל-פּלאַץ. עס איז געקומען אַ גרופּע פון די זאָנדער-קאָמאַנדאָס, מיט דעם באַקאַנטן ס.ס. שטורמפֿירער שולץ בראש. מיר האָבן געהאָט באשטעטיקונגען פון דער פּידמע אָמלער, אז מיר זיינען נויטיקע אָרבעטער. אָבער שולץ האָט זיך אָפּגעזאָגט צו אָנערקענען די באשטעטיקונגען. ער באָפֿעלט, אַז אַלע זאָלן גלײַך גיין צום אויס-זידלונג-פּלאַץ אויפֿן מאַרק. צום גליק זיינען אָנגעקו-מען די דייטשע מייסטערס פון דער פּידמע אָמלער, צווישן זיי דער הויפּט-אינזשיניר גאלק, וועלכער וויסט שולצ'ן די ספּעציעלע דערלויבענישן פון גובערנאַטאָר פֿראַנק, אַז מיר, די אָרבעטער פון דער פּידמע אָמלער, זאָלן נישט אויסגעזידלט ווערן, נאָר זאָלן בלייבן אינעם לאָגער אין דער געטא.

אַ גאַנצן טאָג זיינען די דייטשע מערדער און די פּולישע פּאָליציי אָרומגעלאָפֿן איבער הייזער און קעלערן און געזוכט צי עס האָט זיך עמיצער אויסבאַהאַלטן. אויב זיי האָבן עמיצן אַ בעסערן, האָבן זיי אים גלײַך אויפֿן אָרט דערשאָסן. די פֿאַראָמלטע יידן אויפֿן סמאָשיזער מאַרק האָט מען געטריבן נאָך סטשיז, 40 קילאָמעטער פון סמאָשיז. דאָרט איז געווען אַ באַן-ליניע, וואָס האָט געפֿירט צום אויסראָטנג-לאָגער אין בעלזשיץ, וואו מען האָט זיי אַלע פֿאַרברענט.

תוץ אונדז פון דער פּידמע אָמלער, זיינען אויך צייטווײליק געראַטעוועט געוואָרן די 800 שנײַ-דערס פון דער שנײַדער-בריגאָדע אין געטא. אָבער נאָך אַ פּאָר וואָכן האָט מען זיי אָדעסקעשקט קיין פּאָניאַטאָוו, וואו זיי האָבן געאַרבעט ביז סוף 1943, ווען מען האָט זיי אַלע דערמאָרדעט.

מיר, די 250 אָרבעטער פון דער פּידמע אָמלער זיינען געבליבן אין סמאָשיז, צו אָרבעטן אויף בויען די וועג, ביז ענדע אַפּריל, 1943. שפּעטער אין אָרויס אַ באָפֿעל, אַז יידן טאָרן נישט אָרבעטן אויף די וועג, און דאָרפֿן געהאָלטן ווערן אין פּאָמאָכטע לאָגערן. א העלפֿט פון אונדז האָט מען אָדעסקעשקט קיין סקאָרושיסקאַ צו אָרבעטן אין דער דאָרטיקער אַמוניציע פאַבריק. די צוויי-טע העלפֿט מען גישיקט קיין ראָאָם, אויך צו אָרבעטן אין דער דאָרטיקער אַמוניציע פאַבריק.

בלוט געצײלטע יידן פון סמאָשיז האָבן איבערגעלעבט די מלחמה. איך בין איינער פון זיי.

Businessman starts campaign to help rebuild Moscow shul

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A campaign is underway for funds to rebuild the Moscow shul destroyed in a fire late last year.

Maryina Roscha, a 90-year-old Orthodox synagogue was located in the Marina Roshche neighborhood of Moscow and was one of three synagogues serving the approximately 180,000 Jews living in the city.

Mark Sapir, a Toronto businessman born in Russia, who with his wife Julie and Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman of the Jewish-Russian Community Centre are among several Torontonians intent on raising money to rebuild the shul, says that the loss of Maryina Roscha Synagogue is a tragedy for all Russian Jews. "This is a synagogue that lasted all 70 years of the Communist regime and kept underground Judaism alive in the Stalin era. It was a place where any Jew could get shelter, find a minyan and daven. It was the soul of Jewish life."

He added that during the Communist regime, the synagogue taught rabbis and scholars who then went across the country teaching other Jews what they had learned. "Of course, all this was illegal. The fact that it survived all these years is remarkable."

Bearded boys

Sapir, who spent the past Yom Kippur at Maryina Roscha, said that just prior to Kol Nidre, over 100 boys entered the synagogue for prayers. "These boys were bearded and I could see the Yiddishkeit in their faces. I enjoyed their davening so much that I forgot how cold it was inside the building. I later learned that they were students of a yeshiva at the shul.

Julie Sapir says that not only was the synagogue a spiritual centre under the leadership of Rabbi Berel Lazar, it also contained a women's mikvah, an operating room to perform a brit millah and the yeshiva, and served as a centre for the Jewish homeless living in Moscow. "A kitchen in the shul served meals daily to hundreds of schoolchildren as well as 100 elderly and infirm, and distributed 2,000 food packages weekly to the needy. Kosher food was also sent across the country to other Jewish centres. It was really a place for people to find out who they are and where they are going."

Mark Sapir says that what they are trying to do, is encourage people to contribute to the venture of rebuilding the synagogue. "I am hoping that eventually, the Jewish community worldwide will mobilize and give to this very worthy cause. Rabbi Lazar is coming to Canada to speak to people and gather support."

He says that building a new shul is a big project, "but there is a great need for such a place in Moscow and they cannot rebuild it by themselves. We need worldwide Jewish support and we know we can count on Torontonian Jews, because they have always been generous to Jewish causes. We hope that they will put their soul into this project." To make a donation, call 222-7105.

Polish Jewish council hopes to reclaim 1829 synagogue

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The local Jewish council in the Polish city of Wroclaw (formerly Breslau, the capital city of Silesia in East Germany) is trying to reclaim the old Storch Synagogue built in 1829, but has run into a roadblock.

The present owner of the shul, Jacek Lesiczka, a non-Jewish real estate speculator, is holding out for a sum which Gregory Szyjewicz, secretary of the Jewish community, says is "excessive" and cannot be raised by the local community

According to a story in the Polish Warsaw weekly *Polityka*, most of the Jews in Wroclaw were forced to leave for Israel in 1968 as the result of a government-directed anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist campaign. The small number of Jews left (about 100 families) could not afford to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the synagogue and the building was taken over by the city.

The city leased it to the University of Wroclaw which, in turn, in 1970, subleased it to a musical academy. Extensive repairs and renovations were required. The academy could not pay the $50,000 in Polish currency and the renovator, Lesiczka, took over the building for a nominal price.

The *Polityka* story says a 1990 law requires the return of abandoned religious buildings to the municipality or the federal government. The Jews of Wroclaw claim the Storch synagogue should be covered under this law.

But Pavel Skrzywanek, the city's director of culture and sports, told the weekly that the law of recovery spells out the Catholic Church, and does not mention Jews specifically.

"This is a delicate and complicated matter and should be carefully considered," he said. "Hopefully in the next few months some compromise should be reached." He said Lesiczka has a valid title to the building.

Gregory Jazowski, an official at the Polish Embassy in Ottawa, told *The CJN* that a law respecting the recovery of relgious buildings is now before the Polish parliament but has not been passed. He said the Embassy had no information about the specific situation in Wroclaw.

Another element in the story is that recently the Lauder Foundation, a part of Investment House of New York, agreed to help restore the Storch Synagogue. The *Polityka* story commented: "The present Christian owner claims a valid and marketable title to this synagogue building and he feels entitled to make a profit, especially now that American benefactors are involved."

According to the weekly,the synagogue was not destroyed during Kristallnacht beause some influential Nazis owned nearby houses and feared the spread of fire.

Wroclaw's other synagogue, the biggest in the area, called Die Neus, and containing some priceless Jewish scripture and artifacts, was completely gutted during Kristallnacht.

In 1960, about 5,000 Jews lived in Wroclaw and a kosher store and a Talmudic elementary and high shool were in operation.

In 1933, its predecesssor, Breslau, had a thriving Jewish community of 20,000.

PEACE PROCESS CONDEMNED

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By PATRICIA RUCKER
CJN Editor

COCHIN, Kerala, India — The blue-patterned willow tiles on the floor of the 400-year-old Paradesi synagogue in Cochin are exotic, distinctive and fragile, very much like the tiny Jewish community the synagogue serves.

Visitors are asked to remove their shoes before entering the one remaining functioning Jewish house of worship on the fabled Malabar coast. The tiles, brought from Canton in 1760, will no doubt outlast the remnants of the Cochin Jewish community, who now number 22. There are no children.

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The state of Kerala lies along the southwestern coast of India at the very tip of the subcontinent. Lush, green and watery, it is cut off from the rest of the country by the towering peaks of the Western Ghats. Long famous for its spice trade, Kerala has the highest literacy rate of all the Indian states (nearly 100 per cent), and a tradition of Marxist state governments.

It has also been the home of one of the smallest and most distinctive Jewish communities of the Diaspora — the Cochini. Never numbering more than 2,500 in total, divided internally into caste-like groups that mirrored Hindu society, their history in this isolated corner of India stretches back for at least a millennia — and if their legends are to be trusted, perhaps nearly 2,800 years. It is now coming to an end.

Our group of North American Jews had looked forward to meeting the patriarch of the community, octogenarian Satto Koder. Alas, he was recuperating from a serious illness. At first it appeared that no Cochini Jews would be able to meet with us — they were all at a shiva house. But finally, 77-year-old Jackie Cohen, the caretaker of the synagogue, appeared. "Ten years from now," he told us sadly, "there will be no more Jews in Cochin. This synagogue will be turned over to the Indian government as a museum."

Jackie Cohen

It is certainly worthy of museum status. A veritable jewel box, it sparkles in the light from hanging lamps of silver, brass and multi-colored glass. A gleaming brass bimah faces an ornately carved and gilded aron kodesh, which holds the treasure of the Cochin Jews: seven Torah scrolls in silver cases with golden crowns (one of which belonged to a local ruler, the Maharajah of Travancore, who in 1805 took it from his own head and placed it on the Torah) — and two copper plates, recording, in archaic Tamil, a grant from the local Hindu king to one Joseph Rabban and his descendants. Among the privileges awarded, including the right to collect certain taxes, were certain honors reserved for nobility: "the right to employ day lamp, decorative cloth, palanquin, umbrella, kettledrum, trumpet, gateway, arch, arched roof, weapons and the rest of the seventy-two privileges." The copper plates have been dated to 1000 C.E.

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Although these plates establish the existence of a Jewish community in Cochin more than a millenium ago, its origins, like those of the Bene Israel, are lost in legend. The arrival of the Cochinis has been dated from the time of the First Temple to the destruction of the Second, and their original homes identified variously with communities all over Western Asia and the Mediterranean.

A further complication is the distinction between the Malabari (Black) and Paradesi (White) Jews of Cochin; the much more numerous Malabari Jews were regarded by the Paradesi as descendants of local converts and/or slaves; the Malabari in turn regarded the "White" Jews as usurping Johnny-come-latelys (Paradesi means "foreigner" in the local Malayalam language).

The interior of the Paradesi synagogue, Cochin [Patricia Rucker photo]

Much of the history of the Cochin Jews is a history of the caste-like distinctions and disputes between the two groups and sub-groups, like the "Brown" Jews, which developed over the centuries.

But in spite of their ritual separation — they did not intermarry, worship in each other's synagogues, or eat meat slaughtered by each other's schochtim — they were equally fervent in religious observance. Unlike the Bene Israel, the Jews of Cochin were always part of the wider Jewish world. They knew of the codification of the Oral Law; they wrote to each other and other Jews in Hebrew; they used a standard form of prayer according to Sephardic ritual. It was they who brought rabbinic Judaism to the Bene Israel.

Their heyday came during Dutch rule (1665-1795). The Dutch were far more tolerant of non-Christians than their predecessors, the Portuguese, and used the Cochin Jews as traders, agents and interpreters, and as go-betweens with the local rajahs. The Cochin Jews, to their delight, were able to establish contact with the powerful Dutch Jewish community.

With the coming of the British raj, the community retrenched. The area, isolated from the rest of India by mountains and jungle, became an agricultural and fishing backwater, with no major centres of commerce, ruled in sleepy splendour by the rajahs of Cochin; for trade, the British relied on their own and spurned the Jewish middlemen. After four centuries of prosperity, the Cochini Jews retreated into a genteel stagnation.

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What woke them was the confluence of two events: the achievement of Indian independence in 1947; and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

Indian independence stripped the maharajahs, including the Rajah of Cochin, of their princely powers — and the tiny community of Cochin Jews found themselves stripped of their guaranteed seat on the rajah's legislative council.

They had no experience of discrimination from the surrounding Indian population, and they regarded Cochin as their home. But for centuries they had been praying for a return to Zion, and when they learned that Israel was welcoming immigrants from all over the Diaspora, the Malabari Jews decided that this was where they, as Jews, belonged. By 1955 most of them had emigrated. Some Paradesi Jews also emigrated, but since they were more likely to have property in India, the majority stayed — for a while.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1968, the Paradesi synagogue celebrated the 400th anniversary of its founding. It was a great event, attended by Prime Minister Indira Ghandi, who paid tribute to both Jewish contributions to India and to Indian tolerance to minorities like Jews.

This celebration was the last great event in the history of Cochin's Jews. The Malabari Jews were already gone; immediately after the anniversary, in the 1970s, nearly all their Paradesi counterparts also left for Israel.

The unique Jewish society of Cochin had vanished.

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As we wandered through Cochin's Jewtown (the official name of the neighborhood), we came across Jackie Cohen's home.

"Jacob Cohen, accountant," the neat plaque said. The entrance was faced with an ironwork grille, painted white, red and blue: white bars, red hearts and blue Stars of David. Jackie Cohen was the only Cochin Jew we met in all of Jewtown.

The narrow street leading to the Paradesi synagogue was silent, the odor of cloves and cardamom heavy in the air.

Then, behind us, came voices. A busload of tourists, heading towards the synagogue, speaking Hebrew.

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The News in Brief

B.C. Anti-Racism Grants

VANCOUVER — The Canadian Anti-Racism and Education and Research Society has been awarded two British Columbia grants totalling nearly $28,000, to produce anti-racism material. The announcement was made by Consumer Services minister Joan Smallwood on behalf of Multiculturalism and Human Rights Minister, Moe Sihota. A grant of $20,000 will fund production of a handbook that will enable community groups and victims of racism to respond effectively to incidents of racism and organized hate group activities, she said. Another grant of almost $8,000 will enable the society to produce translations of its pamphlet, *How to Deal with Racial Violence*, into six languages including French and Chinese. The Canadian Anti-Racism and Education and Research Society is affiliated with the British Columbia Organization to Fight Racism, to which Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region belongs.

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Liberty Net in Hot Water Again

VANCOUVER — It's strike two against the Canadian Liberty Net, the local phone service the Canadian Human Rights Commission says transmits hate messages. A human rights tribunal has found that Tony McAleer and his Liberty Net violated the Human Rights Act with its recorded messages against gays. In 1992, another tribunal ordered the service to stop playing taped messages from neo-Nazi groups around the world. McAleer was found in contempt of court during those hearings for violating an interim order to cease and desist the Nazi messages. Both the order and the Federal Court contempt finding are under appeal. The tribunal ordered McAleer, Canadian Liberty Net and associates "anywhere in Canada" to stop distributing phone messages that expose persons to hatred or contempt on the basis of phohibited grounds including sexual orientation. This case will likely also be appealed.

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Clinton Goes to Bat for Survivor

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Bill Clinton last week joined the fight for Hugo Princz, a Holocaust survivor denied war reparations by the German government because of his American citizenship. Clinton raised the matter in his private White House meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl last Monday. Neither the White House nor the German Embassy were willing to comment on the meeting. The German government has denied Princz war reparations for over 40 years because, as an American citizen when liberated from Nazi concentration camps, he did not meet the requirement that recipients be "stateless." Princz, 70, spent three years at the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps.

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Gore Slams Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK — U.S. Vice-President Al Gore spoke out passionately against anti-Semitism last week, taking strong issue with a recent speech by an aide to Louis Farrakhan. "Anti-Semitism has stained our history," Gore said at a tribute dinner here sponsored by the UJA-Federation of New York. "How can we relax when Louis Farrakhan's lieutenants blame Jews for the Holocaust?" The vice-president was referring to a anti-Jewish speech given at Kean College in New Jersey last November by Khalid Abdul Mohammad, a senior official of Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. Gore called on Farrakhan to denounce the speech. "America is a tolerant country, but we should not tolerate hatred and racism," he said.

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New Evidence in War Crimes Case

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has presented new evidence of a Philadelphia-area man's alleged World War II atrocities against Jews in a new effort to withdraw his U.S. citizenship. Jonas Stelmokas, a prominent member of Philadelphia's Lithuanian-American community, has lived in the U.S. since 1949. Justice Department documents filed last week in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia charged that the 77-year-old Stelmokas, a retired architect, was a platoon commander of a Lithuanian police battalion involved in a so-called "cleansing" operation of the Jewish ghetto in Kaunas (Kovno) on Oct. 29, 1941. The documents say that 9,200 Jews, almost half of them children, died in mass executions that took place that day.

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Israeli Intifada Deaths Up

JERUSALEM — The number of Israelis killed in the intifada last year rose by more than 50 percent over 1992, despite an overall drop in terror attacks, according to figures released by police last week. Police Inspector-General Rafi Peled warned of the potential for an increase in attacks by Palestinian terrorists opposed to the peace process. Forty-three civilians and 22 security personnel were killed in intifada-related attacks in 1993, compared to 24 civilians and 15 security personnel the previous year. The figures showed a drop in attacks, including stonings and firebombings, of about 16 percent within the Green Line and 9 percent in the territories. The number of shootings, widely thought to have risen, actually dropped by more than 30 percent. Sharp rises, however, were recorded in grenade attacks and bombings. Meanwhile, police also reported a rise in files opened against Jewish residents of the territories, but did not have exact figures because in the past, this statistic was not recorded.

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Rabin Reassures Hadassah

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week told 200 members of the board of Hadassah that their work was needed and appreciated. He urged them to ignore recent remarks by other Israeli officials that appeared to denigrate its value to Israeli society. "Don't listen to some people here and there who don't understand the importance of Hadassah in Israel" and of the relationship "between Jewish communities all over the world and Israel," he said in an address. Rabin was referring to remarks made in recent weeks by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who called on Diaspora Jewry to focus more on the crisis in Jewish continuity back home and less on an increasingly wealthy Israel.

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Kahane Chai Members Arrested

JERUSALEM — Eleven right-wing activists from the Kahane Chai group were arrested last week for trying to occupy homes in an Arab village close to the Jewish settlement of Kfar Tappuah. The arrests took place after the members of Kahane Chai attempted to use the Arab homes as the basis of a settlement of their own. Kfar Tappuah, located east of Tel Aviv, was slated to be the next site for a new settlement to be built by the settlers group Zu Artzeinu, or This Is Our Land. The group has been engaged in a campaign to establish 130 new settlements throughout the territories — effectively doubling the current number of settlements — to protest the Israeli-PLO self-rule accord.

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Tsomet Members Split

JERUSALEM — The Rabin government's shaky coalition may stand a little firmer, following a split within Israel's second-largest opposition party, Tsomet. Three of Tsomet's eight Knesset members announced last week the creation of a new party, Ya'ad. The three denied they were negotiating a possible entry into the Labor-led coalition, but they did not rule out that option in the future. The split follows weeks of acrimonious dispute between Tsomet's popular leader, Rafael Eitan, and the three Knesset members, who have have been demanding that an outside investigator look into alleged mismanagement of Tsomet's funds and that the party's secretary-general, Doron Shmueli, step down pending the results of the investigation. But Eitan has repeatedly turned down their demands.

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Neo-Fascists Make Nice

ROME — Italy's neo-fascists have formally voted to soften some of their traditional far-right positions in an attempt to ditch their jackboot image and win support in crucial general elections two months away. Delegates to a national convention last weekend of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, known by the initials MSI, backed party leader Gianfranco Fini's call to merge with other conservative-right groups into a bloc called the National Alliance Movement. The NAM already has the support of some marginal conservative groups such as shopkeepers and monarchists, but it is seeking to ally itself with other rightists before the country's general elections, scheduled for March 27-28.

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PLO Office Gets Boost

AMSTERDAM — The Netherlands has granted semi-diplomatic status to the PLO office in The Hague, in recognition of the group's efforts toward peace. The PLO office in the Dutch city previously served solely as an information office without having any official status. As a result of its change of status, the office will now be able to fly the Palestinian flag outside the building in which it is housed.

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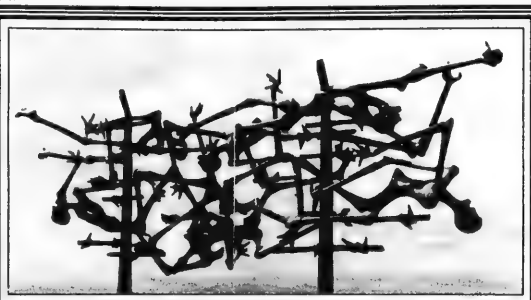

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By RABBI LOUIS I. SCHECHTER

Since Purim's inception, we Jews have always celebrated it by gathering in our synagogues and listening to the reading of the megillah, the dramatic story of how, once again, God saved Israel from destruction.

Purim has been the holiday which, more than any other, has symbolized for us the miracle of Jewish survival, the indestructability of the Jewish people. It has been the holiday which demonstrated that God's promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob holds true, that Jewry will never be destroyed

Yet in the whole megillah, God is not mentioned once. You can peruse the megillah from one end to the other end and you will not find even an allusion to God or His providence. Why? Surely God should be referred to at least once. Isn't that, after all, our purpose in celebrating Purim — to recognize that God guides the world and that He will never permit the Jewish people to be destroyed. It, indeed, seems peculiar that in a scroll which celebrates God's deliverance, God is not mentioned.

Perhaps, though, this is not as strange as it seems at first. How did the deliverance of Purim take place? No cataclysmic events occurred. Just a series of seemingly unrelated trivial incidents took place, all of which seemed quite natural. Esther, because of her beauty was chosen queen. Mordecai, because of his alertness, loyalty and firm moral principles saved the king from assassination. Esther, because of her great moral courage, was willing to risk her life to save her people. The king, because he couldn't sleep, recognized his debt to Mordecai. Mordecai, because of his knowledge, was able to draw up a decree which would, without annulling, cancel out the results of Haman's decree.

But if one looks closely at all these acts, one can see the interweaving of the divine and human. God surely intervened in this story by seeing to it that Esther was beautiful and that the king could not sleep. But this alone would not have been enough. If Esther had not had the moral courage to go to the king, if Mordecai had not saved the king's life,and if he had not advised Esther the way he did, the Jews would not have been saved. True, God would have found another way to have saved the Jews. But who knows if it would have been with so little suffering.

This is the reason, I believe, God is not mentioned in the megillah. Not that God isn't the author of this deliverance, but it teaches us that we are all potential helpers in our own deliverance, if we only will lead lives of moral dedication. If we are true to our Jewish principles, God will use our dedication to these principles as the means of ensuring our survival. In other words, if we dedicate ourselves to Jewish principles, Jewish survival will take care of itself.

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Coping with the pain of death

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — We all like to think that, faced with the death of someone we love dearly, we would cope adequately.

We like to think that we will be "adult" about the whole thing. We will accept the inevitable, will cry just a little (and mostly in private) and, after the shiva, return to our day to day lives as if little had changed.

We also, of course, believe that we will come out of the whole experience somehow enriched in a spiritual sense.

Then the unthinkable happens: you lose a parent, or a spouse, or a sibling, or, perhaps worst of all, a child. And all your preconceptions fly out the window.

You find yourself railing at G-d for permitting such an injustice. You see the person who died walking down the street, or in the grocery aisle of the supermarket, or coming out of shul, or driving down Bathurst Street.

You hear their voice in the next room, and smell their special scent. They smile at you at the seder table.

Something interesting happens, and your first reaction is to pick up the phone to call — only to remember that there is no one to call. Or you need to know how cousin Ruth is really related to you, or when the family came from Poland, or how to make stuffing on Pesach.

Most of all, you can't believe how long the pain lasts — how, long after the world expects you to have returned to normal, you see the person's handwriting on an old photograph and you feel as if a piece is being ripped out of your heart.

Judaism is a wise religion. It recognizes that mourning is a genuine and necessary emotion, and guides you along its path.

Before the funeral, a mourner is not obligated to pray, as the tradition recognizes that when grief is that raw, it cannot be put aside even for that.

During shiva, one may not go outside, have normal marital relations, wear makeup or shave. Others prepare and serve meals, and come to offer comfort and support.

After the seven days, one gradually returns to normal activities of life. For a month after the death, or a year in the case of a parent, the mourner does not go to social events, listen to public music performances, or buy new clothes unless absolutely necessary.

Cycle of mourning

These rules allow you to gradually move from the most intense, inner-directed mourning to facing the world in your new life.

Probably the best-known, and widest used book on the Jewish laws and customs of mourning is Maurice Lamm's *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning* (Jonathan David, 1969). It is unbeatable as a clear, concise guide at this time.

But Anne Brener offers a different approach in her *Mourning & Mitzvah; A guided journal for walking the mourner's path through grief to healing* (Jewish Lights, 1993). She suggests that a mourner keep a journal, reflecting his or her feelings during the mourning period.

Carefully planned exercises help guide the user of this book to a better understanding of their feelings, and helps them cope with the changes they face.

The chapters follow the cycle of mourning. For instance, Brener suggests you consciously think about the eulogy that was given at the funeral, and add (or subtract) what might have been said. One exercise has you write a letter to the deceased, talking about your memories, how their death has affected you, what you treasure most about them.

She even suggests writing about the negative feelings you have about the person, and, by confronting them, purging yourself of the bitterness that is left.

Finally, assignments have you pretend to immerse yourself in a pool of flowing water, a process which, at different times in the grief cycle help dispell sadness, or help the return to normal life.

Between specific exercises, Brener, a psychotherapist who teaches and lectures on the subject of grief and healing, discusses the psychology of grief generally and the Jewish philosophical approaches to the subject.

In the end, no matter how supporting and kind our family, friends and community may be, each of us finds that we must face our sorrow alone. In the pages of *Mourning & Mitzvah*, we find the path not quite as lonely.

"NACHAS"
BY MIRIAM LANAIL
MOM, DON'T FORGET YOU'RE COMING TO THE ROSH CHODESH SERVICES AT MY SCHOOL TODAY!
I DIDN'T FORGET!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I DIDN'T FORGET!
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
I SAID, "I DIDN'T FORGET!"
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL!

Front Line

Lessons of past errors pave road to brighter future

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Israelis and Arabs, whose destinies will be affected by the outcome of the languishing peace talks, are confused by what they hear from their leaders. Although their political environments could not be more different — Jews live in a restless democracy and Arabs under authoritarian regimes — their respective popular perceptions of the past and illusions about the future are both still basically unreconciled. Information about the state of the peace talks is scarce, and there is a growing feeling that the notorious handshake in Washington has exhausted its psychological potential and may soon be a fading memory.

This is where things are believed to stand now, but not where they will remain. The handshake — never mind how sincere or firm — was a defiance of fatalism and has shaken the status quo. A process has started; the clock is ticking, it is bound to move forward, and when it stops sometime in 1994, the region will either wake up to the dawn of a more peaceful future or start the countdown to another explosion.

At this point, facing reality is more important than perpetuating illusions even if they are politically helpful. On both sides the leaders know the facts of life but face public opinions which they themselves had conditioned to expect full triumph over the other side. They must now lower expectations without losing face or ground. And this is where they are stumbling.

To this day, the idea of ultimately accepting Israel has not sufficiently penetrated the consciousness of the Arab masses. The recovery of all of Palestine has for decades been the galvanizing theme in the divided Arab camp and has been kept alive at the very cost of Palestinian homelessnes. After protracted warfare and only in the wake of a less disastrous military campaign in 1973, Egypt's Anwar al-Sadat took the first step towards conciliation and separated his country's destiny from that of its Arab allies, who in turn ostracized him. His intentions however, were misintepreted by Menachem Begin, who, at the time, genuinely believed that the return of Sinai to Egypt would leave the other territories unchallenged in Israeli hands. This concept led to the breakdown of the "autonomy talks" and Moshe Dayan's retirement in 1979, then to Ariel Sharon's campaign in Lebanon, and finally to Begin's demise from politics.

Yeshayahu Anug

Chased from Lebanon, the PLO leadership recovered precariously in distant Tunis. When the intifada exploded spontaneously five years later, the PLO, which had lost some of its clout in the territories, adopted the upheaval, but had to witness the sudden rise of the fundamentalist Hamas, whom the Israeli administration initially encouraged as a useful counterbalance to the PLO. It took time and many more casualties on both sides, before Israel reached the unconfessed conclusion that the intifada had done for Palestinian self-respect what the Yom Kippur War had done for Egypt's pride. On occasion, such situations ultimately produce change, but Israel drew no operative conclusions. A serious attempt to isolate Yasser Arafat was made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and King Hussein of Jordan in London (1987), but the resulting agreement was rejected by Yitzhak Shamir, Peres' coalition-partner. A year later when Arafat was induced (by the Swedish foreign minister) to put out some peace feelers and did so, albeit very ambiguously, he was ignored by Shamir, then prime minister.

While the intifada and Israeli repression continued to add more casualties to the long list, Arafat made the biggest mistake of his career when he embraced Saddam Hussein's cause. He was severely punished by Iraq's Arab enemies and practically ignored by others. His decline would have continued, but for the rise of Islamic fundamentalism everywhere, which made his movement look better and appear to be a likely instrument for a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This was the concept that inspired the Madrid Peace Conference staged by the Bush administration, where the PLO, still not recognized by the United States and Israel, was however given a semi-official back-stage role. But practically nothing happened after the elaborate Madrid ceremony. In a moment of candor (later denied) Shamir confessed that he had no real intention of letting it succeed. Syria behaved aggressively throughout the talks and James Baker tried to rescue the initiative by shuttling unsuccessfully between Mideastern capitals. Finally Shamir and Bush lost their mandates, giving way to Yitzak Rabin and Bill Clinton.

The new administration in Washington needed some time to settle in. In Israel, Rabin, who was elected on a peace platform, explored his chances with Syria, but recoiled when the price tag appeared too high politically, and switched to the Palestinian sector. A year later came the bombshell of the Oslo agreement. A series of encounters with the now recognized PLO showed how unprepared that organization still was for sensible bargaining. And finally, Clinton met Hafez al-Assad in Geneva and attention turned again to the sensitive Golan issue. Syria is now believed to be holding the master key that could unlock the whole blocked Mideastern peace imbroglio. But the price is still high.

While all this is on Rabin's plate — supporters and opponents of the peace process in Israel, with the exception of fanatics of various persuasions, know very well that the price of accommodation is high, worth paying for some, intolerable for almost as many others, but fixed. It means, in fact, the gradual abandonment of nearly all the occupied territories, the eventual loss, though in stages, of most settlements, and also an imaginative solution for East Jerusalem — all sacrosanct taboos. The present government seems basically ready to embark upon this difficult itinerary, provided maximum security can be guaranteed and properly safeguarded, but it is severely handicapped by the uncertain evaluation of public and parliamentary support. The announcement of a possible referendum to be held over the Golan issue was intended to win some respite in the confrontation with the powerful pro-Golan lobby, while in the meantime, more efforts could be made to clarify the prospects of progress in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Media reports on the ups and downs of the peace process are rarely reliable. More that is not revealed is going on behind the scenes. But success or failure depends entirely on whether or not the lessons of missed opportunities and misperceptions throughout the long history of the conflict have been absorbed by the parties.

Uproar rocks a tiny Jewish community in Germany

By MIRIAM WIDMAN

The president of the tiny Jewish community in the eastern German city of Magdeburg has reportedly resigned after charges were made that he and most or all of the community's board members are not in fact Jewish.

Accusations were also made that the Jewish community head, Ulrich Levy, had used the community's offices as a headquarters for a nationalist political party.

Levy, in fact, acknowledged that he is a member of the East German Unity party. But he denied charges that he was using the Jewish community offices as a party bureau.

The uproar reflects what happened to the decimated Jewish communities in formerly Communist Eastern Europe and the legacy from those times that still intrudes today.

The fact that this controversy has arisen in Magdeburg is ironic, since its 100-member Jewish community, which dates to at least 965 CE, is the oldest in eastern Germany and one of the oldest in the entire country.

Levy has denied charges he himself is not halachically Jewish, and produced a rabbi's claim to support his word.

But in face of this onslaught of accusations, Levy reportedly resigned from the board and would not speak to reporters.

The strange story came to light after Levy asked board member Peter Ledermann for personal information on the other board members, for reasons that are not clear.

Ledermann refused the request, saying personal files must remain personal under German law.

He then said the information in the files provides evidence that the board members, including Levy, are not Jews and said he feared the information would be manipulated or destroyed.

Ledermann was expelled from the board at the end of December but has now been reinstated.

Recently, in a three-hour interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Levy acknowledged that he and three other board members kicked Ledermann off the board for not complying with the request for the files.

As the fur flew between the two men, Ledermann also provided information that Levy had spent four years in prison for a criminal offense about 20 years ago.

Levy admitted he spent time in prison but said it was only two years and declined to say for what crime he was incarcerated.

The incident is an embarrassment for Germany's small Jewish community.

Ledermann and his wife, Claudia Oppenheimer, initiated the claims that Levy and other board members are not Jewish.

As proof, they said Levy's mother was not listed among the Jews of Magdeburg in a list compiled in 1946.

Jews in Europe register as official members with the Jewish communities. There are, however, Jews who have refrained from doing so because it reminds them of how the Nazis used Jewish community lists to find and deport Jews to their deaths.

They claimed that during the Communist regime of the former German Democratic Republic, Levy's father, then a board member, knowingly allowed non-Jews to become members, not only of Magdeburg's Jewish community but also of its board of directors.

While such a practice might seem odd in the West, it makes more sense when one takes into consideration the situation for Jews here following World War II.

In decimated post-Holocaust Eastern European Jewish communities, particularly where the Communists ruled and religion was almost obliterated, intermarriage was a regular occurrence and harassment or fear kept people from publicly identifying as Jews. And with no rabbis, conversion by those who would have chosen it was unavailable.

Levy strongly maintains that he is Jewish, and a rabbi he asked to rule on his case agreed.

Levy, who conducted the interview with JTA with two open-faced ham sandwiches sitting on his desk, admitted that at least one board member has neither a Jewish mother nor a Jewish father.

But he said that board member's mother, Eva Maria Roth, had been admitted into the Jewish community of the former German Democratic Republic, which numbered only 26 people.

The board member, Patricia Werner, has not been removed, but she will not take part in active meetings until a rabbi can rule on her case. *(JTA)*

Conference offers blueprint for Syrian/Israeli peace

By SAM SKOLNIK

The meeting last month between President Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad may do much to clear the logjam in Israel-Syria negotiations. But it is probable that the basis for peace between the two long-time bitter enemies already has been formulated in secret meetings.

In Oslo, of all places.

The meetings were sponsored by a group called the Initiative for Peace and Co-operation in the Middle East, the project of a small American organization named Search for a Common Ground, hitherto virtually unknown.

The meetings started last May in Switzerland and Germany, and finally reached the Norwegian capital, where in October the participants signed a text, referred to as a "working paper," which detailed steps Israel and Syria could take to move toward peaceful relations.

According to reports, the group consisted of over 30 academics, former government officials and other private citizens from Israel, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Palestinians were also included.

Participants have confirmed the substance of a "text" of the plan, which was published late last year by *Al-Muharrir*, a Paris-based Arabic newspaper. The highlights include:

- Israel's recognition of Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights, back to the pre-1967 border.
- Syrian recognition of "Israel's right to exist in security."
- Syria's promise to maintain a "complete peace" with Israel.
- Security arrangements to be supervised by an international body or a multinational authority.
- The removal of Israeli settlements from the area, to coincide with Israel's withdrawal.
- Water resources on the Golan Heights "shall be dealt with in accordance with ... legitimate international norms."

Yossi Olmert, one of the Israeli participants, said that the "Oslo paper gave a spelling out of an agreement" that the Israeli public could buy. It is based on the "Egyptian-Israeli model," Olmert said in a telephone interview from Israel.

Olmert, who headed the government press office under the former prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, said that Assad, whether he likes it or not, will have to clarify his definition of peace.

Two Syrians attended the meetings, including an academic named Aziz Shukri, according to Olmert, and attached their seal of approval to the Oslo document. Olmert suggested that the Syrian government must have known about the meetings.

Participants, as well as the sponsoring organizations, insisted that there was no governmental sanction of the meetings.

Olmert said that he had no instructions from anyone in the Israeli government before attending, but that immediately afterward he notified a "high official" in the office of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

A press release from the Initiative for Peace and Co-operation in the Middle East stated that the "discussions have not been officially sanctioned by either government, and in no way constitute negotiations between Israel and Syria."

One bone of contention left unresolved, said Olmert, was the duration of any Israeli withdrawal. The Syrians pressed to have the withdrawal completed within two years; the Israelis wanted a six-to-eight year period.

When asked if this agreement could be compared to the previous secret accord to come from Oslo — the one with the signatures of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO representative Mohammed Abbas (Abu Mazin) on it — Olmert replied in the negative.

Olmert said he had "nothing to do with Shimon Peres' boys," referring to Peres' assistants in the Israeli Foreign Ministry who were instrumental in the development of the September 1993 agreement. *The Washington Jewish Week*

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Yeltsin's move

Since the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union, visible anti-Semitism has been on the upswing, particularly in Russia. In the past year alone, a number of cemeteries have been desecrated, Moscow's venerable Chorale Synagogue has been vandalized three times, and verbal and physical attacks on Jewish individuals in the streets have increased.

These incidents, a symptom of the rise of rabid nationalism in the old Soviet Union's largest and most populous republic, are a source of concern to Russia's substantial Jewish community. In the last 50 or so years of communism, state anti-Semitism was the norm, but at least violent manifestations of hatemongering were discouraged and suppressed.

With the flowering of democracy in Russia, the forces of anti-Semitism have come out into the open to ply their noxious wares. They can, after all, disingenously claim that the emerging democratic system entitles them to freedom of speech. One such right-wing demagogue, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, has already taken full advantage of the situation. Zhirinovsky's astonishing success in recent parliamentary elections is largely a function of the economic and political chaos that grips Russia today. But Zhirinovsky is not merely expressing discontent with Russia's formidable problems. He is giving voice to the kind of ethnocentrism and intolerance that have been Russia's bane for centuries. In short, he is perpetuating age-old hatreds in the name of Russian nationalism.

In the face of all this, Russian President Boris Yeltsin has, regrettably and strangely, maintained a deafening silence. The dangers of his position, or lack thereof, are quite obvious. "In the absence of a clear message from the authorities, average people have started to accept anti-Semitism as a tolerable point of view," Micha Chelnov, president of the Moscow-based Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad), has warned.

It is incumbent on Yeltsin to speak out forcefully. Anti-Semitism is not a passing phenomenon which can be blithely ignored or shunted aside. It is a poisonous and destabilizing force which can imperil his relatively reform-minded government.

A shameful episode

The White House in Washington is now looking into accounts of medical experiments done in the wake of World War II using nuclear radiation. The purpose of the tests was to ascertain the results of exposing human beings to radiation; some of the experiments in question are even said to have involved pregnant women.

Meg Greenfield, writing in *Newsweek* (Jan. 17, 1994), indicated that some of the people who were tested were informed in advance of the nature of the tests in question and gave their consent. Others were totally unaware of what was being done to them. "Related disclosures," Greenfield adds, "concern the federal government's failure to be truthful about the terribly harmful effects of some of its nuclear enterprises . . ."

Greenfield surely has a gift for understatement. Less than a decade after the Nazis had exposed POWs, Jews and other inmates of the concentration camps to heinous medical experiments, American doctors and researchers were using human beings as guinea pigs to ascertain their upper toleration limits for nuclear radiation.

It has been argued in mitigation of the American researchers' culpability that in the late 1940s and early 1950s they were unaware of the dangers of radiation and that during that period Cold War politics dictated the need for an aggressive research enterprise. This retrospective justification frees everyone from complicit involvement in one of the most shameful episodes of post-World War II American history.

It is true that there is a difference between experiments performed by SS doctors in the concentration camps and U.S. army researchers after the war. But the difference is one of degree — not principle. The German physicians who were involved in medical experiments could and did argue that their experiments were designed to learn how to save lives of German soldiers. Others justified their participation on the ground that the war effort gave them an imprimatur for their experiments. Robert Jay Lifton in his book *Nazi Doctors* describes how physicians were able to rationalize a series of what was undoubtedly the most diabolical medical exercises in history.

The recent disclosures regarding American medical experiments with human beings in the post-World War II period show that retroactive justification and rationalization were not the exclusive prerogatives of the Nazis.

'DOESN'T LOOK KOSHER TO ME

Two residents of Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighborhood Mea Shearim inspect one of the new posters that have been plastered on their walls by the Jerusalem Rabbinate. The poster warns of the dangers of not properly washing salad vegetables and shows a portion of the types of bugs that may remain on food. The notice points out of course, that such animals are not kosher. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

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AGHAST AT USE OF LEOPARD

It was painful to open *The Canadian Jewish News* this morning (Jan. 6) and see the picture on page 26 (Montreal edition) of the Acoca brothers posing with their chained leopard, which they use as a form of entertainment at cocktail parties.

If wild animals must be removed from their natural habitat, which in itself is questionable, at least they should be maintained in surroundings which closely resemble those of their natural environment. To a certain extent the use of animals held in captivity can be justified for educational purposes but certainly not for entertainment at cocktail parties and the like.

Unfortunately for the leopard and for anyone who cares how animals are treated, there is probably very little one can do to force the Acoca brothers to return the leopard to her natural habitat. However, *The Canadian Jewish News* is encouraging this appalling misuse of animals by promoting the Acoca brothers and their Jordan Bar Service.

Anne Greenberg
Montreal

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QUESTIONS FOR SHARON

In addressing an enthusiastic crowd of Toronto supporters recently, Ariel Sharon, former Israeli defence minister, called for increased Jewish settlements in the West Bank, and repudiation of the current accord between Israel and the PLO.

There was an assumption expressed that evening that a majority of Toronto Jews support Sharon and the settlers' rejection of the accord — which is not true. This assumption was allowed to go unchallenged that particular evening because there was no question period following Sharon's address.

I was there only to observe, not support, as were others. If allowed to speak, I would have asked Sharon and his followers to answer the following questions:

(1) Will there be more — or less — terrorism against the settlers if they continue to expand their presence in the territories, and if Israel rejects the accord?

(2) What are the consequences of Israel disavowing the accord? Would Israel then be able to negotiate peace agreements with Syria, Jordan and Lebanon? If these countries refuse, are the risks of another major conflict, particularly with Syria, increased — or decreased? Would the next war, given the new military technologies, and the advanced state of Arab military might, particularly Syrian, be more or less catastrophic? Can Israel fight another war effectively with hostile Palestinians within its annexed borders?

(3) If Israel repudiates the accord, how would this affect its strategic relationship with the United States and the supply of valuable U.S. military aid and technology? Would President Bill Clinton and Congress look upon Israel as a strategic threat — or strategic advantage — for American interests in the Middle East?

(4) How would probable international condemnation and isolation affect Israel politically and economically? Can Israel, a small country, survive sanctions?

Jacqueline Swartz
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AN ALARMING RECORD

I looked in vain in the last *CJN* for any editorial comment regarding Ariel Sharon's recent Toronto visit in which he openly demanded that Diaspora Jewry come to the aid of Israel's militant settlers and repudiate the peace process led by the Rabin government.

Are we to believe by the silence of our mainstream leaders and the people they represent that they all, or most, agree with Sharon and his promotion of the cause of Greater Israel?

Someone should recall that it was Sharon, who, as minister of defence, was the architect of Israel's prolonged and disastrous involvement in Lebanon from 1982 to 1985 — a war in which more than 660 Israeli soldiers died, over 2,500 were wounded, and not one military or political goal of Sharon's was ultimately achieved.

The PLO and Palestinian nationalism, while temporarily stalled, eventually revitalized. Lebanon was shattered. Syria's presence in Lebanon became more firmly ensconced than ever. Most importantly, security for the Israeli settlements in the Galilee — the legitimate reason for the first stage of the Lebanon incursion — is as far away as it ever was.

Beverly Stern
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A WORRISOME SCENARIO

Rabbi Dow Marmur argues for an optimistic view of the Israeli-PLO agreement, while David Dewitt speaks of events that "hopefully, have forever changed the nature of diplomacy in the Middle East." (*Viewpoints, The CJN*, Dec. 23, 1993).

The notion that under the PLO-Israeli agreement, Israel, to wit, can transfer the character of the Middle East, partakes of the phantasmagoric. What we can confidently surmise regarding the Middle East, following the establishment of a Palestinian State is this:

1. The eventual political nature of that state is unclear, for obvious reasons, chief among them being the fact that except for the Jewish State, democracy is basically alien to the entire region.

2. Tiny Israel, in returning to its pre-'67 borders, and allowing a Palestinian nation of several million people to be established on the West Bank and Gaza, will relinquish all future claim to the land, and even the possibility of capturing it in any future war.

3. Much of the Middle East political structure will go unchanged. Probably all of the leaders in the region, many known to stir anxiety in us, will remain in place.

4. Regional instabilities and conflicts will remain. For example, will the Israeli-PLO agreement, and the establishment of a tiny Palestinian State, defuse the tension between Iran-Iraq, between Egypt-Libya, lessen Saddam Hussein's appetite for his neighbors land, and resolve the plight of the "real Palestinians," the 20 million Muslim Kurds struggling for a separate homeland?

5. Islamic fundamentalism will remain a major, if not growing force in the area, even as it grows worldwide. It has the power to overthrow governments, and from what we know of it, will continue to see Israel as an alien presence in the area that should be removed. To the extent that secular Israel seeks to argue for secular democracy in the region, it will further exacerbate the ire of the fundamentalists.

6. Military buildup in the region will go unabated. Israeli youth, sadly, will continue to serve precious years in the army, and the country, having to maintain and update its military readiness, will by token of this fact, not enjoy the benefits of a relaxed military posture.

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The Church and the Jews

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The rapprochement between the Vatican and Israel made headlines around the world. Quite properly, the media treated it as more than an ordinary mutual recognition of two autonomous states. They emphasized the almost 2,000-year-long tension between Jews and Christians in general and the Roman Catholic Church in particular. In this column I need hardly recount the persecutions we suffered at the hands of a powerful religious institution that somehow could not come to terms with our continued existence.

It has long been my opinion that the Vatican's hesitation to recognize the state of Israel was based only in part on its political interests in Arab countries, and its oft enunciated concern that Israel might not protect Christian properties with due respect. All that was obviously nothing more than a pretense. The real reason was theological, and that is why the turning point in this dismal relationship (if one can use the word at all) was Vatican Council II in 1965, which tackled the theological problem of the continued existence of the Jewish people.

It presaged a new era. For the first time, the Vatican acknowledged that Jews still play an important role in God's economy. The Council's statement did not say everything we would have liked it to say, but it was a huge step forward. The recent mutual recognition of the Vatican and the state of Israel is a direct result of a decades-old development.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

What was at stake was not so much the recognition of the state of Israel itself but rather what Israel represented: the indubitable fact that the Jewish people was alive and had a living future. For nearly 2,000 years the church had struggled with that very idea. In its theology, Jews should have given up the ghost with the coming of the Christian savior. Yet we continued to practice our religion and — in the church's view — chose to be blind. Therefore, our very presence in history was a subtle disclaimer of Christianity, and as the church strove for and achieved absolute power in its realm, it felt it could not allow this. Hence, it permitted and often prompted the persecution of the Jews, hoping for the extinction of their religious identity.

Vatican II gave up this millennia-old perception, or at least it made its abolishment possible. The church began to approach the Jewish community. Respectful and even cordial relations developed, and the diplomatic development of the last month was its climax.

There have been many indications that this was going to happen. In September, Pope John Paul II received Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Meyer Lau at Castel Gondolfo, the papal summer palace. It was the first encounter between a Pope and an Israeli Chief Rabbi since the nation's birth in 1948. After the meeting, the Vatican described it as having been "very warm" and "charged with special meaning at this delicate and important time for peace in the Holy Land."

A quarterly published in Jerusalem entitled *Christians and Israel* had the following comments:

"Chief Rabbi Lau expressed his appreciation of the forthright and thoughtful leadership given by Pope John Paul II in the process of charting 'a new Christian course' with respect to Judaism and Israel, repudiating centuries of anti-Semitism and persecution, and promoting a fundamentally changed outlook for the future.

"The Pope and the Chief Rabbi exchanged thoughts regarding the essential relevance to human progress of the ethical teachings of the prophets and sages of Israel, in a world afflicted by poverty, disease, hatred and violence. Particularly outrageous is murder purportedly in the name of the Creator, which all religions should surely condemn.

"Agreement was expressed, too, at the meeting that it would be well to explore, methodically and in depth, Jewish biblical tenets that can enhance harmony in the world, and to formulate and propagate these among Christians."

Indeed, the accord that was signed emphasized the obligation of the church not only to recognize anti-Semitism as a danger but to fight it actively. It is a statement that describes the vast change that has taken place.

All of this was hastened by the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Which shows that not only hatred and animosity but also peace and goodwill can be contagious.

Who will reap the economic benefits of peace?

By LARRY YUDELSON

As nations and agencies commit themselves to aiding Palestinian development, the most prosaic of questions has become political: where will the money actually go? Will Jordanian or Israeli banks reap the benefits of billions of dollars in deposits?

These questions underlie a recent flurry of diplomatic activity.

Most recently, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, flew to Amman to sign an agreement on economic co-operation with Jordan.

The agreement had been drafted last fall but was approved by the PLO only after repeated public pressure from King Hussein.

The deal grants Jordanian banks permission to operate in the West Bank once Palestinian autonomy begins, and it reportedly sets the Jordanian dinar as the official currency in these areas.

But notwithstanding the agreement with Jordan, some senior Palestinian officials appear to prefer Israel as an economic partner.

At issue is who will operate the banks in the territories with the onset of autonomy and the influx of foreign aid.

Forty-six nations pledged $2 billion (US) in aid over five years at a conference in Washington last October.

Much of that international aid, targeted to develop the Palestinian economy, will presumably be administered by the banks, which will profit from the customary fees and charges.

The quest for banking rights is seen as the reason why King Hussein pressured the PLO to sign the financial accord and meanwhile concluded his own banking accord with Israel.

But the Jordanians are not the only ones who want a piece of the action. Similar motivations are said to be behind a recent agreement between Israeli and Palestinian business leaders.

According to some observers, it is the Israeli-Palestinian option that is favored within some quarters of the PLO.

"The PLO has made clear that it will not surrender its financial and economic independence in the territories, and will not deposit its aid money in Jordanian banks," Sevar Plotzker, economics correspondent for Israel's *Yediot Achronot* newspaper, wrote recently.

And there are indications from PLO officials that the Palestinians would prefer financial co-operation with the Israelis, he added.

In December, Israel's Bank Leumi announced the formation of a new commercial bank in conjunction with Spanish, Moroccan and Palestinian partners. It will take over the two existing Bank Leumi branches in the West Bank cities of Bethlehem and Hebron.

The new bank will be launched with $40 million in initial capital, and the partners include the Casablanca-based Banque Commerciale du Maroc and the Madrid-based Banco Central Hispano.

The Palestinian partners are said to be close to the PLO and to include residents inside and outside the territories who are keeping a low profile.

"We hope to deal with the lion's share of the international aid to the Palestinians," Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the board of directors of Bank Leumi, was quoted as telling *Yediot*.

Sanbar added that, as far as he knew, PLO leadership in Tunis, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, is "in the picture."

The bank is in the process of incorporation — Sanbar complained about the paperwork imposed by the Spanish bureaucracy — but even its registration will not make it a reality.

The bank's future, of course, depends on Arafat, and it is not yet clear how solid his commitment is.

"I believe that chairman Arafat has not decided to go ahead with this project or any project," said Mohamed Rabie, a Palestinian economist who heads the Center for Educational Development in Washington.

"Anything you hear has to have his green light, and he has not given any green light."

Rabie said that the joint Israeli-Palestinian bank had long been rumored and that the a key figure mentioned in the rumor has denied involvement.

But such a venture is considered impossible until the Israel and the PLO reach a political settlement.

Among Palestinians, said Rabie, "there are people who are working very hard to lay the ground for joint ventures and some who are opposed to any kind of concrete movement until the political situation is clear."

He said he had friends in Jordan who conceived joint projects during the initial euphoria over the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord last September, but who have since backed up in light of the slow progress of the talks designed to implement the autonomy plan.

According to *Yediot*, the Bank Leumi-Palestinian partnership was suggested by Palestinians, shortly after Jordan reached an agreement on banking with Israel.

The Jordanian agreement was signed Dec. 5 in Washington by representatives of the Bank of Israel and the Jordanian central bank, and it paved the way for the speedy reopening of Jordanian banks in the West Bank.

Palestinians reportedly were furious over the accord, but Israelis explained that they were bound to adhere to international agreements concerning supervision of banks.

Nonetheless, it is interesting to note that, according to *Yediot*, none of the other clauses in the far-reaching economic accord reached between Israel and Jordan last fall have yet to be implemented.

If the multinational consortium does succeed in turning the present Bank Leumi offices in the territories into a Palestinian banking force during the autonomy period, there will be symbolic significance as well. Bank Leumi, after all, was founded by the Zionist movement in 1902. *(JTA)*

Ethical wills raise some interesting thoughts

By ALLAN GOULD

Are you familiar with the very beautiful Jewish tradition of ethical wills? Sure, we all know about those legal wills, where we divide up our goods among our (usually thankless) descendants. (You must recall the classic about the nephew who constantly bugs his uncle to "remember me in your will! Please, please, please — remember me in your will!" So, after the old man passes away, the lawyer reads: "To my wife, I leave the house; to my son, the family business. And to my nephew Mendel, who was forever begging me to 'remember me' in my will: Hello there, Mendel!")

Well, I was recently re-reading one of my favorite Jewish books: The very beautiful "treasury" of *Ethical Wills*, published over a decade ago by Schocken Books, and edited by my good friend, Rabbi Jack Riemer, of Cong. Beth David in Miami. And I was deeply moved to read the highly moral, often profound suggestions made by Jewish parents to their children, urging them to give tzedakah, be true to their faith, and so on.

Which got me thinking (uh-oh). . . .

An Ethical Will For Our Times, by Mendel

Blessed be those who read this will, and even more blessed be those who follow it:

— Be sure to take a nap every afternoon. Your boss probably won't notice, and you've had a hard morning.

— Being in love is never having to say you're sorry. But if it's with that character, you'd better be prepared to.

— Always barter, so you can avoid paying federal taxes.

— Never eat more than you can lift. Miss Piggy said that, but since she will clearly live forever, unlike yours truly, she obviously knew what she was talking about.

— Keep whatever you say very, very simple. That way, your so-called "superiors" at work will finally understand.

— Avoid any dubious and questionable business deals, and whatever else is contrary to the laws of the land. After all, why else did the Holy One, Blessed be He, create lawyers?

Allan Gould

— Wear clean underwear outside your garments now and then. It worked for Madonna, and it could work for you, too.

— Commit many, many acts of "random kindness." Random violence, you can always catch on television.

— Smile at every single person whom you meet in your daily travels. It will make them all wonder what the heck you are up to.

— All you need is Love. Rrrat-da-da-da-da-da. All you need is Love. Rrrat-da-da-da-da-da. All you need is Love. Love. Love is all you need. Love is all you need.

— Never, ever expect money to buy you happiness. Money can only buy you the things which can make you happy.

— Always shake hands warmly with everyone you meet. This way, if they've got a weapon, you find out fast.

— Avoid entering into partnerships with someone else unless it is absolutely, positively necessary. Especially with your cousin Hartley.

— Take a short time out, every single day, and think about the purpose of your existence in the world. Aren't you a little ashamed of yourself?

— Never give up on anyone. Heck, look at your Uncle Louie.

— Take full responsibility for every day of your life on this earth. At night, however, you can occasionally be a tiny bit irresponsible.

— How your cousin Hartley has remained out of jail, I have no idea. Have you been able to figure it out?

— Marry only for love, my child. But if your loved one happens to have oodles of money, that's okay, too.

— Remove yourself from anger if at all possible. If this means escaping for a few weeks every other month from your children, I can well understand.

— Whistle out loud, and with great joy and abandon. However, do not whistle at an associate at work. Sexual harrassment charges, like diamonds, can be forever.

— Pay off your Visa with your Master Card. It works every time.

— Deal faithfully. But when it is time for someone else to deal, keep a close eye on the cards.

— A woman who is in love is incomplete, until is she married. Then she is finished. (Zsa Zsa Gabor said that first, and if she doesn't know the truth in that, who does?)

— Learn a trade that is simple and honest. In other words, never run for elected office.

— Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the federal deficit.

— You more than likely have a novel within you. That is the best place for it, I can assure you.

— If you drink beer and smoke, you will be gloriously happy in life. Well, that's what the commercials and the advertisements always claimed, and notice that the person who wrote this will for your edification is now one with the earth.

— Never, ever raise your hand to your child. It will leave your chest and stomach dangerously unprotected.

— If you ever hesitate, you are not only lost, but probably 25 kilometres from the next exit.

— Deep down — truly deep down — most people you meet are probably superficial.

— If you do end up with the chance to have your life to live over, I suggest living over a shopping centre; it'll save you lots of time and energy.

— Nothing is forever on this Earth. Nothing at all. Which is why you should play Pro-Line Basketball while you can.

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Features

A romance with Russia

Reporting from Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner speaks to two Jews who are staying in Russia.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nearly half a million Jews have left the old Soviet Union in the past four years, and although aliyah has decreased since the heady days of 1990 and 1991, more than 60,000 Jews are expected to emigrate by year's end.

But that still leaves hundreds of thousands who have no immediate or distant plans to leave.

They are remaining in Russia — a former Soviet republic — despite hyper-inflation, the rumbling of political instability and the persistence of anti-Semitism.

Two such Jews are Natasha Amanova, 39, and Nicolai Propirny, 23.

A tall, red-headed, smartly-dressed freelance journalist and occasional English interpreter, Amonova does not consider herself an assimilated Jew remote from her roots, like so many Russian Jews.

Indeed, Amanova attends synagogue on high holidays, and moves in Jewish circles. She has worked for the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad), the umbrella group of Russian Jewry. She is a member of a Hadassah-Wizo chapter. She has written for various Jewish publications, including the *Jewish Gazette* and *Moscow Yerushalayim*. And currently, she freelances for *Yom Shaini*, a Jewish bulletin in Moscow, and for the Russian press in Israel.

Amanova's grandparents were Polish Jews who settled in Russia before the 1917 Bolshevik revolution. Well-off, they lived in St. Petersburg.

Amonova's parents were government workers, her mother having been employed by the Soviet Ministry of Culture and her father having been an official in an economics ministry.

As a child, Amanova was taken to Simchat Torah celebrations at Moscow's Choral Synagogue. "I was proud to be a Jew," she said. And occasionally, her grandmother would regale her with stories about ancient Jewish history.

But in common with the majority of her fellow Soviet Jews, Amanova's knowledge of Judaism and Jewish culture was scant. "I didn't know anything," she recalled.

Amanova, who's married without children, joined the democracy movement before becoming involved with Jewish affairs.

"I was not a dissident, but I was an opponent of the oppressive Soviet system," she explained.

In 1972, after taking part in an illegal demonstration in the centre of Moscow, she was arrested and charged with having maintained illegal contacts with foreign correspondents.

Paying dearly for her beliefs and her acquaintanships with foreigners, Amanova was packed off to a mental asylum.

"It was a terrible experience," she said.

Amanova was forced to drink a liquid laced with drugs which induced a perpetual state of drowsiness.

Amanova spent several months in purgatory, and after her release, she decided to emigrate to Israel. She never made it. She fell in love with a man who had no interest in living in Israel (and with whom she later broke up).

Nicolai Propirny [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In addition, her parents were opposed to the idea. "In material terms, they had a good life in Moscow — a flat, a dacha (cottage in the country), a car."

In 1974, shortly after her marriage to a Russian film producer, she began studying ethnography. Amanova learned a lot about practically every nationality in the Soviet Union — there were over 100 — but absolutely nothing about Jews.

She spoke to her teacher, a Russian, about this glaring discrepancy. Rather than being offended by her pointed question, he instructed her in Jewish history and gave her books to read.

Fired up by this information, she joined an illegal underground Hebrew ulpan and began studying Judaism. She did not, however, pack up and leave the Soviet Union.

"I was happily married, and I was travelling a lot with my husband. I had a good life. Frankly, I didn't think of emigration."

In all probability, she lost her taste for aliyah when, in the early 1980s, she met disenchanted Soviet Jews who had returned from Israel with complaints of the hardships they had encountered there.

She has yet to visit Israel, where several of her cousins live. "On my salary, I can't afford the airplane tickets," she said.

Although she has relatives in the United States, Amanova has not set her sights on that country either. "I am very attached to Russian ways and to the Russian language."

Anti-Semitism, a nagging problem for numerous Soviet Jews, has not really affected her. "I move in progressive circles," she explained.

Amanova, whose second husband is a Jewish construction engineer, can contemplate emigration only under certain circumstances. "If fascists and Nazis came to power in Russia, I would leave."

Though relieved that Russian President Boris Yeltsin was able to crush the Oct. 4 putsch in Moscow, which had the support of right-wing nationalists and fascist elements, Amanova is plainly uncertain of the future.

"We won today. But what will tomorrow bring?"

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Like Amanova, Nicolai Propirny is a journalist. He is on the staff of a business newspaper, but previously, he reported for the *Jewish Gazette*. A graduate of the Moscow Pedagogical Training University, he studied Russian language and literature.

The son of a mathematician, he was raised in a completely secular environment. At his parents' request, he registered as a Russian rather than as a Jew in his internal Soviet passport. He could make this choice because his paternal grandmother was Russian.

Propirny's parents were not self-hating Jews or apostates. Being familiar with the Soviet system, where state anti-Semitism was endemic, they felt he would have a better chance of succeeding if he was officially registered as a Russian.

They were not alone in that belief. For convenience sake, numerous Jews of mixed descent chose that very route. "I know a lot of 'Jewish' Russians," he said.

While most have permanently distanced themselves from their Jewish past and faded into the Russian mainstream, some have been rudely reminded of it by reactionary Russians.

Propirny, who is uncircumcised, has never run into this problem. Simply, anti-Semitism has not been a factor in his life.

Till the age of 17, he felt totally Russian. But then something profound happened, something that would alter his life.

"I began to feel Jewish."

On a visit to Odessa, he met his grandfather's brother. From him, he learned about the Holocaust, a subject no Soviet school offered its students. Communism forbade references to the Holocaust as a distinctly Jewish tragedy. It was buried under the rubble of World War II.

But having been given a glimpse into the abyss of the Holocaust, Propirny was driven by a curiosity to plumb the depths of his Jewish ancestry.

In the early 1990s, on the eve of the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the demise of communism there, he took up the study of Judaism and Jewish history. His teacher was a visiting Reform rabbi from the United States. He pored over books for six months, filling in yawning gaps.

Later, for a while, he was a teacher at the Choral Synagogue's Sunday school.

Today, he considers himself a secular Jew. Although he is irreligious, he tries to observe major Jewish holidays.

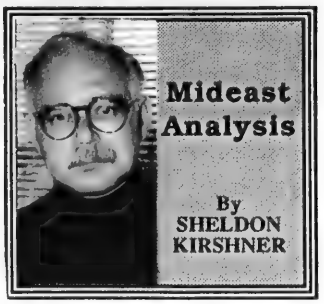
Propirny's wife is Russian. Her met her at university, and they have a daughter. She is not being raised "in a specifically Jewish way." In deference to his wife, who is not a convert to Judaism, he will let his daughter determine her identity herself.

Two years ago, he considered aliyah, but upon reflection, he changed his mind. "I decided it wasn't for me."

He wants to remain in Russia. "For me, literature begins with Pushkin, not Sholem Aleichem," he explained.

"I feel very much attached to Russian literature and language. It would be impossible for me to live without it."

Natasha Amanova [Sheldon Kirshner photo]



Apart from Abu Nidal, who may or may not be alive, Ahmed Jibril holds the dubious distinction of being the most ardent rejectionist in the Palestinian camp.

Jibril, the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP—GC), has launched numerous operations against Israel since the mid-1960s. Backed by Syria, Libya and Iran, Jibril vehemently opposes the PLO's 1993 agreement with Israel on limited Palestinian self-rule. Born in Palestine 57 years ago, Jibril wants nothing less than Israel's destruction. Of course, he is contemptuous of PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat, whom he considers a traitor to the Palestinian cause. Indeed, Jibril has openly called for his assassination.

A fanatic by any definition, Jibril has a long view of history. In a rare interview with an American journalist, he declared: "We (the Palestinians) must continue in the armed struggle at any price. We fought for 150 years against the crusaders until we won, and we are now only fighting Israel for a little over 40 years."

His faith in ultimate victory may be misplaced. Israel, after all, is strong and resilient. Be that as it may, Jibril is doing his utmost to undermine the Jewish state.

Whatever one thinks of Jibril, the fact of the matter is that he is probably Israel's most dangerous, dedicated Palestinian foe, suggests Samuel Katz in *Israel Versus Jibril* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $34).

Although the PFLP — GC is one of the smallest factions in the Palestinian movement, with no more than about 2,000 fighters, Jibril's group is militarily professional. As a former captain in the Syrian army, Jibril has transmitted his skills to his lieutenants and his foot soldiers quite deftly.

Over the years, he has taken responsibility for a string of spectacularly deadly deeds — the bombing of Swissair flight 330, which killed 47 passengers; the attack on a school bus in the Galilee which claimed the lives of 11 children and three teachers; the assault on an apartment building in Kiryat Shmoneh which left 16 dead; the hang-glider attack in northern Israel which resulted in the deaths of six soldiers; the bombing of a Pan Am plane which killed 270; the ambush of an Israeli bus in the Sinai which took the lives of nine Israelis.

Israel's fanatical enemy

Israel has tried to eliminate Jibril. "Israel's defence establishment has dedicated much of its resources to bring about Jibril's termination," observes Katz, a writer on Israeli security.

The air force has mounted numerous preemptive and retaliatory raids against his bases in Lebanon, while the army has dispatched some of its finest commando units to find and kill Jibril. In 1986, Israel went as far as to intercept an aircraft Jibril was believed to be on. To its embarrassment, he was not on board the Libyan Gulfstream jet. Instead, a dozen high-ranking members of Syria's ruling Ba'ath party were found on the plane. They were promptly released.

Israel's failure to pin down Jibril, Katz theorizes, stems from its inability to penetrate his organization. For obviously good reasons, the PFLP — GC is extremely secretive.

According to Katz, Syrian intelligence agencies and military commands have been involved with "every aspect of the PFLP — GC's operational existence." However, much of its equipment has been bought and paid for by Libya and, more lately, Iran.

Before the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Moscow was Jibril's main supplier, providing him with a range of weapons from AK assault rifles to 23-mm anti-aircraft guns.

The Soviets, Katz adds, also trained his men in secret camps near Moscow and the Black Sea. They were given instruction in combat, marksmanship, urban guerrilla strategy, camouflage and deception, intelligence and counter-intelligence.

The demise of the Soviet Union has undoubtedly been a terrific blow to Jibril, as it has been to Syria, Libya and others in the Arab world. But if the past is any guide, Jibril will not be daunted by this development. Adaptable and resourceful, Jibril intends to fight Israel to the last drop of his blood.

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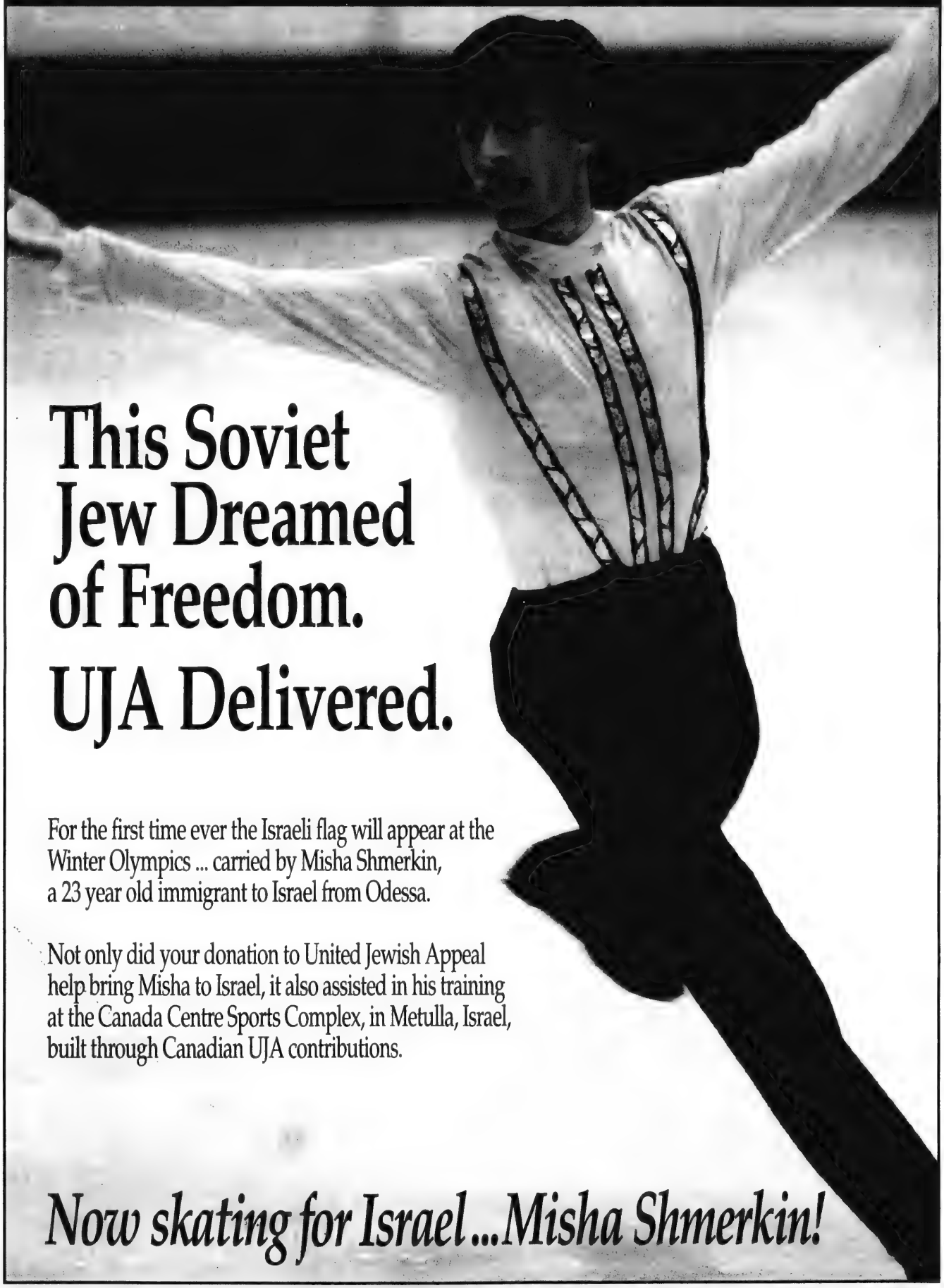

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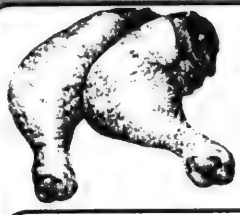

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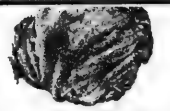

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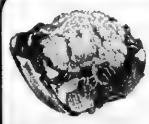

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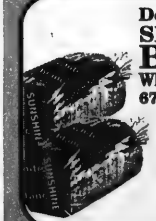

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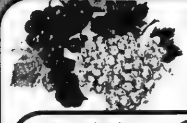

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Kach brands peace negotiations a disaster for Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's negotiations with the PLO are leading the country to disaster, with the Palestinians clinging to their ultimate desire to dismantle the state of Israel, two Kach spokesmen stated recently in Toronto.

Furthermore, they are being aided in their designs by the Rabin government which is prepared to relinquish control of Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights and integrate Israel with a new Palestinian state, said Rachiman Cohen, legal counsel to the Kach movement in Israel.

"This is a spiritual process I call the de-Zionization and de-Judaization of the Israeli state," Cohen said. "That means the abandonment of any basic Jewish faith, values or ideal of Zionism."

Speaking to 18 people at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue, Cohen asserted that the current Israeli government does not care about the Jewish and Zionist character of the state. That is why they can consider abandoning the tombs of the patriarchs and matriarchs in Hebron and other holy sites. The government doesn't care about the past; "it means nothing to them," Cohen said.

Furthermore, he continued, Israel's secular establishment wants to create a liberal democracy that promotes equality and where "anyone who declares priorities for Jews is declared a racist."

Turning to the negotiations to implement the Israeli/PLO accord, Cohen said, "There is no chance this process will bring real peace." If, for the sake of argument, it did, a peace without Israel retaining Gaza, the Golan Heights, Judea and Samaria is "a peace I don't want."

Cohen said the Israeli right wing, ranging from Likud to Kach, has coalesced into a bloc with the common goal of stopping the peace process. While the participants disagree over tactics, Kach has called for a massive civil disobedience campaign similar to the demonstrations that persuaded the U.S. government to change its policy during the Vietnam War. Kach has also established a committee to provide security on the roads that link various settlements.

Cohen said Israeli settlers can be expected to echo the Arab call for autonomy. "If the Arabs have the right to demand autonomy, why don't the Jews demand that same right in Judea and Samaria?" he said.

Cohen's sometimes dry delivery was followed by the more fiery oration of Herb Sunshine, a former press secretary to Rabbi Meir Kahane, who founded Kach.

Sunshine pulled no punches when he called the government of Israel "treasonous" and stated that "[it] has lost its mind."

It is releasing Palestinian terrorists from jail and handing them weapons while disarming Jewish settlers, he said.

Israel's Arab foes still adhere to the policy of pan-Arabism with the goal of world conquest, beginning with the subjugation of "the Saturday people," followed by conquest of "the Sunday people," he asserted.

The PLO charter, he continued, has not been amended and it continues to call for the destruction of Israel. Meanwhile Israel, which has won five wars against the Arabs, is giving up too much territory. Instead of being weak-kneed, it should flex its muscles and dictate terms. If the Arabs don't like the Israeli offer, they can leave, he said.

Failure to be firm, combined with an unseemly obedience of U.S. dictates, shows "a lack of Jewish pride." Quoting Rabbi Kahane, Sunshine said Jews "should be a light unto the nations, not a yahrzeit candle."

Crisis response team launched

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The unexpected death of a young adult member of the Winnipeg Jewish community last fall has sparked the creation of a Jewish Community Crisis Response Coordinating Committee to deal with similar traumas that may affect elements of the community in future.

The committee is composed of Rabbi Henry Balser of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue representing the Winnipeg Council of Rabbis; Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate principal Jerry Cohen representing the Board of Jewish Education; Les Marks, executive director of the YMHA Jewish Community Centre; Barney Yellen, executive director of the Jewish Child and Family Services; and Evelyn Hecht representing the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

As Hecht notes, committee members have already dealt with crises resulting from suicide and untimely death, cemetery vandalism and even a fire at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate a few years ago — but on an individual basis.

"With this committee, we will be able to avoid duplication of services," Hecht says. "If a traumatic situation does occur, any member of the committee can be notified. Then we can meet and determine how to respond to the issue. We felt it was really important to be able to work out and co-ordinate our responses and determine which agency or group of agencies can best handle the matter."

The committee, Hecht notes, is modelled after similar committees in the general community. To her knowledge, there are no other Jewish communities in Canada with a committee like this. She reports that when the committee holds its third meeting in February, it will seek to determine what steps need to be taken to create a youth suicide prevention program. After the meeting, response sheets will be distributed by committee members to their constituents, with the feedback to be discussed at the following meeting. The goal is to create another committee composed of professional and lay people to coordinate the suicide prevention program.

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Organizations and People

Rhonda Shulman and Brian Prosserman with Debbie Cowitz (centre).

When Rhonda met Brian ... it was love

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Chalk up another big-time "Yes" for Jewish Dateline.

After eight years in the business of pairing Jewish singles in and around Metro, Dateline boasts an average 10 marriages a year, but executive director and official community shadchan Debbie Cowitz still pops her buttons every time the big M happens.

The latest happy couple to meet and become betrothed, thanks to Dateline, is Rhonda Shulman, a 28-year-old nutritionist, and Brian Prosserman, 30, a buyer for a menswear chain.

Jewish Dateline matched the two last April. After four dates, the couple became, well, a couple, and marriage was proposed in November.

They'll tie the knot May 1 at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

One could say this one was bashert. For Shulman, it was the seventh fix-up, and the sixth for Prosserman. The couple even concedes that their first three dates weren't exactly memorable.

"But we kept trying," says Shulman. "And we never would have met if it hadn't been for Dateline."

Set up to counter rising intermarriage rates, Jewish Dateline is funded by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and maintains a client roster of about 500, ranging in age from 20 to 80.

The service has its work cut out: Cowitz estimates there are up to 30,000 Jewish singles in and around Toronto, many of whom have to be prodded to date other Jews.

So far, Dateline has brought together about 3,000 people, some from as far as New York state, she notes.

For an annual fee of $210, a client completes an extensive questionaire that gauges attitudes on everything from smoking, degree of religious observance, education levels and mates with children. Cowitz then conducts personal interviews.

The data are fed into a computer, which recommends a match-up. But mostly, it's Cowitz's fine-tuned sixth sense that spots when the chemistry is right between two people.

With a proven track record, Cowitz is quick to dispel the lingering stigma associated with going to a dating service.

"There's absolutely nothing wrong with coming here. The bells don't always ring the first time, but it's a great option. We give hope."

Shulman and Prosserman obviously agree.

"After 30 years, I thought, 'G-d had His chance; now, I'm going to give Him some help,' " Prosserman says.

The service's latest project is Sunday brunches, held about every six weeks in a private home, for no more than 20 people.

For details, call Jewish Dateline at (416) 789-0110.

New social group launched for Ottawa young Jewish adults

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — A successful social group for young Jewish adults in Montreal and Toronto has spawned a new chapter. The Ottawa Association for Young Jewish Adults will hold its inaugural event, a party at a local club, Maxwell's Bistro, on Feb. 13.

The Association for Young Jewish Adults (AYJA) was started seven years ago in Montreal, following a succession of failed 'singles' clubs.

"If you only have singles it's a very uncomfortable atmosphere and everyone's looking at each other, it's like a meat market," says Michael Cohen, 31, national chair of AYJA and one of the original members of the Montreal group.

The idea was to hold events where young Jewish men and women, both couples and singles, could make friends, not necessarily marriages, with people their own age.

"There's that stigma [associated with singles' groups], and we took that stigma away," says Cohen.

People may come to make friends, but says Cohen, "we're responsible for at least 100 marriages."

Four years ago Toronto started an AYJA chapter that has been just as successful. Cohen, with unabashed zeal, has met with people in Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver to encourage them to start chapters. In August he visited Ottawa and left behind an organizing committee that bubbles with enthusiasm.

Co-chair Elayna Katz says once they have left school, it's not easy for people her age to meet Jewish friends. AYJA provides a meeting ground.

"I'm excited about the fact that I'm going to meet new people. At the age we're at, when we've finished university, or are coming back after university, or have moved here to start a new job, it's a nice way for people to get together."

Until this year, Ottawa had a tottering 'singles' group.

"I went twice," says Katz, " and even the second time I had to be dragged."

The advantage of AYJA, she says, is that it is open to anyone, as long as they are Jewish and between the ages of 23 and 35. Married couples, dating couples, buddies, or groups of men and women can come. And because Ottawa and Montreal are so close, and Ottawa is home to so many former Montrealers, she hopes members in the two cities will attend one another's events.

"We hope that people will make lasting friendships. That's really what we're striving for," says Katz.

Ottawa's opening affair will be a party at Maxwell's Bistro, 340 Elgin St., Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $5 plus a food donation to the local food bank.

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Yeshiva U graduates reach out to Winnipeg high school students

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Miriam Abbott's need to share her knowledge of Judaism and strengthen Jewish identity for others brought her back to Winnipeg. For Ari Israel, it was another opportunity to teach students about their Jewish heritage and identity.

The two Yeshiva University graduate students and future Jewish educators were among a group of 11 Yeshiva U students who visited Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC) last month as part of a program called Counterpoint.

Now in its 14th year at the Winnipeg Jewish high school, Counterpoint was introduced by school principal Jerry Cohen and then vice-principal Rabbi Charles Grysman. Counterpoint is run by the New York university only at JWC and a few Australian Jewish high schools.

The name comes from the intensity of the intellectual and spiritual experience, explains Barry Bender, director of Kiruv, Yeshiva U's outreach program. Bender was in Winnipeg for the eighth time.

The 12-day program included two Jewish awareness weekend retreats led by the Yeshiva University students at a camp 120 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg. The topics discussed were chosen by the JWC students in the fall and sent to Bender for research. They included why bad things happen to good people, women in Judaism, Jewish sexual ethics, the Middle East peace process and interfaith relations.

"We bring our own food and establish an eruv around the camp," says JWC vice-principal Chaim Shiel. "There is time for outdoor activities such as skating on the lake, skiing and snowshoeing as well as discussions on Jewish law and Tanach and more general topics."

For the junior high school students who do not participate in the retreat, the Yeshiva U students provided three yomiyim or half-day programs focusing on Jewish themes. There were also evening programs aimed at enhancing the students' feelings of Judaism and reponsibility to their community.

The Yeshiva University students, Bender says, were chosen for their openess, personality and pluralistic values. "We make sure they are respectful of Joseph Wolinsky students' backgrounds and values," he says. "Some have been back several times. I have found that most want to come back but often they have graduated and have jobs."

Abbott came back because she felt she made connections with some of the JWC students last year. "I love the kids here," she says. "They have great personalities. I kept in touch with some of them over the year by phone and letter."

She feels Counterpoint and in particular the retreat has a tremendous impact on the students, imparting a lot of knowledge in a short time.

Fellow Yeshiva U student Israel describes the Joseph Wolinsky students as very intellectual, inquisitive and analytical. He has also been with Counterpoint in Australia. While the schools there had larger student bodies, he finds JWC's student body of 272 more cohesive.

Among the other Yeshiva University students who came to Winnipeg, Avrumi Sacks was also back for his second year while Joshua Lookstein returned for the fourth time. First time participants were Rachel Levitt, Tamar David, Chavie Levine, Yitzi Glicksman, Amir Perlson, Isaac Lifshutz and David Kaplan.

Bender reports that a Shabbaton led by Yeshiva University students is being planned for Hebrew Academy high school in Montreal.

The university also has a program of Torah Tours, co-ordinated by Aaron Tirschwell, which puts its students into North American Jewish communities like Toronto for programs that are not as intense as Counterpoint.

Synagogue plans AIDS panel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "How do we overcome the fear that prevents us from reaching out to AIDS sufferers? How do we comfort them, their families, their friends, when society leaves them to suffer in silent isolation? Our tradition in enjoining us not to stand idly by the pain of others compels us to seek out the answers to these questions," says Rabbi Philip Scheim.

To address issues surrounding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, of which Rabbi Scheim is spiritual leader, is presenting a panel discussion, AIDS: Reality and Responsibility, on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

The program, which is a project of the shul's continuing education committee, will be moderated by Paul Cross of CHUM Radio, writer/producer of an award-winning radio documentary on AIDS in Canada. Also scheduled to participate are AIDS expert Dr. Philip Berger; Dr. Donna Keystone, HIV primary care specialist and past chair of Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS committee; author June Callwood, founder of Casey House Hospice for AIDS; Eva, a mother who lost her son to AIDS; and Kael, a man living with AIDS. Rabbi Scheim will introduce the program.

"We see this [program] as the initial step in an ongoing process of education and providing support," said Debbie Dash, director of programming and outreach for the synagogue. "We have an informal [AIDS] committee working on this program, and they have expressed a desire to continue their efforts.

There is no admission charge for the panel discussion. Beth David is located at 55 Yeomans Rd. in Downsview.

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Organizations and People

Wife abuse seen as problem requiring lengthy treatment

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "If you know anybody who is a victim of sexual assault or wife assault, encourage them to get some treatment," urged Joan Hurley of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) at a recent program of York University's Jewish Student Federation on Violence Against Women in the Jewish Community.

Hurley, who runs groups for assaulted women at JF&CS, said that wife abuse "is happening in the Jewish community at all levels of observance and in all socio-economic groups." Abused Jewish women didn't use to report the abuse, perpetuating the myth that it didn't occur in the Jewish community, she said.

Because abuse is often repeated by subsequent generations, Hurley said, treatment can make "a significant difference in the lives of the [abused] wives and children."

Research has shown that children who witness violence between their parents are as traumatized as if they themselves had been beaten. Twenty-five per cent of the children in one study, all of whom had witnessed violence, felt it was appropriate for a husband to strike his wife if the house was messy. After receiving counselling, none of them felt this way, Hurley said. "It's important to get to them and change these values before they have children of their own."

"Everybody has arguments," said Hurley. "An abuse relationship is different. [An abusive] husband purposefully intends to establish control over his wife through systematic and repetitive psychological trauma. There may be physical abuse, but there's always emotional abuse."

Threatening to harm the wife or anyone close to her and taking away any sense of power on her part are types of emotional abuse, said Hurley. It's common for an abused wife to have to ask permission to go on outings or purchase clothing for the children and then to have to hand over receipts and have the mileage on her car monitored.

Abuser often charming

"She often hears that she's incapable of doing anything; that everything's her fault. After a while it becomes like a form of brainwashing, and she begins to believe it herself," said Hurley.

In fact, abused women are generally responsible for everything involved in running their homes, she noted. They are "incredibly competent," although they don't see themselves that way.

Typically, they're overly anxious, overly pessimistic, depressed, highly dependent and exhausted both physically and emotionally.

In contrast, the abuser may be "incredibly charming in most circumstances, so it's very hard to believe he's capable of that level of abuse." Many abusers have a history of family violence, although Hurley emphasized that witnessing parental violence doesn't necessarily lead someone to be an abuser. Other common characteristics of abusers include low self-esteem (which may be hidden), rigid thinking, limited tolerance for frustration, a desire to control and overpower their wives, and refusing to take blame when things go wrong.

Abuse will not go away with a year or two of treatment, warned Hurley. Abusers have "long-term, serious personality disorders that require long-term treatment." Group therapy has been found to be most effective for abusers, she added, because they are less likely to out-argue their way out of responsibility than they would be in a one-on-one situation.

Group therapy is also effective for victims who have had individual treatment in that it "normalizes" the experience, she said. "[They realize that] they're not the only ones. Having other people help you to heal is very important. It's one thing to hear a therapist tell you it's not your fault. It's another thing to hear other women [reacting as you did]. Then you can see it." (JF&CS is now establishing groups for adult women survivors of sexual assault or date rape, and incest.)

In rare cases, the pattern of abuse is reversed, with the wife abusing the husband. Research puts the number of such cases at five per cent or less, noted Hurley.

"Victims need support from the community," she said.

JNF Negev Dinner to honor Ticks for commitment to Jewish causes

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Stan and Liz Tick, a couple well-known for their community involvement and commitment to Jewish causes, have been named Hamilton's 1994 Negev Dinner honorees.

The Jewish National Fund's (JNF) annual tribute dinner will take place Sunday, May 29, 6 p.m. at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

This marks the first time in over 20 years that the dinner will not be held at Adas Israel Synagogue. But with over 550 guests expected to attend this year's event, it was decided to move it to the larger convention centre, said Hamilton-based regional JNF shaliach Yoram Gordon.

This is not the first community tribute to the Ticks. In 1991, Liz was the honoree at the annual Israel Bonds women's division luncheon, while Stan was honored at the 1992 annual combined Bonds-B'nai Brith of Hamilton breakfast.

The popular Hamilton couple were married in 1962, following Liz's graduation from the University of Toronto School of Physical and Occupational Therapy and while Stan was a student at Osgoode Hall Law School. They returned to Hamilton following Stan's call to the bar, with honors, in 1965.

Now a prominent city lawyer, Stan served as federal narcotics prosecutor for Hamilton-Wentworth from 1970 to 1984. In 1981 he was appointed Queen's Counsel and in 1988, he was certified as a specialist in civil litigation by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

In addition to holding office in various professional organizations and serving as president of the Hamilton Medical-Legal Society 1984-1985, Stan has served as a board member of Temple Anshe Sholom, president of Hamilton Lodge, B'nai Brith and as chair of the Hamilton United Jewish Appeal (UJA).

Stan and Liz Tick are Hamilton's Negev Dinner honorees.

He is a past president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and a past president and former chair, Hamilton JNF. Since 1985 he has been serving as vice-president, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Stan is also the founder and chair of the Beth Tikvah Foundation, a home for mentally handicapped older Jewish adults.

Actively involved from the time she was a youngster with Temple Anshe Sholom Youth League, Liz joined Anna Herscovitz Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO as a young bride and has held numerous positions at both chapter and council levels.

She is a past Hadassah-WIZO president and has also served as co-convenor of the organization's two biggest fundraisers, the annual bazaar and the Jewish community telephone directory.

Involved in the UJA women's division, Liz served as women's division campaign chair in 1981. She is an active member of the Israel Bonds women's division and is a canvasser for the Canadian Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In the mid-1980s she returned to U of T for a refresher course and now works part time as a physio-therapist.

The Tick family includes daughter Jackie and her husband, Kevin Barwin, who are expecting their first child later this spring, and two sons, Howie and Robbie.

The dinner will be chaired by Bill Halpren, long-time treasurer and board member of the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Federation, and his wife Marcia, owners of a travel business.

President of Hamilton JNF is Sharon Marcovitz Hart.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the Reshavim water reservoir in the Jordan valley.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Women in distress: Legal Aid or a private lawyer?

Currently, the Attorney General of Ontario, Marion Boyd, and the Law Society of Upper Canada disagree on Boyd's proposal to set up government-funded "women's only" family law clinics in Ontario. In fairness to the Law Society, the major objection was to a "gender-based" clinic, although there was apparently little opposition to special clinics for "abused women" and certainly not for family law clinics that did not discriminate their services based on gender alone.

Women without money

Economically disadvantaged women seeking to take legal action against their husbands for support, property division, custody of children, and protection from abusive husbands usually succeed in obtaining a "Legal Aid Certificate". However, if these women then want to find an experienced lawyer whose preferred area of practise is family law, they often have a great deal of trouble doing so, particularly in large metropolitan areas. Such a lawyer's overhead costs, computed on an hourly basis, often equal or exceed what Legal Aid pays (the top Legal Aid hourly payment is under $90 per hour, whereas some experienced lawyers normally charge as much as $250 to $350 per hour).

Mickey Mouse versus King Kong

Some lawyers are also wary of taking on Legal Aid briefs since they are often at least as time-consuming as non-Legal Aid cases. In a few instances, some Legal Aid clients abuse the program by constantly calling the lawyer or insisting on certain Legal Steps about which they might normally be more careful if they were paying the bill themselves. Even those who "contribute" to the cost of the Certificate (either through a lien against their home or a periodic payment to the Legal Aid plan) are paying at a much lower hourly rate and are sometimes tempted to take up much more of the lawyer's time than usual.

The woman who desperately needs a Court Order, often quickly, to protect herself and her children both physically and financially, is then often "turned away" by some senior members of the Family Law Bar or by law firms who see such certificates as money-losers and too time-consuming, often at the expense of other clients. When it comes to negotiations or Court, she is then often "under-represented" by a well-meaning but junior lawyer, while her husband's lawyer is paid privately, may be more experienced, and may also have much better resources and staff. It is not always Mickey Mouse versus King Kong, but there is a definite perception that this scenario is repeated weekly.

To remedy this injustice, these "women-only" family law clinics would be staffed by full-time paid lawyers whose sole job would be to help women in legal distress. The purported object is to avoid such women having to "phone around" and worry incessantly about being poorly represented.

Many critics believe that this "remedy" would only further widen the aforementioned gap in the quality of representation. The salary such clinical lawyers are likely to be paid in the Ontario civil service would have to be commensurate with what other lawyers in that service are being paid. The clinic would then certainly not compete with compensation received by the senior Family Law Bar and would probably not attract near the level of experience the Minister may have had in mind.

Women's legal clinics: better services ... or cheaper services?

More importantly, the caseload of one such clinical lawyer will undoubtedly be overwhelming. As mentioned, each such case may be more time-consuming than the average family law matter. Accordingly, the quality of the service to be provided may even be worse than that currently available, according to these critics. Some feel that the Government's real reason for consolidating these services with clinics is to reduce their overall cost. One salaried government-paid lawyer handling one hundred such cases at once is much cheaper than hiring 100 private lawyers, even at a low hourly rate. Critics also complain of stigmatizing legal services according to sex and the discriminatory aspect of such a step.

However, those in the Ministry and in the Law Society who favour such clinics reply that a well-trained, specialized and highly computerized staff could better serve such women and their children, especially if they have government resources behind them. Moreover, there are simply no funds to attract more senior Family Law lawyers into taking legal aid certificates at a time of severe budget cutbacks at all levels of government.

I suspect this controversy will be resolved. At least the problem is being seriously discussed. Action may be imminent, although I would hope that it will be driven more by a desire to help the lady in distress than to reduce the deficit.

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Eight-year-old wins award for hearing impaired

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Eight-year-old David Blum, a Grade 3 student at Associated Hebrew Day Schools, recently received a 1993 financial aid award from the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, an international organization based in Washington, D.C.

The annual awards are given to oral and hearing impaired independent or-parochial school students under 21 who communicate through lipreading and speaking. The association distributed 95 awards totalling $64,000 in 1993. David was recommended for the Bell Award by his principal, his teachers and his rabbi. David's mother, Kathleen Blum, said his $1,000 award went toward day school tuition.

In most ways, in spite of becoming profoundly deaf at three months of age after a bout of meningitis, David is just like any other eight-year-old. He goes horseback riding, ice-skates, rollerblades and swims; he loves sports, watches TV, plays Nintendo, talks on the telephone and likes Archie comics. Along with gym, his favorite subjects at school are math and English.

However, unlike the average eight-year-old, he already has had a major public speaking engagement. Last summer a speech David gave to members of the board of the Canadian Hearing Society resulted in their successfully lobbying the government to have OHIP cover his cochlear implant, a device he uses to hear with. The same speech was also the impetus for the society to begin fundraising so teachers for hearing disabled children could be sent to remote communities.

"They couldn't believe he spoke so well," said Kathleen Blum. Some deaf people speak in a monotone and their speech has a hollow tone, but not David. He speaks like a person who has normal hearing.

David Blum

His mother recalled that David had learned to speak only about 30 words, through lipreading, by the time he was 2½, even with auditory and verbal therapy taken at a North York General Hospital program. "He had hearing aids, but we realized they didn't work," she said.

Kathleen Blum and her husband Max felt they had no alternative but to investigate the cochlear implant. The implant allows deaf people to at least hear environmental sounds; at best it allows them to understand human speech, but it does not pick up the vast array of sounds heard by a normal human ear.

David received his implant when he was 2½ at a New York City hospital, as no one in Canada was doing the procedure at the time. It took six months for him to respond to the sounds he heard, said Kathleen Blum, because he had no memory of hearing.

At that point, David began learning how to speak. "Every word he learned was repeated a thousand times," said Blum. "It was not automatic by any stretch. Everyone in the family would constantly talk to him."

David continued taking auditory and verbal therapy at the hospital while he attended special junior and senior kindergarten classes for hearing disabled children in the mornings and a neighborhood public school in the afternoons. "That was his first encounter with hearing children," said his mother. "He was starting to make short sentences, he was starting to gain confidence."

David started in Grade 1 at Associated Hebrew Day Schools, where he was enrolled in a double curriculum — half a day English and half a day Hebrew. "To learn a second language is very difficult for hearing impaired children," said Blum.

She added that David is now doing fine in Grade 3, although his vocabulary is not quite up to his grade level. "He's learned to raise his hand and ask questions. He's certainly become assertive. He must be or he'll miss out. He wants to learn and he's very curious."

David's teachers at Associated, Orna Goldberg and Linda Kichler, spend time pre-teaching and repeating, as well as following-up on lessons, said Blum. "They've placed students next to him who are willing to answer his questions. Also, they've called if there have been any questions. Certainly, with a class of 30, that's a lot to do."

David took horseback riding lessons with the Community Association for Riding for the Disabled (CARD) at the age of 2, before he learned how to walk. With meningitis affecting his muscle tone and his co-ordination, he had to strengthen his muscles before he could walk. His mother said the incredible strength gained in his legs through riding enabled him to walk.

David's sister, Sara, 17, and eight girls from her high school, Ulpanat Orot, have been volunteering at CARD as horse leaders and side-walkers for the past two years.

With David in the family, Blum says her family has become aware of and more sensitive to the needs of the disabled. Everyone in the family, including Blum, has done or is doing some kind of volunteer work in the community. "Volunteering is a way of life for us."

Sister Leah, 19, a second year University of Toronto student, has been a volunteer with Senior Care for the past four years. After finishing her BA, she plans to go on to the School of Social Work.

Their brother Asher, 14, has volunteered at Baycrest, and sister Tova, 12, is involved with Extend-A-Family, an organization that integrates handicapped children into the community by matching them up with special friends.

Blum's husband, Max, goes out on bicycle rides with blind people during the summers.

She said David's progress has been a family effort and his brother and his sisters have all been involved, but she stressed that her son has worked hard to get where he is. "It wasn't just us. It was him too."

David, she said, is a miracle child.

CJC appointments

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Marvin Stark has been named to the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national committee on constitutional and charter review, and Zena Simces Katz to the national committee on law and social action.

The appointments were announced this week by Renee Switzer Bellas, chair of the Pacific region of Congress.

Bellas says in a press release that the constitutional and charter review committee was formed under the chairmanship of Judge Maxwell Cohen of Montreal, with Irwin Cotler, Montreal, and John Laskin, Toronto, as associate chairs. Their task will be to initiate test case litigation on behalf of CJC, as well as determining when to intervene and at what level. In addition, the committee will have input when charter questions of importance to the Jewish community and other ethnocultural organizations arise.

She said the committee will also assist in the preparation of public education materials to promote better understanding of the Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedom.

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Saturday, Feb. 12

JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Join Chai Shalom in a celebration of Jewish Music Month Havdallah service with **Cantor Louis Danto** and the Zemer Chorale conducted by **Charles Heller**, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Traditional Tu b'Shevat refreshments. $8 per person. Tickets available in synagogue office, 633-3838. For information, call **Paul Sheffield** 445-8153; **Ruth Sherman** 638-2233; or **Marlene White**, evenings, 881-8787.

FOLK DANCE PARTY

Come to an Israeli Folk Dance Party with **Danny Pollock**, 8:30 p.m., JCC, North Y Branch, upper gym, 4588 Bathurst St. Fun dances taught by Danny, request dancing for intermediate and advanced dancers and door prizes. Price, $7. For more information, call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Sunday, Feb. 13

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Toronto Jewish Film Society continues its season with the screening of the Danish film *Sofie*, 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W. Tickets available at the door, ½ hour before showtime, $6 gallery members; $7 non-members. For information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

Tamid Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, presents Spring Thaw Extravaganza, featuring the fashions of **Enza Unique**, 7 p.m., York Mills Corporate Centre (Yonge at York Mills). Door prizes, refreshments and free indoor parking. Proceeds go to Hadassim Children and Youth Village in Israel. Tickets, $25, can be bought at door, or by calling **Annette**, 481-4578.

JEWISH IMMIGRANT WORKERS

The Morris Winchevsky Community School Adult Education Program presents a talk by **Henry Lowi** on Morris Winchevsky: His Message for Jewish Immigrant Workers, 11 a.m., Winchevsksy centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. A sampling of Winchevsky's poetry and journalistic writings will be read. Public invited. Suggested donation - $3, waged; $1, unwaged.

FASHION FEVER

Sha'aron Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, is holding a Fashion Fever and Boutique Shopping, featuring bridal gowns and accessories, swimsits, designer sportswear, furs and leather, noon to 4 p.m., Richmond Hill Country Club, 8905 Bathurst St. Everyone welcome. For ticket information, call 731-6097 or 449-9191.

SUNDAY BAZAAR

Everything you need under one roof at this one-day bazaar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. No GST or PST. Free admission, free parking.

OHR SOMAYACH LECTURE

Angels and Demons: What Does Judaism Say About Spiritual Entities? is the title of the public lecture by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Public welcome, no charge.

SECULAR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

The Secular Jewish Association Adult Jewish Education series, People Connecting Humanistically, continues with Living and Loving in Harmony: Secular Humanistic Jewish Guidelines for Intimate Relationships, presented by **Eva Goldfinger**,, 10 a.m., 131 Fenn Ave. For reservations, call 731-7066.

Monday, Feb. 14

IF WE ARE WOMEN

National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section is hosting *If We are Women*, by **Joanna Glass**, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. Tickets $36. Reception, 6:15 p.m. at theatre and play, 7:30. For tickets or information call Council House, 633-5100. All proceeds to breast health examination demonstration.

VARIETY SHOW

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is hosting a variety show featuring the Scarborough Showstoppers, 1-3 p.m. in Earl Bales Park Club House. For information, call 395-7881.

ANCIENT JEWISH SECTS

The Continuing Education Committee, Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, continues its winter study program featuring **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum**, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. This evening's topic will be The Pharisees and Sadducees: Origin and History, The Oral Law.

TORAH AND SCIENCE MEET

The Country Shul, Richmond Hill presents nuclear physicist **Dr. Gerald Schroeder** to discuss In the Beginning: Torah and Science Meet to Explain the Origin of Man, 8:30 p.m., at the shul, in the plaza at the northeast corner of Bathurst and Carville. Cost, $3, members; $4, non-members. For information, call **Lisa Marcus**, 764-0832.

ISRAELI PHILATELY

Next meeting of the Canadian Association for Israeli Philately takes place at 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. **Harvey Frankel** will present The Early Social History of European Jewry as Depicted in Postcards. A buy-and-sell period will take place prior to the program. Public welcome. Admission free. For information call **Al Dickstein**, 594-7887.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

COMMON SENSE WEIGHT LOSS

A psychotherapist specializing in weight loss will teach how to conquer weight problems through applied psychology and behavioural techniques, 7-8:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Road. Call 395-5440 to register.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

INTERIOR DESIGN

Women's Canadian ORT, B&P Chapter, presents an evening on home and interior design, 7:30 p.m. For information, call 787-0297.

VILLAGE SHUL AUCTION

Bid and win on such things as 10 days at a baseball camp, five nights in Orlando, a *Show Boat* limousine night or an at-home spa treatment, at the Village Shul's third annual auction, Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. just west of Avenue Rd. Preview and reception, 6:30 p.m.; silent auction; 6:30-7:50 p.m.; traditional auction bidding, 8 p.m. Kosher laws strictly observed. Tickets, $10 per person includes entrance and draw. For information, call 481-2383 or 783-0806.

Thursday, Feb. 17

PARKINSON FOUNDATION MEETING

Toronto chapter of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada invites all Parkinsonians, their families and friends to attend a general meeting, 7:30 p.m., The Intercontinental Hotel, 220 Bloor Street W. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Terry Curran** who will discuss The Medical Profession and Parkinson's. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 222-4232.

INTERCULTURAL COCKTAIL PARTY

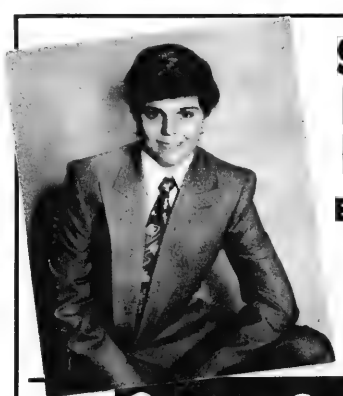
Young Professionals Network, affiliated with the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, is holding its first annual Young Professionals' Intercultural Cocktail Party and is celebrating Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, after work, at Milwaukee's, 26 Lombard St. For information, call 364-3101.

BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, presents Taking Charge by Taking Care, 6-9:30 p.m., a one-on-one breast self-examination program run by professionally trained nurses. Call 633-5100 for a personal appointment.

AIDS AWARENESS

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue's continuing education committee presents AIDS: Reality and Responsibility, a program designed to keep awareness and understanding of the AIDS crisis front and centre in the minds of the Jewish community, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Speakers include **Dr. Philip Berger, June Callwood, Dr. Donna Keystone** as well as a mother who lost her son to AIDs. and a person living with AIDs. Moderator is Paul **Cross**, news director, CHUM radio. For more information, call **Brian Stein**, 923-1515.



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TU B'SHEVAT

Shira Bromberg, a Grade 1 student at United Congregational Schools of Greater Toronto, celebrates Tu b'Shevat at the school's recent Tu b'Shevat seder. [Ziona Rubinsztejn photo]

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Join the Family-to-Family program and help a Russian family discover its Jewish heritage. For more information, call **Selena Kovshoff**, JCC, CIP Office, 636-1880, ext. 261.

APHASIA CENTRE

Volunteer opportunities at the Aphasia Centre, North York, include positions in conversational group work, recreation programs, reception, music program and arts and crafts. The centre is in particular need of volunteers with a social work background for group work, advocacy, resource development and working with individual clients. People also needed to help the fundraiser with the planning and running of special events. Call **Linda**, 226-3636.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Is something else bothering you? Sensitive listeners are available at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line. All Tel-Aide volunteers have taken an extensive training course and are qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Call 636-9610.

PRE-PURIM SHOW

The JCC North Y Branch program department, 4588 Bathurst St., presents crafts, toys, jewelry, clothing, kitchenware, Judaica and more at the pre-Purim vendors how, Sunday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested in being a vendor, call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

CHILDREN'S PURIM PARTY

Club Kadima, Na'amat Canada is having a Purim party for children at the Borochov Centre, 277 Codsell Ave., Sunday, Feb. 20, 1-4 p.m. Loads of fun, magician, singer, prizes and dancing. Children, $6, adults, free. For tickets, call 636-5425.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS DROP-IN

Falstaff Family Centre, 40 Falstaff Ave., holds a drop-in for expectant mothers, Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Open to pregnant women, their partners and mothers with babies up to three months old. Sessions are free and childcare is available. TTC tickets also available. Sponsored by Delta Child Care Network and the North York Public Health Department.

HEART AND STROKE MONTH

During February, an army of Heart and Stroke Foundation volunteers will hit the streets to help raise funds for research and health promotion. Anyone with a few hours to spare this month can help by canvassing their street or building. For more information, call **Kathleen Powe**, area coordinator, North York Chapter, 226-5856.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds free, weekly confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family and Child Service, Wednesdays, Vari Hall, Rm. 2005, York University. Call **Claire**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

The Beach Hebrew Institute, a progressive

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What's New

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Conservative Synagogue serving the needs of the Beaches and downtown communities, welcomes everyone to weekly Shabbat morning services. The synagogue is located at 109 Kenilworth Ave., just south of Queen Street, two blocks east of Woodbine Avenue. For more information about times and other programs, call 694-7942.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN

The ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust meets Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact the Holocaust has had on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**, 630-0164.

PURIM DANCE

Court Ahavas Achem is holding a Purim dessert and dance, Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets, $8 members; $10, non-members. For information, call **Eva**, 636-8323.

NORTH YORK WINTER CARNIVAL

Beat the midwinter blues at North York's 14th annual Winter Carnival, Feb. 11, 12 and 13. The celebration offers everything from free performances and interactive play areas to ski shows, casinos, comedy and more. Children's entertainers include **Markus, Kim** and **Jerry Brodey**, Polkadot Door Live and **Lenny Graf**. Admission free. For information on hours and schedules call the Carnival Hotline, 395-7350.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

KIDNEY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

The Kidney Foundation's fifth annual fashion show fundraiser, Feb. 24 at the Royal York Hotel, includes fashions by **Simon Chang, Harry Rosen** and **Elvira Valley Children's Clothing**, all of which will be modelled by kidney patients. Cocktails and auction raffle, 6 p.m., dinner, 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $100 and money raised helps support medical research into kidney disease, patient services and publication programs. For more information, call **Penny Richards**, 445-0373.

HADASSAH-WIZO, HAMILTON

A Youth Aliyah Dinner will be held, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21, 14 Ravenscliffe Ave. Keynote speaker, **Debbie Mahaffy** will speak on Teenagers Today: An Endangered Species. The minimum pledge is $100 and the couvert is $20. Reserve by calling (905) 522-5537.

Plan to attend Breath of Spring '94, a Gala Fashion Preview, Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Royal Connaught Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel. Tickets, $36 with a $25 tax receipt. Includes wine and cheese, door prizes and an evening of spring fashions. Call (905) 522-5537 for tickets and information.

REENA VOLUNTEERS

Reena, a non-profit, social service agency supporting adults with developmental disabilities, has several volunteer opportunities including homebuddies to visit and help out in one of Reena's many group homes; recreation and leisure volunteers to escort clients to various events or classes and assist class instructors; administrative volunteers to share their office skills. Also needed are people from all walks of life, with a variety of skills to join the Speakers Bureau. For more information, call **Arlene Margolese**, coordinator, Volunteer Services, 787-9554, ext. 3036 or 787-0131.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto is seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Do you have all the answers? Test yourself at the Fourth Annual Trivia Night sponsored by the Toronto Associates Group of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Saturday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. $22 per person with income tax receipt issued for the maximum amount allowed. Refreshments served. To reserve, call 781-3584.

JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

The 20th Biennial National Congress of Jewish Deaf Convention will be held in Canada for the first time, hosted by Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf, August 7-14, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. West. Purpose of the convention is to meet and network with Jewish deaf members, partake in workshops and seminars and share pertinent information. Combination tickets before May 15 cost $150 (US) or $195 (Cdn). After May 15, cost will be $175 (US) or $215 (Cdn). For information, call **Martyn Wayne**, chairperson, (905) 669-2525 (TTY); **Karyn Goldstein**, program co-ordinator, (905) 607-2945 (TTY); **Beverly Anker**, Registration co-ordinator, (416) 496-0372 (TTY); **Bonnie Rittersporn**, interpreter co-ordinator, (416) 789-5667 (V/TTY).

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Adult Education Courses include:

Mondays, Feb. 14 and 21, Promises, Visions and Yearnings: Redemption in Jewish Tradition with instructor **Hilda Weil;**

Tuesdays, Feb. 9 March 15, Hassidism and the Mussar Movement with instructor **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum.**

Wednesdays until June 15, Talmud: Baba Kamma with **Rabbi Mark Dratch;** Wednesday, Feb. 16-March 13, How to Study Mishna: The Pillar of Jewish Law with **Dr. Reena Zeidman**; Thursdays, Feb. 3-June 2, Maimonides with **Rabbi Dr. Bezalel Safran;** Thursdays, Feb. 3-march 17, Judaism; What It's All About with **Rabbi Mark Charendoff.** For more information, call 789-3213.

A MUSICAL FEAST

Enjoy an evening of live music featuring conductor **Srul Irving Glick**, soloist **Dennis Brott** and **Cantor Efraim Sapir**, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue's A Musical Feast, Saturday, Feb. 19, 8:15 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. General admission, $10; students and seniors, $8. Tickets available through the synagogue office, 221-3433.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering a Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Workshop, beginning in February. Topics include loss, realistic expectation, relationships and coping strategies. For information, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800, ext 215.

Other JF&CS groups include Parenting Your Pre-teen (begins Wed. Feb. 23); For Women Only (begins in February); Looking Ahead which deals with coping strategies after separation and divorce (begins March 2); Stress Management (begins Feb. 28). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

at the JCC

Are you interested in finding out more about the story of Purim? Join us for a noon-time learning session, given by **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 12-1 p.m., at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. No charge. For more information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

JCC, North Y Branch is hosting the Eastern Canadian Olympic Weightlifting Championship, Sunday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. featuring male and female lifters in junior, senior and master categories. For information, call **Eva**, 631-5674.

The Bloor Y's Medina Theatre Ensemble is offering a three-hour Improvisational Workshop with **Vrenia Ivonoffski**, a theatre arts instructor, Sunday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., 750 Spadina Ave. Fee for Medina members, $10; non-members, $15. To register, call 924-6211.

Also at the Bloor Y is Israeli dancing every Monday evening, 8 p.m., with instructor **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Beginners and intermediate levels available. Admission, $5. For more information call **Luni**, 924-6211 or **Marco**, (905) 771-0363.

Institute for Jewish Learning is offering Representing the Holocaust with **Norman Ravvin**, at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., Feb. 10. On Feb. 14, Mommy and Me with **Suri Rosen** and **Gail Michalowitz** is at the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. Feb. 15, Chassidism: A Movement of Religious Revival and Revolution with **Rabbi Irwin Witty** is at the North Y. For more information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre is screening a movie, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13. A one-hour health lecture on Wen-do Women's Self Defence takes place Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1:30 p.m. Admission for non-members, $2 at the door. For seating purposes, call 789-5131, ext. 2267 to register, on or before Feb. 14. For information about the lecture, call **Judy Chu**, 789-5131, ext. 2341.

Taylor Place, senior adults centre, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, is sponsoring the Canadian Hearing Society in a discussion of Help for the Hard of Hearing, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to noon. Everyone welcome. To reserve, call 447-7244.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a trip to Arizona for two weeks at the end of February, staying at Embassy Suites Hotel, in Phoenix. There is also a trip planned to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St., B'nai Brith Building. A bingo will be held Feb. 10. For information, call 783-9453 or **Avner**, 771-0250.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club holds weekly Saturday dances in the Community Centre. Next dance is Feb. 12. Sunday, Feb. 13, dance to the music of a live band. A variety show featuring the Scarborough Show Stoppers will be held Monday, Feb. 14, 1-3 p.m. Members, $1. The movie on Wed. Feb. 16 will be *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.* Purim party and dance, Sunday, Feb. 27, $6 members, $7 non-members. All other activities are ongoing. Call 395-7881 for information.

Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.,the club is going to see *Crazy for You* at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. $48 includes transportation. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre, North Y Branch, is having an Israeli Dance Workshop with **Danny Pollock**, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m. in the main dance studio. Tickets, $3. For more information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. North in Hamilton, is having Shabbat in the garden lounge, Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:15 a.m. On Monday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m., **Rabbi Bernard Baskin** will speak.

Healthy Living Program for Seniors, Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave., presents Coping with Depression, presented by public health nurse **Annie Levitan** of the North York Public Health Department, Friday, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute is featuring a music appreciation program entitled From Liszt to Debussy, with pianist **Mildred Benett**, Mondays, Feb. 14 to March 7 at 1 p.m.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture Series presents Oy, My Aching Feet, with chiropodist **Leah Papernick**, who will discuss foot care and how to look after the body's most basic support system, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m.

The Wellness Centre series also presents Healthy Cooking, a series of cooking lessons with **Sharon Zeller,** highlighting low-fat, high-fibre ways to make food flavorful, Tuesdays, Feb. 8, 15 and March 1 and 8, 20-3 p.m. Admission free. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Centre.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural Club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

GERIATRIC DAY

Mount Sinai Hospital recently hosted a Geriatric Day to kick off an education program on how best to care for the elderly both in hospital and in the community. Front row, from left: Susan Chernin, institutional advocate, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly and Jean McCartney. Back row, from left: Joan MacKenzie Davies, executive director of Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers and Dr. Michael Gordon.

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Associated choir joins Tu b'Shevat festivities

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Despite hazardous ice and sleet conditions, more than 350 people showed up at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue to celebrate Tu b'Shevat on Jan. 27. The community celebration was part of week-long activities sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Toronto.

Getting the evening off to a festive start, the Associated Hebrew School's choir, under the direction of Yehudah Gilden, performed a medley of spirited songs honoring nature and the State of Israel.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of the synagogue, spoke on the significance of Tu b'Shevat and he read portions of a Tu b'Shevat seder with those in attendance participating in the readings. The choir participated in the rabbi's presentation.

"Today, we come together to reaffirm our bond with the land of Israel and rejoice in its rebirth," said Rabbi Kelman. "Tu b'Shevat, Rosh Hashanah La'ilanot marks the awakening of nature after its winter slumber. As we celebrate this seder, we renew our pledge to share in the rebuilding of Medinat Yisrael and make the desert bloom." The JNF, he said, which was established many, many years ago, "has made Israel a country of greenery — a land of milk and honey."

Tu b'Shevat, said the rabbi, teaches us one of the most fundamental lessons of Jewish life and life in general, "that what we do today could have beneficial results tomorrow, next year and years to come and that the planting of seeds and trees is an act of faith."

Patricia Alpert, the president of Toronto JNF, thanked JNF's Tu b'Shevat co-chairs, Barry Ganz and Brenda Cooper, and the staff and volunteers who helped make the celebrations a success.

The featured guest performer was Shelly Ovdat, an Israeli singer who has entertained at international congresses and conferences in Israel and represented Israel at international song festivals. Her repertoire, which reflected a mixture of cultures and traditions, included well-known Israeli and Yiddish folk songs. The audience, people of all ages, from two to 92, participated in the freilich sing-song bringing Jerusalem and Israel to the celebration.

Other Tu b'Shevat activities in the community sponsored by the JNF included a youth celebration at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) North in conjunction with Zionist Youth Movements and JCC, a community telethon featured on the *Zelda Young Show* on radio, an Oneg Shabbat at Solel Congregation in Mississauga, celebrations at York, University of Toronto and Ryerson.

Amy Manson (middle) takes part in Tu b'Shevat festivities with her parents Richard and Gilah and brother David.

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Slavens appointed president of Jerusalem Foundation board

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Businessman Paul Slavens was recently appointed president of the Toronto board of directors of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada by Charles Bronfman, the honorary chair. The Foundation's Canadian head office is located in Montreal.

At an inaugural meeting at the Primrose Club in Toronto, Slavens told *The CJN* that as a result of the peace process, "Jerusalem, the eternal city, has taken on even more importance." He explained that the goal of the new Toronto board is to expand the Foundation's mission of improving Jerusalem's social, educational and cultural life.

For more than 25 years, Slavens has been actively involved in communal organizations including the United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds, Hebrew University, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Canadian architect Jack Diamond, who has designed many innovative buildings in North America, as well as the new City Hall in Jerusalem, was the guest of honor.

The Jerusalem Foundation was founded in 1966 by Teddy Kollek, the former mayor of Jerusalem. Slavens said that the Foundation has played a central role in the renaissance of Jerusalem. "Since its inception, the Foundation has successfully initiated more than 1,300 projects in Jerusalem, many of them ongoing — everything from beautification to community service, to culture and the preservation of Jerusalem's historical and religious sites, to the greening of Jerusalem and educational imperatives."

Manny Batshaw, the Foundation's national president, gave an overview of the activities of the Foundation. He said, "Jerusalem, because of its character and demography, is a poor city economically." He explained that Jerusalem has a low tax base since there is so little industry and its population is made up largely of civil servants, academics and religious functionaries, and the city was ravaged by wars and neglect.

"Jerusalem's beauty needed to be restored," said Batshaw. "Today, you literally can't walk anywhere in Jerusalem without being the beneficiary of some aspect of the work being done by the Foundation." He noted that the Hurva Synagogue in the Old Jewish Quarter, which was destroyed in the riots of 1948, the Damascus Gate restoration and the operation of a program within the Cultural Centre for Soviet Jews were funded by Canadian donors.

One of the newer projects, he added, is the Teddy Kollek stadium, a 1,200 seat stadium which will allow Jerusalem to host world class events.

Paul Slavens (left), new president of the Toronto board of the Jerusalem Foundation, is seen with Charles Bronfman, honorary Foundation chair.

"The Foundation is more than bricks and mortar," Batshaw said. "The Foundation's goal is to make life in Jerusalem better — better for those who have always lived there, for those who visit, and for those who are newly arrived."

He added that projects, such as Ein Yael — the living museum — create conditions where Jews and Arabs can live together side by side.

Slavens recognized the contributions of Miriam Isenberg, a transportation lawyer, who along with her clients, is donating a playground for handicapped children, and Ellie Korenblum and her family who have donated a parkette in memory of her father and donated seven sculptures done by both Israeli and new immigrant sculptors.

A recent CBC video with Adrienne Clarkson on Diamond's Jerusalem City Hall project was viewed. It describes the design and construction of the two new buildings, 11 old ones that have been restored and the sqaure designed for 15,000 people.

Diamond said that "one of the things that is so exceptional in a time of enormous stress and stringent and terribly tight means" is that Israelis aspire to create biblical parks and tennis courts "that will foster good relations between Arabs and Jews in poor districts." He praised those who have given their support "in the most exceptional way," adding he thinks "that making a great example of being good custodians augers well for a united and diverse Jerusalem."

Israeli Consul Dror Zeigerman thanked Diamond for his efforts in Jerusalem saying, "I understand he is going to continue some projects in Israel."

He said that one of the projects is a joint venture with Palestinian and Jewish investment and that Shimon Peres discussed the project with Yasser Arafat at their last meeting in Geneva. Zeigerman later told *The CJN* that this first project will be to build hospitals in the West Bank.

"Without the Jerusalem Foundation," said Zeigerman, "Jerusalem would not be united — and one of the most important aims is that Jerusalem will continue to be united and the capital of the State of Israel." He made a special presentation on behalf of the Foundation to Diamond for "his exceptional creative achievements and his dedication and love for Jerusalem."

Connie Putterman, co-chair with Glenn Gold of the New Leadership Group (NGL) of the Foundation, which was formed three years ago, spoke of the goals of the group which include fundraising, outreach to the Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders and presenting social functions that will attract new young leadership. The NLG has raised more than $34,000 for a children's playground in a poor neighborhood in the west end of Jerusalem.

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Organizations and People

Torah, science exist in harmony, says Schroeder

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If you find a conflict between science and Torah, you either don't understand science, or you don't understand Torah.

Maimonides made this statement in about 1160 CE, in his *Guide for the Perplexed*, and Dr. Gerald Schroeder devotes himself to proving, writing about and teaching the truth of this philosophy.

Few can be as eminently qualified as Schroeder, who received his PhD in oceanography and nuclear physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, taught and did research there, witnessed the detonation of atomic bombs, and, after making aliyah in 1971, researched and taught at the Weizmann Institute and the Volcani Institute.

Feeling he had, as he puts it, "paid his dues to science," he began to study Torah, with noted scholars Rabbi Herman Pollack and Rabbi Chaim Brovender, and at Aish HaTorah.

"I felt my main interest was no longer there [in science]. I was most interested in finding the harmony between science and Torah."

In 1992, he left the scientific community to teach and write full time. He is now associated with Aish HaTorah. He was in Toronto to lecture for Aish HaTorah, as well as to several day schools.

His excitement about his new field of study is palpable.

"We are so lucky to live now, when science is moving ahead so much. It is only in the past 60 years that scientific discoveries have forced science to move toward Torah."

The most obvious example, Schroeder told *The CJN*, is the story of creation.

The Torah, he said, describes in Genesis that creation occurred from nothing, and was marked by the beginning of time, space and matter.

It was only in the 1960s and 70s, he said, that using the laws of physics, especially Einstein's laws of relativity, the scientific world accepted the so-called Big Bang theory, a theory in essence that proves the biblical account of creation is true.

Nachmanides, Schroeder said, pointed out in 1260 CE that the account of the beginning of creation ends with "And there was evening, and there was morning, one day." Every other day was described in comparative terms, as the second day, the third day and so on.

"The term 'day one' is an absolute statement. It marked the creation of time. There is nothing to compare it to."

Life, according to the Torah, began on the third day of creation, immediately after the creation of water.

In the 1970s, Schroeder said, microfossils were discovered, the first fossil life. They showed scientifically that life, indeed, appeared immediately after water.

The key to understanding our calender, which seems at first glance to contradict the six days of creation talked about in the Torah, is to realize that the calender begins, not at the first day, but with the creation of Adam, near the end of the sixth day, and follows the generations of his descendents, bringing the Jewish calender to 5754, he said.

The previous nearly six days, Schroeder said, which correspond to "what every museum in the world calls pre-history," are "outside of time."

The Torah sages say each day of creation was 24 hours long. Einstein's law of relativity, Schroeder said, says that when you measure an event of time, the amount of time you experience depends on the gravity and velocity of your location relative to where you are observing the event.

In other words, you measure time according to where you are in the universe.

The six days before Adam, he said, couldn't be six days of earth time, "because there was no earth yet" and the only valid calculation would be one that embraces the whole cosmos.

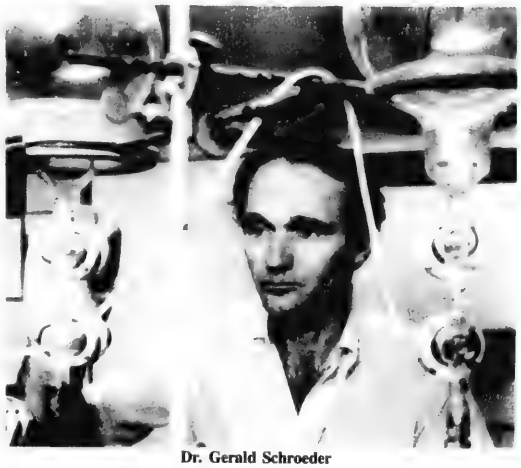
According to the laws of physics, Schroeder said, the clock that operates under the influence of the whole universe would tick so slowly that in the time it would record six 24-hour days of cosmic time, earth would experience 16 billion years.

The book of Psalms recognizes this, Schroeder said, quoting Psalm 90, verse 4, where G-d says "For a thousand years in thy sight are but like yesterday when it is past."

The creation of Adam and Eve, coincides with the beginning of writing, the beginning of commerce and the development of cities.

Writing began, according to archeological findings, in the city of Urk in Mesopotamia, between 5,000 and 6,000 years ago. The first writing, Schroeder said, dealt with commerce, which was necessary because of the division of labor that came about between those who lived in the cities and those who lived in the country.

And why did big cities appear just then? Schroeder has what he admits is his own theory — that with the appearance of the neshama, the soul that G-d gave to Adam and Eve, creatures became human, and in their humanity wanted human contact.



Dr. Gerald Schroeder

Schroeder flatly denies fundamentalist claims that dinosaurs couldn't have existed because they do not fit into the six days of creation.

In the first place, the 16 billion years that stretched before the creation of man left plenty of time for other creatures, he said.

But even more to the point, Genesis 1:21 says that G-d created hataninim hagedolim (great animals).

But Exodus describes how Moses' stick, when he threw it before Pharoh, became a tanin. Five verses later, when G-d retells the story, He used the word nahash for the stick. Nahash, says Schroeder, means snake, and since the two words are obviously tied together, the taninim referred to both here and in Genesis must mean reptile.

And what were dinosaurs but huge reptiles?

Schroeder's book, *Genesis and the Big Bang: The Discovery of Harmony Between Modern Science and the Bible*, was published in 1990 by Bantam Books.

Chocolate Sunday draws record Victoria crowd

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A record-breaking 5,500 (for Victoria) people were on hand for Hadassah-WIZO's third annual Chocolate Sunday, held recently in the Conference Centre here.

Some of those attending lined up for as much as an hour to get into the event, at $5 per person, which included a wide variety of samples from various chocolate manufacturers.

Actually, Chocolate Sunday was a three-day affair, opening on Friday with a display of chocolate sculptures at the Empress Hotel done by some of the city's leading sculptors. The sculptures were auctioned off the next night at a gala dinner at the Empress attended by 250. Dinner tickets were $85 per person.

The gala dinner menu featured seven courses, all with chocolate in one form or another. Los Angeles La Patina chef, Bruno Feldstein, supervised preparation of the meal.

Another feature was the appearance of Toronto actor Al Waxman as master of ceremonies at the dinner. Waxman, who attended shul on the Shabbat morning, said Hadassah-WIZO is a "worthwhile" charity and he was pleased to make the special trip here to participate in the event. He was supposed to have stayed over until Monday night to speak at a meeting at the Jewish Community Centre but had to get back to Toronto because he was in the midst of shooting a Paramount movie, *Once a Cop*.

Waxman said he has been in show biz for over 40 years and told a *Times-Colonist* reporter that "if I'm still in this business when I get to 62 (he's 58 now) I've been doing it for 50 years. That would be nice."

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Israeli organization helps country's neediest families

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One might think that being head midwife at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek hospital would keep Rachel Chalkowski busy enough.

After all, delivering over 25,000 babies is no mean feat.

But Chalkowski, nicknamed Bambi, from her maiden name of Bamberger, spends considerable time with her other love, Besiyua Mishpachot Beruchot Yeladim, called BAMBI for short, an organization that raises money to help some of Israel's neediest families.

The correlation between the two names is no accident.

In Toronto as part of a North American fundraising tour, Chalkowski told *The CJN* that during the Yom Kippur War, people from Lucerne called and asked her how they could help Israel in its time of trial.

"I told them that there were families who, for many different reasons, needed help, and they should raise money for that. I also told them that once they started, they shouldn't stop when the war ends."

The enterprise began in a small way, with three needy families receiving $100 (US) a month. The original supporters brought in people from other cities in Switzerland, from Belgium, Italy and England, and other European cities.

A few years later, when the list of families being helped had risen to 40, Rabbi Eli Munk, a noted scholar, suggested the organization become more official, and BAMBI, named in Chalkowski's honor (the full name was derived from the acronym, not the other way around) was incorporated as a non-profit charity organization.

(*CJN* readers may remember an article about Rabbi Munk's activities in England during World War II, when his home in London became a way station for young Jewish girls being smuggled out of Germany to America).

The organization spread throughout Europe, and, 12 years ago, came to the United States and Canada.

BAMBI raises funds by holding parlor meetings once or twice a year in such cities as Lakewood, Brooklyn, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Toronto and Montreal.

Montreal BAMBI has a unique way to collect money. Girls from the local Beth Jacob and Belz high schools canvas given streets every Rosh Chodesh.

"These girls raise nearly $1,000 a month for us," Chalkowski said.

Some 450 families are now helped by the organization. But the recipients don't necessarily remain the same.

Many have managed quite well on their own, until a catastrophic illness or family situation hits. A mother may be ill and the family needs help hired help, a child may be ill and the medical bills are horrific, a father may lose his job.

When things get better for them, they are taken off the list and replaced.

Others remain for a very long time, like when someone in the family has a chronic debilitating illness or condition.

Social service agencies or school social workers are often the referring body. Chalkowski explained that there is always a liaison person, who explains the need and indicates when the family situation has returned to normal.

This liaison, Chalkowski said, may also recommend that instead of a straight gift of cash, the family would be better served by purchases of food or having their bills paid directly.

There is a waiting list for BAMBI's help, and Chalkowski says the need is growing, with more people in real poverty.

"Social services are very low, there are many new immigrants, some are poor for the second generation, there are widows, widowers, divorced, one-parent families."

BAMBI in Canada is a tax-deductable charity.

For more information, contact in Toronto, Miriam Hendler, 789-2033, or Chaya Schon, 789-4468, or write 629 York Hill Blvd., Thornhill, L4J 5L9.

Earthquake fund launched

NEW YORK — As an immediate response to the devastating earthquake that struck Los Angeles Monday, the Council of Jewish Federation has established the CJF Earthquake Emergency Fund.

Contributions should be sent to CJF, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

As information arrives from Los Angeles about the extent of the damage and short and long-term needs, additional action will be considered, said CJF president Maynard Wishner.

In response to other natural disasters, in the past year CJF has established the CJF Miami Hurricane Relief Fund and the CJF Midwest Flood Relief Fund.

The CJF Earthquake Emergency Fund works with local Federation emergency relief in co-ordinating a national response.

Cancer fighter dies of disease

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the first Israeli scientific exhibition.

On her return to Israel, she spent two years as a lecturer and researcher at the Hebrew University. There she met her second husband, the English engineering consultant Alexander Himsley. They were married in Israel in 1957. The family came to Canada where Alex worked on uranium mine projects. He died of cancer six years ago.

After their arrival in Canada, Farkas-Himsley took a position at the University of Toronto on the advice of Charles Best, Nobel laureate for his discovery of insulin. She began researching the effect of bacteriocins — a protein produced by bacteria — on viral-infected cells. These proteins, called anti-cancer proteins (ACP), can also be used to diagnose cancer in its early stages.

Farkas-Himsley worked with researchers at the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children, the Mount Sinai Hospital and Women's College Hospital in Toronto, and with the Weizmann Institute and the Hadassah Medical Centre in Israel.

She worked with Schachter on a patient study at the research centre at Women's College Hospital and at the Ontario Cancer Institute with tumor biologist Dr. Richard Hill.

Farkas-Himsley is survived by her daughters who live in Jerusalem; Leorah Kroyanker, a museum curator married to David Kroyanker; Ruth Geva, a criminologist married to Yehuda Geva; and four grandchildren, Eyal (who is in the Israeli army) and Sharon Kroyanker, and Tamar and Michal Geva.

To perpetuate her memory and her accomplishments in the field of microbiology, family and friends have established the Hannah Farkas-Himsley Fund in the Department at the University of Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Sportsman Ungerman enjoys helping kids

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Irving Ungerman remembers the moment well. It was 1965, the scene was Madison Square Garden and his protégé, the Great White Hope from Canada, George Chuvalo, was about to square off against Floyd Patterson in a fight card for the ages.

On the line was the WBA heavyweight championship and a capacity crowd was on hand to witness the event.

Ungerman, Chuvalo's manager, was standing in his fighter's corner participating in the pre-fight hoopla that he could barely have imagined when as a scrawny kid in Toronto's Junction area he put on his first pair of boxing gloves.

A who's who of boxing greats including Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Tony Galento, Rocky Marciano and Sugar Ray Robinson all entered the ring, greeted the fighters *and their managers* and acknowledged the appreciative crowd.

For Ungerman, it was the ultimate sporting dream come true, meeting the idols he had followed for many years. Unfortunately, the second part of the evening — the bout itself — wasn't so successful. Although he was tough as nails and could take a punch, Chuvalo couldn't defeat Patterson.

While Ungerman counts that night as the pinnacle of his involvement in the fight game, these days he's much more likely to change the conversation's direction and point to his involvement in charitable causes as giving him the greatest satisfaction.

A longtime supporter of the Reena Foundation, Mount Sinai Hospital, Maccabi Canada, the Salvation Army and even the Santa Claus Parade, Ungerman says helping youth and giving something back to the community are an ingrained part of his character.

It's something he got from his father, Isaac, who used to say (in Yiddish) that you've got to do things while you're alive, Ungerman said. "He was a very charitable man," he continued, providing food from his poultry business even when people couldn't pay for it.

Ungerman, 71, believes he is continuing that family tradition today and he has developed a reputation as a can-do guy whose ability to promote a cause and raise funds can help charitable institutions thrive.

About 12 years ago, he responded for a call to help the Santa Claus Parade and he remains a key part of the volunteer corps which makes each year's event a success.

He has helped the Reena Foundation, he says, "because it's kids, the mentally handicapped;" his synagogue, the Beth Sholom; the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Israel; the Salvation Army; and, of course, Maccabi Canada have all been the beneficiaries of Ungerman's efforts.

The Maccabi organization has a spot near and dear to his heart, he readily acknowledges. He's been involved with the Jewish sporting organization since Alex Fisher brought him on board as a fundraiser in 1969 and he's attended every one of the quadrennial games since then.

"I believe in Israel," Ungerman says. "I'm a proud Jewish boy and if I can help any kid. . . get closer to Israel, I'll do it."

A Maccabi Resource Centre at the north branch of the Jewish Community Centre bears his name, he notes with pride.

Although nowadays Jewish youngsters interested in sports have many outlets for their energy, when he was growing up things were a lot different.

After the family (which included five boys and two girls) moved from Kensington to the Junction in 1934, Ungerman found himself in a tough neighborhood whose young residents didn't always take kindly to Jews.

He recalls a soccer game in which an anti-Semitic youth kicked him on the shins when the ball was nowhere in sight and he remembers being hit on the head with school books by other kids. That sort of treatment prompted him to take up boxing at the Carlton Central Y.

Ungerman says he enjoyed being in the ring "because I felt I didn't want to get pushed around. I was forced to stand up to the guys."

In 1939 at age 17, Ungerman won the city championship as a scrawny but scrappy 105-pounder.

During his six years in the Air Force during World War II, he continued to box and was known as Kid Ungy (one contemporary ad referred to him and other boxers as "mitt-slingers").

When he was discharged in 1945 he joined his father in the poultry business and helped build it up into a substantial wholesale/retail enterprise in the city's west end.

Irving Ungerman

It was thanks to poultry that Ungerman met that eventual pug, Chuvalo. But when he first saw him, Chuvalo was a harmless child in a carriage whose mother worked in the Ungerman's poultry plant.

In 1962, when Chuvalo was still a young fighter, Ungerman became his manager and began setting up matches for the up-and-coming star. After he won a major bout against Doug Jones, the number two contender at the time, Chuvalo entered the big time.

Ungerman's big break came when he co-operated with promoter Bob Arum to book a Cassius Clay (later, Muhammad Ali) and Ernie Terrell fight at Maple Leaf Gardens. But because Ali was being blackballed for his stand against the Vietnam War, Terrell backed down and Ungerman got Chuvalo to take his place.

It was a memorable fight in which Chuvalo went 12 rounds with the champ, but lost. Both fighters took a beating and when it was all over, Ali said he couldn't believe Chuvalo was still standing.

Since that time, Ungerman's ties with Arum have paid off handsomely as he has repeatedly obtained the rights to present closed circuit fights in Canada.

Nevertheless, Ungerman admits he's become disillusioned with the fight game today. It's not the sport it used to be — there aren't the big names like Ali, Frazier and Norton fighting anymore, and some prominent U.S. promoters are harming the sport's image.

While Ungerman is best known for his involvement in the manly art of pugilism — he was recently named to the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame — he says "there are two sides to my life. They think I'm a rough and tough boxer but there's a sentimental side to me too. I've collected art since I was into boxing."

Nevertheless, for most people who've followed the world of sport, its Ungerman's involvement in the fight game combined with his interest in Maccabi that spring most readily to mind. And the man who has accompanied the Maccabiah team to Israel repeatedly in the last 24 years is looking forward to this summer when he will again make the trip to the Jewish state where he will be inducted into the prestigious hall of fame.

Israeli hockey players to train in Andorra

TORONTO — Andorra is the land of snow-capped mountains, lush valleys, picturesque villages and, of course, rink rats.

If the tiny Principality of Andorra, situated in the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain, does not strike anyone as a hockey mecca, the Israeli national team is planning to erase that impression.

The boys in blue and white are planning an eight-day training camp in Andorra in early March, just before they head south to Barcelona to participate in the International Ice Hockey Federation Division C championships. There, they will take to the ice against teams from South Africa, Australia, Spain and Belgium in the hopes of improving their dismal showing at last year's tournament in Bled, Slovenia.

Changes in the tournament format mean that Israel (and other hockey lesser-lights) will not have to take on pro outfits iced by Latvia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan as they did last year.

Furthermore, head coach Gideon Lee is hoping that the Slovenia shellacking will serve as "a wake up call" to the team and prod them into coming to the tournament in better shape and with a business-like attitude.

Lee, who recently returned from evaluation camps in Israel, said he expects this year's edition of the national team to be be somewhat better than last year's model, which didn't win a game. Goaltending should be stronger with the addition of an oleh who used to play Junior A hockey in the Soviet Union, while Ward Parson, a native of Vancouver who holds an Israeli passport, is expected to join the team as well.

Overall, however, it should be the same cast of characters that competed in Bled, but with the expectation that they will boost their level of play. The Israeli-based players have been given an exercise program that they are expected to follow and they are practising twice a week.

Lee said the team will benefit from financial allocations from Israel's sports lottery but the team is still operating on a shoestring. It is badly in need of equipment, particularly shoulder and elbow pads, blue helmets, gloves, a goalie mask, sticks and even two pairs of skates.

In addition, Lee points out it's not too late for those holding Israeli passports to try out for the team.

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St-Urbain's Montreal-style bagels hot stuff in Toronto

A bagel is a bagel is a bagel, right? Wrong! As any bagel lover will tell you, some bagels are chewier than others, moister than others, sweeter than others, or just plain **better** than others – good enough, in their opinion, to travel a little further for.

After seven years of baking Montreal-style bagels in Thornhill, St-Urbain Bagel Bakery has recently expanded to open a new shop at 895 Eglinton Avenue West, just west of Bathurst. This is good news for both Montrealers craving a taste of home and Torontonians who have grown to love the chewy, sweet bagels.

Owners Bernie Good and Eric Bailis (Good hails from Ottawa, Bailis is from Montreal) met several years ago while working in an accounting office. They decided to go into business together and bought the existing Thornhill Bakery. They expanded the bakery's selection to include a fridge full of lox, cheeses and spreads to top their bagels.

Bagels hand-rolled and baked in wood-burning oven

What makes Montreal-style bagels different from Toronto bagels? The recipe is low sodium; there is no salt in them. The bagels are all hand-rolled, then boiled in water with a bit of honey. According to Good, this "gives a nice shine and a little bit of sweetness to them." The bagels are then baked in a large wood-burning brick oven.

The reasons why Montreal-style bagels seem to have become indigenous to Montreal are unknown. Possibly years ago, the laws against wood-burning stoves in Toronto were stricter. Whatever the reason, a definite bagel culture has evolved that is unique to each city. People tend to be quite opinionated about their preferred bagels. Good observes that "for a lot of ex-Montrealers [the shop] brings back a lot of memories of Saturday night at the bagel shop."

Many varieties

The Eglinton shops has a selection of sandwiches and coffee to go, in addition to salmon spreads and cheeses. This shop is the third location for St-Urbain; their second location opened in the St. Lawrence Market two years ago.

Their variety of bagels has something for everyone. It includes plain, poppy, sesame, cinnamon raisin, whole wheat, 7-grain, pumpernickel and onion. In addition to bagels, they have a selection of breads and rolls, such as challah, 7-grain bread, whole wheat bread and onion rolls. Knishes are another delicious specialty, with potato, mushroom and pizza rounding out the menu. For those with a sweet tooth, there are tempting cheese bagelach, danishes and cakes.

"People are fanatical about bagels," exclaims Good. Some bring back bagels from Montreal – in Toronto, others drive half an hour for them.

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Spectacular setting

The main dining hall is, quite simply, remarkable. Sculptured 48-foot ceilings tower over the beige-and-earth-toned tile floor. Four massive skylights (each 20' x 20') leave the entire room bathed in natural light. (Which is good news for the dozen or so natural palm trees dotting the dining room floor!) Four majestic chandeliers supply ample lighting when the sun sets.

The room is skirted by massive Roman columns and banked with exquisite semicircular enclaves which, together with the central seating arrangements, allow the room to accommodate 1,000 people comfortably. Yet a party of 20 can dine intimately (you have to see it!).

The main dining area is overlooked by a balcony-style reception area some 25 feet above, where guests can lounge comfortably prior to the main event.

Built in 1929 and renovated in 1987, the dining hall spans two floors of the old Bay building on Queen street.

A spectacular setting demands equally spectacular cuisine, and HBC delivers with exquisite and eclectic menus prepared by highly skilled chefs from all culinary backgrounds. Delightful surprises abound. For example, a standard 7-course meal offers cream of watercress with pecans, bibb and endive salad with balsamic vinaigrette, rosettes of veal in a light peppercorn sauce, parisienne potatoes, asparagus tips & roast red pepper strips, chocolate tiramisu, tea and coffee for only $38. Another selection consists of mushroom & vermouth soup, spinach salad with pine nuts, rock cornish game hen, wild rice, medley of fresh vegetables, raspberry sherbert, tea and coffee for only $30.95.

Custom menu requests are always welcome and will be expertly accommodated.

From traditional dishes through fabulous fresh desserts and pastries prepared on the premises, you and your guests will enjoy the fruits of the chefs' expertise. Even the hors d'oeuvres–an afterthought at many functions–are special enough to have generated a demand in their own right.

Competitive prices

With the magnificent setting and fine cuisine, you might expect to pay more. But prices are "competitive – and of course there's the "comfort zone" of dealing with The Bay," says Catering Manager Robert Dearing.

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When the new ballroom at Hank's Diner opens in March, the hall will be able to accomodate every type of party from casual to the most formal events.

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When clients come to Hank's to book a party, they are assured of good service, fabulous food and the professional advice necessary for an A1 event. Theme parties are their specialty, and owner Peter Andreakos and his professional staff can help turn out delightful parties with such themes as baseball, hockey, Star Trek or western. "We did a 40th birthday party that had everyone come in costume. It was terrific," says Peter.

He says kids are thrilled when they come into a baseball party and receive a baseball cap, T-shirt or boxer shorts as a souvenir. "We help arrange everything from the decorations and party favors to the disc jockeys."

When it comes to the food, Peter is an expert. He knows kids love finger foods and with that in mind, he offers an array of appetizers such as chicken fingers, chicken wings, spring rolls, cold cuts and meat balls. A vegetarian menu could consist of pizza, vegetable-and-cheese lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread and veggie trays. Hosts have a choice of a sit-down dinner or a buffet and those who wish can bring in individual kosher meals.

Desserts are not forgotten at Hank's and most buffets contain luscious cheesecakes, delicious chocolate cakes and mouth-watering fruit trays and ice cream. If the hosts desire a specialty cake, the staff can recommend a bakery.

"For more formal events we make everything from fish to pasta to gourmet beef and chicken dishes, various desserts and try to accommodate most requests. We really are very flexible when it comes to our menu. We also assure our hosts that they will never run out of food. We offer a set price and everything is unlimited from the food to the drinks. We prepare food until every guest has had enough."

Peter says his parties have always been such a success that most people come in on referrals. He gets about five calls a day and already has bookings for 1995.

"Not only are the parties fun and the food good, but hosts like the fact that functions at Hank's are strictly private. The restaurant is closed on weekends so when a party is on, the whole place is 100 per cent their own."

In addition to affairs at the hall, Hank's also does at-home catering and has lunch service at the diner. A cocktail party at home could include spring rolls, spinach-and-cheese pies, stuffed mushroom caps, meatballs or party sandwiches. "Again, we are very flexible. People just have to give us a call, and we can get together and discuss the budget and type of food requested. We do everything we can to give the best party possible."

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It's for this reason that the organization is continually attracting women of all ages.

R. Garbe

"We are planning a wonderful spring membership event for prospective new members. One of our target groups is women in their 20s and 30s who are daughters and daughters-in-law of members," says Garbe.

Garbe says members are happy and fulfilled. They find personal growth through participation in fundraising events and leadership workshops. Friendships established often last a lifetime.

Is this truth or fiction?

Just ask Natalie Rashkovan. In her 20s, she is married and pregnant with her first child due in February. She is also president of Lev Zahav Chapter, a 3-year-old chapter which boasts 40 members all under the age of 30. Another unique feature is that it is evenly split between Torontonians and ex-Montrealers like Rashkovan and the friend with whom she first joined 2½ years ago.

N. Rashkovan

Rashkovan, employed at Baycrest Centre, joined the organization as a newcomer to Toronto primarily to socialize but says she has always been involved in the Jewish community.

"My parents planted within me the need to give back to the community. This has been part of my personal development. Hadassah-WIZO has fulfilled many of my needs including leadership skills. It enriches my life. It's almost like a second family and gives me a sense of belonging. I like it that this organization gives to Israel.

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TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO

Kosher doesn't cost more at the Wok 'N Deli

People who insist on keeping kosher are accustomed to paying more for their food, and are more than willing to make this small sacrifice. In the Jewish community at large, however, there are many who don't necessarily keep kosher and would like to dine at a kosher restaurant but are deterred by the cost.

New window of opportunity to try kosher dining

The recently opened and instantly popular **Wok 'N Deli** Glatt Kosher Restaurant at 441 Clark Avenue West in Thornhill has provided these people with a new window of opportunity. Unlike other glatt kosher restaurants whose prices would be considered high by regular restaurant standards, the Wok 'N Deli offers many exciting dishes whose prices compare favourably with those of any restaurant.

The purpose, says partner Malcolm Manricks, is twofold. "First of all, we rejected the premise that glatt kosher has to cost substantially more. My partners and I felt that if we offered the community the best of everything at reasonable prices, our volume would more than offset the shortfall in menu prices. The response to date has proved us right."

Second of all, he says, "though our main clientele is the kosher community, we wanted to allow those who don't normally keep kosher to try kosher dining. The old excuse that kosher restaurants are too expensive is not valid here."

A perusal of the menu certainly bears out his claim. The Chicken Avocado Club, a deli favourite, is a meal in itself at only $5.95. The Wok 'N Deli Burger, another popular item, goes for $6.95. (Both are served with fries). If pasta is your preference, try the succulent Fettucine Primavera served with julienne of zucchini,

Fabulous fettucine primavera

broccoli, and cauliflower in a fresh herbal sauce for only $8.25. From the Wok, an Oriental Pepper Steak goes down nicely at $5.50, as does the spicy Hunan Beef with chinese mushrooms at $5.95. For dessert, the Chocolate Kahlua Cake with hazelnut cream at $3.25 is so addictively good you'll probably ask to have it taken off the menu for your own protection – after you've been sure to order the last piece, of course.

Manricks and his partners, Rabbi A. J. Eisenberger, Mendy Goldman and Joe Elmaleh, also own and operate Regal Kosher Caterers at 3710 Chesswood Drive. Since its inception in September, Regal has gained a reputation as a glatt kosher caterer of choice for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and other special occasions.

Decor-wise, the Wok 'N Deli has received raves for its art deco dining room and unique neon-ringed ceiling. Highly colourful yet dignified, it's fun for the kids and pleasant for adults.

Kids' special offers choice of 5 filling favourites

Speaking of kids, children 10 and under can order a junior burger, crispy chicken wings, corned beef sandwich, jumbo hot dog, or chicken fingers with fries and a soft drink for only $2.99. That's the kind of pricing that allows the whole family to dine out together. What better way to enjoy the kosher experience?

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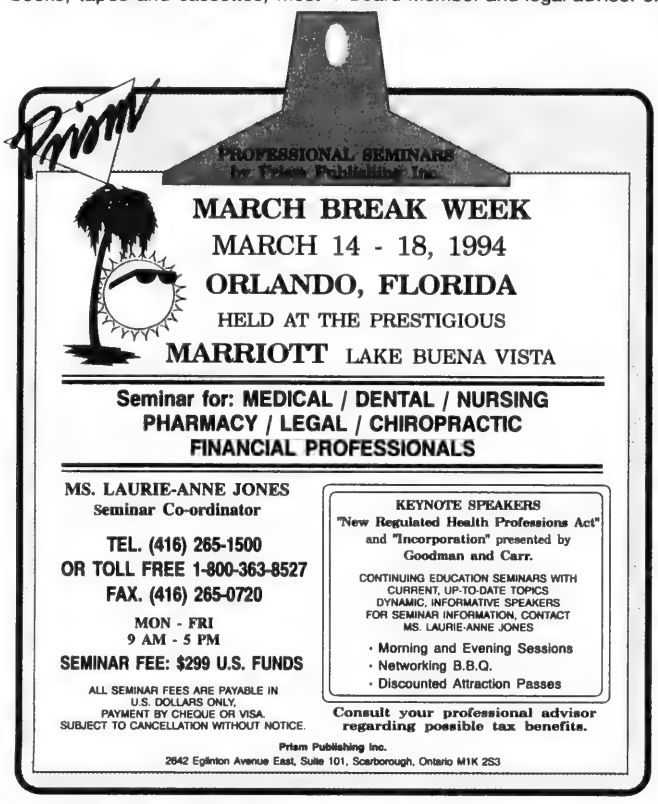
Barry is the vice-president of Toronto Men's ORT, and both a Board Member and legal advisor of Canadian ORT. Besides an extensive background in law, he has experience in preparing educational conferences. He also does the Law Show for Rogers Cable, whose purpose is to demystify legal issues by presenting them in a way the public can enjoy and understand. Ms. Jones has a background in health sciences and medical education, and in organizing conferences in North America. In 1992, her skills were used to set up an independent branch of PRISM exclusively to organize seminars for professionals.

PRISM Publishing is promoting an interdisciplinary conference on the new Regulated Health Professions Act, or RHP, which the Ontario Legislature passed in December 1993. This new Act will dramatically affect not only Physicians, but Dentists and other Health Care professionals as well. The conference highlights how doctors and dentists can protect themselves in a new, more regulated working environment.

This event is a chance to combine a conference with a vacation. It will take place March 14 - March 18, at the MARRIOTT World Centre in Orlando, Florida, about one mile from Disneyworld. The seminar fee is an inexpensive $299.00 U.S., which is also tax deductible. Hotel rates include two bedrooms of more than 1,000 square feet for $155.00 U.S. per night. Discounted passes and shuttle bus transportation are available for DisneyWorld, Universal Studios, Seaworld/Busch Gardens and Wet 'N Wild. The Orlando event will be annual, with plans already in the works for 1995.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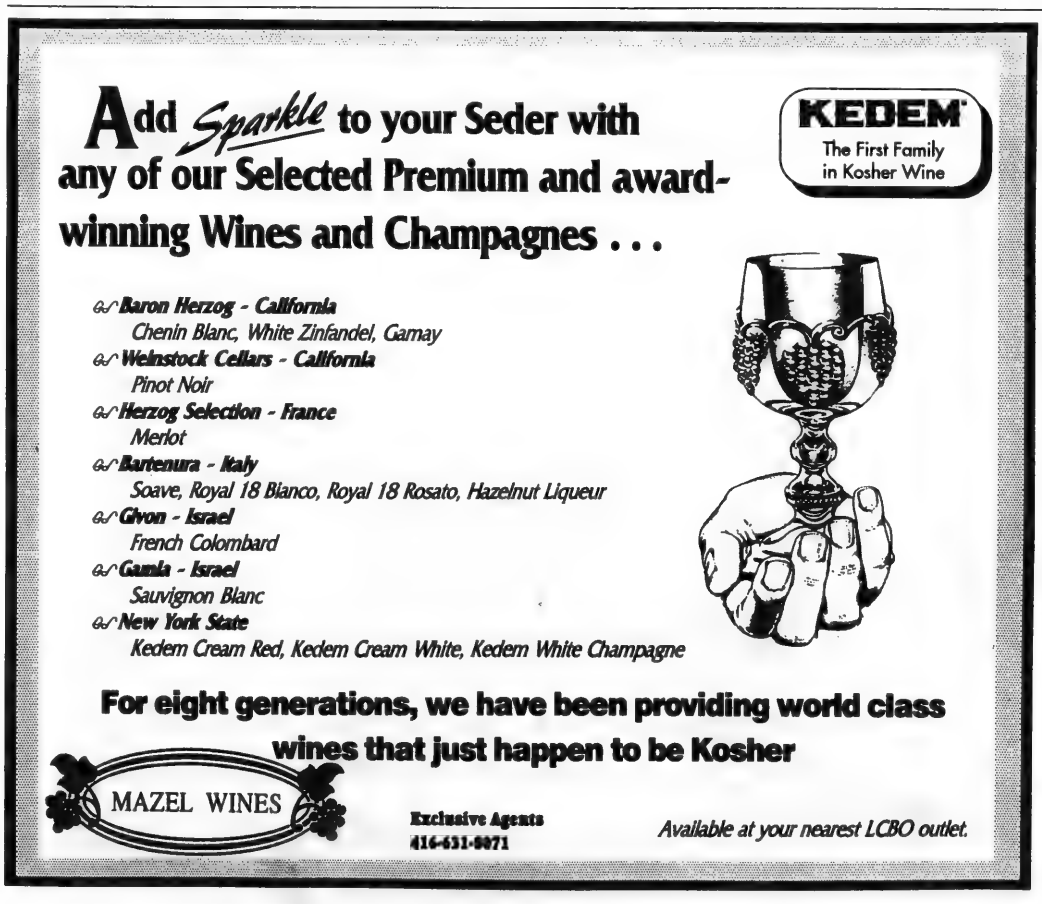
Seminars and discussions take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; afternoons are free. On the evening of March 16 there will be a Barbecue Reception to give conference participants an opportunity to get acquainted; tickets are $55.00 over and above the cost of the conference.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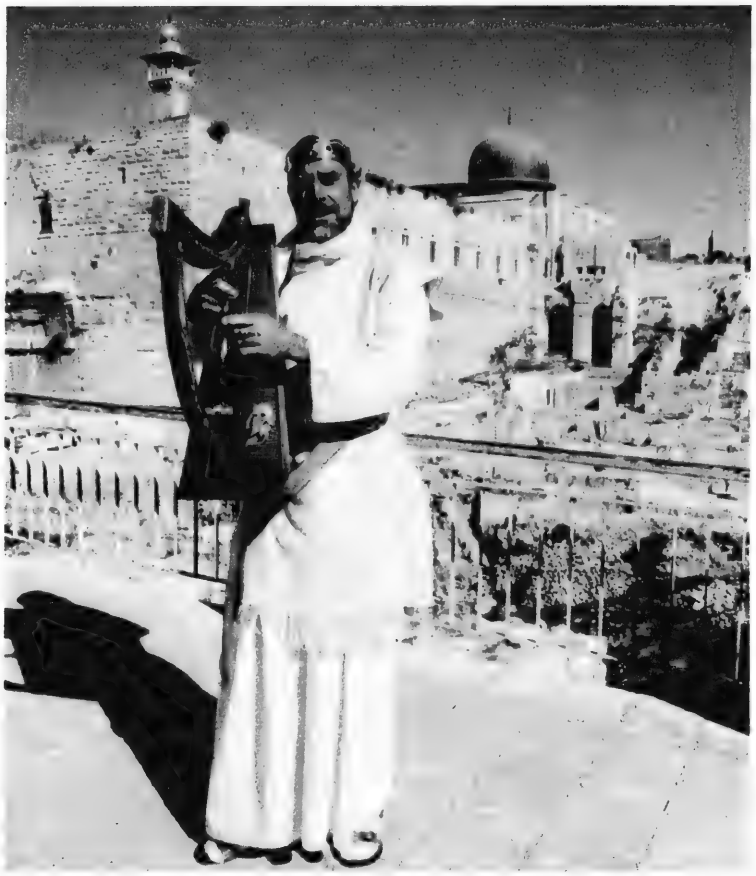

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A troubadour in biblical dress, known only as Yohanan, plays the harp outside the Western Wall plaza in the Old City of Jerusalem. [Isranet photo]

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Leo Desrochers, president of **Sunquest Vacations Ltd.**, sounded exuberant at a recent press conference about the possibilities of selling Israel as a destination to Canadian travellers. "I believe that we in this company are on the threshold of something big and exciting," he said.

"The current peace negotiations, the new links to the Vatican — these are things that are going to give tourists tremendous confidence in Israel."

One of Canada's leading tour companies, Sunquest has been in business 22 years. Costs of its competitive packages to the British Isles and Europe are reduced by flying its own aircraft across the pond. About a decade ago, the company introduced packages to Ireland, a country then considered "off the tourist map" for most Canadians. Its success in luring Canadians there, as well as to Las Vegas, has shown company execs that championing lesser-travelled destinations that possess the right stuff can pay off royally. "Volume drives price," says Desrochers in explaining the company's proven formula for success.

In 1992, Sunquest held discussions with El Al and the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in a bid to launch Israel as a mass-market destination. Together, the trio staged roadshows, seminars and other special events to promote Israel to travel agents. After its first year of bringing Canadians to Israel, Sunquest continues to fine-tune its Israel packages and its method of selling them.

"Last year was kind of an educational year for us," said Desrochers. "We didn't have the product down pat, and our pricing was not as sharp as it could have been. We thought we could manage Israel like any other product but we learned it's more complicated than that."

To improve service, Sunquest has given special training and familiarization tours to 12 of its 80 reservation agents, who now operate a dedicated reservations desk where travel agents' questions and concerns regarding Israel are expeditiously handled. Sunquest's director of product development for Israel and the Eastern Mediterranean is Ari Bauer, a former Israeli tour guide with 17 years experience.

Among other tasks, Bauer tailors itineraries for diverse groups with specific interests. "In setting up itineraries for Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups, you have to understand that each group would want to see completely different things," he said. Sunquest could bring 40 groups to Israel this year, he said.

The company expects to make the greatest inroads with "the Christian market, the people who would never consider Israel as a destination," Desrochers explained. Its lavish 52-page color brochure, produced in conjunction with the IGTO and El Al, is available from as many as 3,000 travel agents across the country.

The Sunquest brochure describes an assortment of packages involving coach tours, rental cars, stays at kibbutzim and spas, Eilat holidays and Egyptian extensions. Here's just one great package: the Israel Experience, which includes return airfare and an 11-day coach tour, costs as little as $2,223 (double occupancy). For more details, pick up the Sunquest brochure from your travel agent.

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Tourism statistics and projections released recently by Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, paint a picture of healthy growth. In 1992, some 1.8 million tourists visited Israel. Last year, the number had increased to 1.9 million. For 1994, as a result of the peace initiative and the new ties with the Vatican, Uzi Baram, Israel's minister of tourism, estimates that 2.5 million tourists may visit the Jewish state. Even more astonishing, he predicts that Israel could receive 5 million visitors by the year 2000.

Baram's ministry, which has projected a shortage of 40,000 hotel rooms this year, has joined with the private sector to develop Israel's tourism infrastructure. The ministry has therefore approved the construction of additional rooms and buildings near Jerusalem's King David Hotel and the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Jerusalem (formerly the Hilton).

Eilat has also seen much hotel construction and improvements recently. The newest property in the Red Sea resort is the $7-million Rif Hotel, which has 71 studio rooms and eight large suites. As well, the 227-room Sport Hotel in Eilat has just undergone an $800,000 renovation in expectation of a large increase of tourists.

A new service called Boker Tov Jerusalem lists rooms available for rent in private homes in the Israeli capital. The computerized listing contains some 200 entries and can be accessed by writing Boker Tov Jerusalem, Binyanei Ha'ooma, Jerusalem. Tel: 02-511-270. Fax: 02-511-272.

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Dating from the Hellenistic period, a cave outside Jerusalem with colored paintings of mythological animals, bearded lions, horses and riders, giraffes and other wild animals has been opened to public view. The ancient cave paintings in Bet Govrin National Park were discovered at the turn of the century and have been restored. The park boasts a variety of historical settlements from the biblical, Greek, Phoenician and Roman eras, with walls, public buildings, churches and hundreds of caves open for public viewing.

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Guidebook to Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Not long ago, an acquaintance planning to visit Israel for the first time quizzed me about sights she should see. Obligingly, I launched into what, in retrospect, seems like a long-winded exposition.

I could have saved her and myself a lot of time had I simply directed her to a proper guidebook.

One such book is the *Bazak Israel Guide*, which has been in business for the past 32 years. The 1994-1995 edition (HarperCollins Canada, $29.50), which has just rolled off the press, maintains the tradition of providing useful information in a direct style.

Running at more than 500 pages, *Bazak Israel Guide* offers a rounded picture of the Jewish state. You'll have to plough through about 155 pages before you reach the destinations of choice, but it's an informative, even stimulating, journey of the mind.

You'll read about the land, the history and the state. You'll learn about Israel's monotheistic religions, sects and distinct cultural communities. And finally, you'll familiarize yourself with Israel's varied health resorts and recommended restaurants.

Having absorbed all that, you'll be ready to immerse yourself in the heart and soul of this guide — the sights.

Although I've visited Israel on more than a few occasions, I'm still amazed by its geographic diversity and its capacity to enchant even the most jaded souls. From the cool pine forests of the northern Galilee to the arid canyons of the Negev, the eye is riveted on Israel.

With the help of lavish photographs and maps, *Bazak Israel Guide* covers the country like its early morning dew. The text is simple and direct, like the Israelis themselves. No convoluted descriptions here.

In a guide of this size and scope, mistakes and bloopers are bound to pop up. I bumped into several.

While the Druze community is described as "a loyal minority group," no such endorsement is applied to Israeli Arabs. It's an insensitive juxtaposition.

The Golan Heights was annexed in 1981, not 1982. And it's news to me that Israel captured the Golan "to prevent (a Syrian) attempt to divert" the Banias River. To the best of my knowledge, there were more compelling reasons.

These caveats notwithstanding, *Bazak Israel Guide* stays clear of error and needless controversy. Pack it into your travelling bag. You'll need it when you're touring Israel.

HOTEL EXPANSION IN EILAT

The new Holiday Inn in Eilat in due to open in the spring. The hotel has a commanding view across the Eilat Lagoon. This year will see the biggest growths in hotel accommodation in this Red Sea resort. Already the town offers the tourists a range of over 30 hotels of all grades. This spring will see the opening of the Royal Beach Hotel and the Holiday Inn. At the end of 1994 the new Dan Hotel is due to be completed. These three hotels alone will make available well over a 1,000 more rooms for Eilat's visitors. Last year 82,000 foreign tourists flew here from Europe. [Israel photo]

Vultures find new home in Orlando

ORLANDO, Fl. — To many, they're so ugly they're cute. The Cinereous vultures. The largest of the old world birds of prey.

Although sinister-looking, these buzzards are an important link in nature's food chain. Like an environmental vacuum cleaner, they remove the remains of animals from woods and roadsides.

The Cinereous vulture is considered one of the most jeopardized of all types of vultures, with only an estimated 44 in zoological parks and aquariums in the United States and about 800 worldwide. Currently listed as "threatened," they are likely to be placed on the "endangered" list in the near future.

The American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) is hoping to encourage reproduction of the Cinereous vulture through breeding programs at Sea World and 26 other North American zoos and parks. So far, there have been 23 successful hatchlings, all hand-reared.

Recently, a pair of Cinereous vultures were introduced to Sea World of Florida's extensive avian collection. "These impressive vultures add variety to the bird population here at the park. They also exemplify our ongoing commitment to education and conservation," said Sherry Branch, curator of birds at the Orlando-based marine life park.

Originally from North Africa and Europe, the Cinereous vulture is scientifically known as Aegypius monachus. The pair at Sea World are approximately 22 years old, weigh 8-10 kilos and have a wing span of approximately two metres. Although both birds were hatched in the wild and parent raised, they have lived most of their lives in zoological facilities.

Sea World's team of aviculturists have made a home for the vultures on an island near the park's front entrance. The area is representative of the birds' natural environment, providing seclusion and privacy for these reclusive animals.

The birds have already become part of the park's breeding program, recently laying their first egg. Like humans, they had to be given time to bond as a pair. "Shortly after their arrival at the park, we began seeing signs of courtship behavior, like preening each other's feathers and building a nest of their own. This increased activity at the nest site was a positive sign," stated aviculturist Laura Dennis. Unfortunately, the first egg layed was infertile, but park officials are hopeful for the future. Because of the vultures' breeding cycle another egg is not due until March 1994.

In addition to providing a suitable habitat for vultures, Sea World's aviculturists must also meet the birds' other needs. Carnivorous animals, their diet consists of rabbit and rat meat, as well as Nebraska bird of prey diet. "We also administer vitamins and minerals, and closely observe their eating habits to ensure proper nutrition," Dennis said. "For example, in their natural environment, they wouldn't necessarily eat every day, so we fast the birds one day each week. This fasting gives them a chance to clean out their system."

The Cinereous vulture

Man is the only natural enemy of the vultures; encroachment and habitat destruction are the primary reasons for their threatened status. However, reduction of food supply, use of poisons, pollution, illegal hunting and invasion of nest sites all have negative effects on the population.

"The main stumbling block for the survival of the Cinereous vulture is simply the fact that they nest in trees and are easily accessible to man and animal. At the same time, their land is being cleared at an alarming rate," said Branch.

Although man is largely responsible for the population decline of this animal, through breeding programs like that at Sea World, strides are being made to see that this species survives for future generations. "It is great to be part of the program to rejuvenate this species. This species is in danger, but here at Sea World, we have great hopes for a wonderful breeding program. Our goal is to see young Cinereous vultures next year," Branch stated.

The Cinereous vulture has been placed under the protection of the Species Survival Plan (SSP). This program, designed by the AAZPA, organizes a management group to closely monitor the status of this captive group as well as other species.

Sea World of Florida is an Anheuser-Busch Theme Park. Other Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks include Busch Gardens parks in Tampa and Williamsburg, Va.; Water Country USA in Williamsburg; Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa., near Philadelphia; Adventure Island in Tampa; the Sea World parks in San Diego, Calif., San Antonio, Texas, and Aurora, Ohio; and Cypress Gardens near Winter Haven, Fla.

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The economic recovery has taken hold in North America. Stocks continue to have greater growth potential than fixed income investments. **I recommend that you keep your portfolio properly diversified and consider a balanced portfolio with a stronger weighting in equities (locally and globally), if you are**

Nathan Disenhouse

comfortable with equity investments.

Although stock markets this year may experience a correction, which often occurs following strong periods of growth, we would view this as a signal of pause rather than an end to the upward momentum. The experts continue to foresee low inflation and interest rates through 1994, despite Canadian currency volatility. **Don't let these short-term fluctuations affect your long-term investment strategy.**

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A word to the wise on RRSP investing

We all know the importance of using RRSPs to save for the future, whether it is for retirement, early retirement or just to increase the amount you save by the tax deduction and shelter your savings from tax reporting. Today the big question is where to make those RRSP deposits.

I started selling RRSPs over 25 years ago, in 1968, and coincidentally, that was when Mutual Funds were having one of their first big sales rallies. I had already experienced Mutual Funds, buying one myself for $10 a month in 1962 — four years later, when I really needed the $480 I thought that I had saved, I found out that Mutual Funds weren't exactly the same as a savings account. For this reason, I started out by selling only guaranteed investments for RRSPs. Even though I did sell some Mutual Funds outside of RRSPs to those who wanted to participate in the stock and bond markets. This strategy served me and my clients well until the last couple of years.

You see, I always felt that as long as you obtained a certain minimum threshold of guaranteed return, such as 7½ per cent in the '70s, before we knew about inflation, and then 10 per cent in the '80s and early '90s, your retirement fund would grow enough to provide the income needed during retirement. Any extra money available for investment could be used more speculatively in Mutual Funds outside the RRSP. This strategy became even more important after the introduction of Capital Gains tax and the Capital Gains exemption on the first $100,000 of such gains. Of course, that exemption may be taken away in the next budget.

Study the economy

So what do we do now that interest rates have dropped to the point where it is almost impossible to find even a 6 per cent, five year GIC from a reputable financial institution? We look at all of the alternatives, we study the economy, the market condition, the global factors, the other investment analysts and, after all of that, we change our recommendations. Yes, the time has come for us to look at Mutual Funds as the investment of choice for this year's new RRSP deposits and for prior investments that are now coming due.

Predicting growth

Let me explain my reasoning. Interest rates are at a 30 year low, and inflation has dropped to under 2 per cent, and it looks like both of these will stay at these levels for at least the next two years, maybe even longer. Our economy is poised for growth, with every analyst predicting at least 3 per cent growth in Canada for the coming year. After four very sluggish years, from 1989 to 1992 inclusive, Canadian stock markets finally surged ahead in 1993, gaining over 30 per cent. If we look to the United States, where the recession was neither as deep nor as long, their stock markets had a 30 per cent gain in 1991, followed by two years of solid 10 per cent gains. Since we traditionally follow the United States by two years, I think we can expect at least two such years in Canada. Of course, the most compelling reason is still that there are no viable investment alternatives. This lack of options will also fuel markets.

While I realize that many of you might be seniors who may be close to retirement, or to age 71, or may even be using their RRSPs as RRIFs, this advice still stands, as long as you feel that your investments will be around for five to seven years or longer. You, as much as anyone, need to get the most out of your RRSP investments.

If I have now convinced you that Mutual Funds is the place to be for the next few years, that is the easy part; the hard part is deciding in which of the more than 150 funds you should be investing. This requires a personal consultation to fit the right fund to your own individual needs.

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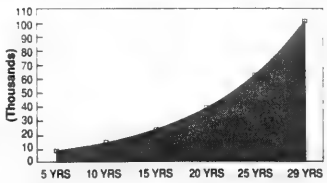

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The second legislative change is the increase in the foreign content allowed in a self-directed RRSP to 20 per cent for 1994. With the 10-year return for the Canadian equity market only 9 per cent, and the Morgan Stanley World Stock index 16.3 per cent, it makes investment sense to use this legislation to your advantage. To put this in a tangible way, $20,000 (of a $100,000 RRSP) invested in the Canadian Equity Market would have increased to $47,347 over the last 10 years. However, invested in the global portion, your investment would have grown to $92,615, double the return on the Canada-only investment! With smaller companies growing in 1994, why not seek out a global emerging companies fund!

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Books

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

Sanctuary Denied
by Gerhard P. Bassler
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Canada's shameful policy of excluding European Jewish refugees on the eve of World War II was definitively chronicled in Irving Abella and Harold Troper's now famous book, *None is too Many*.

But even Canada's disgraceful record pales next to that of pre-Confederation Newfoundland.

Gerhard Bassler, a professor of history at Newfoundland's Memorial University, documents in *Sanctuary Denied* that not one of the almost 5,000 Jewish refugee applicants was granted safe haven.

Published last September by Memorial University's Institute of Social and Economic Research, this meticulously-researched account of Newfoundland immigration policy between 1906 and 1949, the year the British colony became the 10th province (and the reason why Newfoundland was excluded from *None is too Many*), is destined to become a landmark study of Canadian and Newfoundland immigration policies during that period, a companion piece to Abella and Troper's work.

Bassler rooted out previously undiscovered documents from Newfoundland, Britain, Germany and Canada to reveal a society in which the door to refugees should have been open, but were shut tight to all but a few British immigrants.

Bassler bluntly states why: the unwarranted fears and vested interests of Newfoundland's business and professional elites in a historic climate of resentment against foreigners.

The rejection of European refugees, argues Bassler, culminated a process begun in 1906 with the passing of Newfoundland's Aliens Act.

Ironically, Bassler contends, if the Act had been enforced in good faith, legitimate refugees would have met the expressed need to bring more settlers to Newfoundland's shores.

Between 1919 and 1933, no foreign immigrants arrived under the Act, and a 1932 proclamation barred "all Asians, Africans, Latin Americans, and most Europeans."

In 1934 Newfoundland established a special "Commission of Government" to revitalize the colony's administration and moribund economy. Simon Belkin, a secretary for the Canadian wing of the Jewish Colonization Association (ICA), presented to the commission a proposal that would have brought 40 German-Jewish refugee families, about a quarter of them physicians, to Newfoundland at the ICA's expense.

Belkin received a measure of support from the most influential commissioner, Sir John Hope Simpson, an international authority on refugee issues whom Bassler describes generously as a "man of vision and cosmopolitcan experience."

Hope Simpson felt Belkin's idea should at least have been put before the public. But interference by St. John's medical establishment forced the commission to reject Belkin's plan.

In an excellent summary, Bassler writes that the decision against the ICA typified the influence of Newfoundland's vested interests over immigration policy. It "was the test case and set the precedent for subsequent refugee policy."

From that point, "it did not matter whether the applicant was a needed professional, a highly qualified specialist, an experienced farmer, a person financially sponsored by a local resident, or even a parent or brother of a naturalized citizen.

"The inability of a prosperous local businesswoman and naturalized resident...to rescue her parents or brother from Poland on the eve of World War II, epitomizes the relentlessly inflexible attitude of the ruling elite towards the refugees, as well as the precarious position of Newfoundland's small community of Polish Jews.

Rejected on different grounds

"Cases were not judged on the basis of law, reason, usefulness, or compassion. Each applicant was rejected on different grounds at the arbitrary decision of the Chief Commissioner of Immigration or the Commissioner for Justice."

Foreigners residing in Newfoundland were continually singled out for stigmatization, according to Gassler, saying "Newfoundland stands out not only for the minute number of fugitives from Nazi persecution who ganied entry, but also for their harrasment as suspects until well after the end of the war."

When all is said and done, writes Gassler, "the perception [by the professional, educated and business elites] of the 'foreign' immigrant as an undesirable, unwanted intruder in a closed, ethnically homogeneous society emerges as *the* leitmotif of Newfoundland's pre-Confederation immigration and refugee policy.

"Despite the widely publicized contemporary evidence of the refugees' ability to make economic contributions, Newfoundland continued to perceive refugees as taking rather than creating jobs.

"Once the negative image had been reinforced sufficiently so as to no longer be questioned, it was easy to justify the denial of sanctuary on the grounds of high local unemployment."

Compared to Canada, notes Gassler, which admitted "at least a token number" of refugees before World War II, it was really Newfoundland that carried out the "none is too many" policy to the very letter.

Sanctuary Denied *can be ordered by writing to ISER Books, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld., A1C 5S7 or faxing (709) 737-2041. Call (709) 737-8156 for more information.*

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By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

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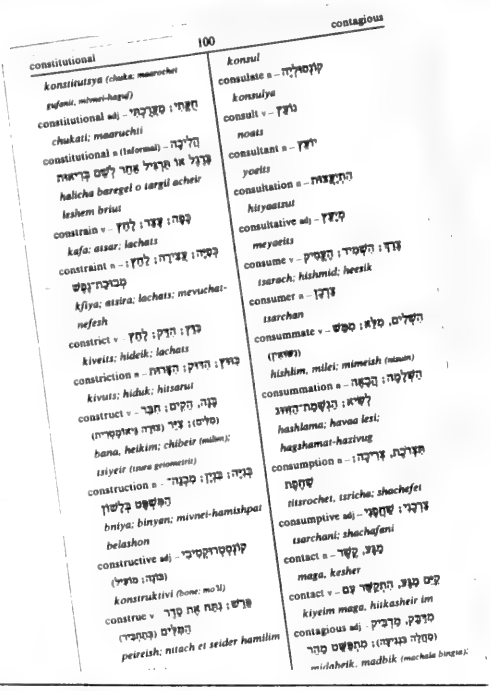
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construct v – בָּנָה, הִקִּים; חִבֵּר (סִלִּים); צִיֵּר (גְּזֵרָה גֵּאוֹמֶטְרִית)
bana, heikim; chibeir (milim); tziyeir (tsura geometrit)
construction n – בִּנְיָה; מִבְנֶה; הִתְקָנָה
bniya; binyan; mivnei-hamishpat
constructive adj – קוֹנְסְטְרוּקְטִיבִי (בּוֹנֶה; מוֹעִיל)
konstruktivi (bone; moil)
construe v – פֵּרֵשׁ; נָתַח אֶת מִדְרָשׁ הַמִּלִּים (הַתַּחְבִּיר)
peirésh; nitach et sider hamilim
consul
consulate n – קוֹנְסוּלִיָּה
konsulya
consult v – נוֹעַץ
noats
consultant n – יוֹעֵץ
yoetz
consultation n – הִתְיָעֲצוּת
hityaatsut
consultative adj – מְיַעֵץ
meyaetz
consume v – הִשְׁמִיד; הָאֲכִיל
tsarach; hishmid; heesik
consumer n – צַרְכָן
tsarchan
consummate v – שִׁלֵּם, מִלֵּא; סִפֵּק (רָשׁוּי)
hishlim, milei; mimeish (reshut)
consummation n – הַשְׁלָמָה; הַגְשָׁמָה; לְשׁוֹן הַשְׁמָה־הַוָּוֹת
hashlama; havaa lesi; hagshamat-hazivug
consumption n – הִתְצָרְכוּת, צְרִיכָה; שַׁחֶפֶת
titsrochet, tsricha; shachefet
consumptive adj – צַרְכָנִי; שַׁחֶפְתִּי
tsarchani; shachafeni
contact n – מַגָּע, קֶשֶׁר
maga, kesher
contact v – קַיֵּם מַגָּע, הִתְקַשֵּׁר עִם
kiyeim maga, hitkasheir im
contagious adj – מְדַבֵּק, מְדַבְּקִי; סוֹחֵלֶת (בְּנְגִיעָה); מְתַשְׁמֵשׁ מְהֵר
midabeik, madbik (machala bingia); mitlahetk, madbik (machala bingia);
contagious

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By LAUREN KIRSHNER
Special to The CJN

Kids between the ages of six and 13 will be glad to know about three newly-published books: *Sworn Enemies* by Carol Matas; *Leonard Bernstein, A Passion For Music* by Johanna Hurwitz, and illustrated by Sonia O. Lisker; and *The Jewish Kids' Wordbook* by Chaya Burstein.

Sworn Enemies follows the lives of two teenage boys in Czarist Russia. One of the boys, Zev, a khapper, is someone who kidnaps Jewish boys of military age for the czar's army. The other boy, Aaron, is a dedicated yeshiva student who's Zev's prey. Matas follows their separate adventures in two different towns in Russia. The author tells graphically of the hardships they experience. This book is recommended for children 10 years and older. It is published by Harper Collins.

Leonard Bernstein, A Passion For Music is also recommended for children 10 years and older. It is the latest book in the Jewish Publication Society's biography series. Hurwitz traces Bernstein's life from childhood through his brilliant musical career. The biography is wonderfully enhanced by music lover/artist Lisker's illustrations. It is on sale now for $12.95.

The Jewish Kids' Wordbook, a new full color book, has just been published by the Jewish Publication Society. Written and illustrated by Burstein, it is an essential book for children just beginning to learn Hebrew. The 40 page book is beautifully illustrated, and is written in Hebrew and English. This volume, with over 400 words and sayings, is recommended for children six years and up. It is selling for $16.95.

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Drabinsky slams Show Boat foes

Laments media attention

TORONTO — The "incendiary attacks" of those opposed to the production of *Show Boat* could have caused violence in the streets if cooler heads had not prevailed, Garth Drabinsky, head of Live Entertainment, told The Empire Club of Canada recently. The title of his talk was Life Upon the Wicked Stage: Freedom of Artistic Expression.

Since October, 200,000 people "of all races, creeds and colors," have attended *Show Boat*, Drabinsky said, "and the racist label has essentially disappeared."

Instead of attacking the stereotypes of blacks in pop music and movies, a small group of blacks in Toronto "decided there was local political coverage to be gained in attacking Mayor Mel Lastman, the North York Performing Arts Centre and myself," Drabinsky said. "It was their springboard to achieve political power.

"What disturbed me most was the silence of political and business leaders, not only in the Jewish and black community, but in the general community. The ambivalence of our public leaders was appalling. For the first time in my career, the prime minister, the governor general, the leaders of the opposition parties, the premier of Ontario and the mayor of Toronto did not attend the opening of a major production."

Likening the Coalition to Stop Show Boat to the German Nazi regime's burning of books, Drabinsky lamented the media attention to the controversy.

"I could not help but wish all the newspaper ink and broadcast time devoted to the controversy could have been spent on explorations of *Show Boat's* artistic themes and ideas, especially its message of racial tolerance," he said. — **B.R.**

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Ottawa-born writer Levine finally coming to prominence

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Norman Levine, the son of an Ottawa fruit pedlar, may not be as famous as his friend Mordecai Richler, but at least one critic thinks Levine will be remembered long after other Canadian writers are forgotten.

A new appreciation of the 70-year-old author, now living in southern France with his second wife (his first died in 1978) appears to be on the way. Two of his books, *Canada Made Me* and *From a Seaside Town* have been republished in handsome editions by Porcupine Quill, Inc. of Erin, a quality house.

"Levine is an underrated writer," said Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg of Ryerson Polytechnical University.

In *Norman Levine and his Works*, critic Lawrence Mathews said the Ottawa-born writer has had to overcome the indifference of literary savants who cast baleful eyes at his long residence in England. For instance, Margaret Atwood ignored him in *Survival, a Thematic Guide to Canadian Literature*. But, Mathews says, history will restore Levine to his proper place.

Levine's parents, Moses and Annie (Gurevich) Levine, came from Poland to Ottawa where they lived on Murray Street in Lower Town, near By Ward Market, where Moses Levine peddled with a horse and wagon.

In his semi-autobiographical books, Levine writes frequently of Ottawa Jewish life — not usually in a positive way. (He once described himself as a writer first, and a Jew second.) An exception is his warm description of the meal between Mincha and

Norman Levine

Maariv on the Sabbath in the old Adath Jeshurun Synagogue on King Edward Avenue. This is offset by his remarking in *Canada Made Me* that Jewish parents welcomed postwar immigrants for their unmarriageable daughters, but sent their own sons to Montreal where there was more choice.

If Levine is to be placed in context, it is with Philip Roth and Mordecai Richler, who, like Levine, have taken an acerbic view of middle class Jewish life.

"I didn't want to become a Canadian Jew. I couldn't make the change from what my parents were to what I see walking in Ottawa and Montreal. When it was necessary, at the start, to change one's name, to live with two calendars, and tell little lies about oneself--I told whoppers," he writes in *From a Seaside Town*.

Of his time at McGill University, after service in the RCAF as a Lancaster bomber pilot, he said: "If I met any Jews on the campus who stuck together and went to the Hillel Club I had nothing to do with them. Yet on my own, I'd sneak over to Waxman's Restaurant on Park Avenue...for gefilte fish, helzel, latkas, and to watch the others eat."

A Canadian publisher refused to bring out *Canada Made Me* in 1958 because he said it gave a misleading picture of the country. It was many years later before Deneau and Greenberg published it in Canada.

Levine has friends and enemies among Canadian readers and critics. Some say his unadorned, simple, direct prose is a delight and stays in the mind long after the words are off the page. Others say he is dull as ditchwater and that his protaganists are depressing and self-serving. In an interview with *Queen's Quarterly*, Levine said: "I try in my own kind of way, I suppose, to give a certain dignity to people who get pushed around."

At any rate, this enigmatic author was years ahead of his time in detailing the intimacies of a marriage for all the world to read.

The editors of the Porcupine Quill edition of *From a Seaside Town*, John Metcalfe and John Newlove, say of the book's protaganist, Joseph Grand: "A Canadian Jew, Grand has spent a lifetime seeking to submerge his past. Now as a consequence, he discovers he belongs nowhere."

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Toronto-born sculptor May Marx, who has been sculpting for some 30 years, says she was a struggling artist until she got wise about a dozen years ago.

"I decided I didn't want to be a typical artist, waiting to be discovered. So I took control of my own life as an artist and went looking for my own markets."

She came up with the idea that the corporate world should be using art, not gold watches, as awards of excellence. In a period of excited creativity, she created a series of small sculptures ranging in height from one to 15 inches. Representatives of the real estate company Royal LePage saw them and ordered about 60 castings to be used as corporate awards of excellence.

About that time, Marx also made a sculpture reflecting the Chrysler logo, then showed it to the U.S. auto giant. Although the company never used it as an award of excellence, Chrysler president Lee Iacocca bought it for $5,000 and kept it on his desk for years.

Usually between six and 14 inches high, Marx's sculptures are generally cast in bronze from styrofoam models. Polished and stylized, they seem to embody a company's history, philosophy and goals. Today Northern Telecom, Diet Pepsi, Hiram Walker, Coles, Maclean Hunter, the federal government and the provincial ministries of transportation and health are some of her many satisfied clients. Another is Loeb Inc., the grocery concern, which featured Marx in a video about the sculpting of their award of excellence.

Marx, who has a comfortable studio in Toronto's Parkdale area as well as a secretary and a studio assistant, is one of the few visual artists in Canada to break into the six-figure salary range. She is preparing for several showings at premium and incentive trade fairs. One is set for New York in May, two others for Toronto and Chicago in September.

The award-winning artist and grandmother is also keen on genealogy and has rendered a series of sculptures of her great-grandmother and other family members.

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Beth Tikvah, 3080 Bayview Ave. in Toronto, presents A Musical Feast on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8:15 p.m. Featured performers are Cantor Efraim Sapir, internationally acclaimed cellist Dennis Brott and the Beth Tikvah Choir, which at 27 is the oldest group of lay synagogue singers in Canada. Most have been with the choir at least a quarter century.

The program includes works by Rossi, Schumann, Piatagorsky, Popper and Alexander Brott, the cellist's father. The conductor is Beth Tikvah musical director Srul Irving Glick, who has written *Shirat Ha-Nefesh*, a religious work involving cantor, choir, flute, clarinet and piano that is set to receive its Canadian premiere.

A Musical Feast also features pianist Glen Montgomery, flutist Anne-Marie Kopp and clarinetist Sigal Hechtlinger. "This event gives the choir an opportunity to present to the community at large," says publicist and choir member Marilyn Birenbaum.

Tickets are $10 ($8 for students and seniors), available through the synagogue office at 221-3433.

As part of its regular music series, Beth Tikvah presents From Ragtime to Bernstein on Sunday, March 13 at 8 p.m. Saxophonist Paul Brodie and pianist Valerie Tryon, both accomplished musicians with international followings and ample discologies, present the works of Berlin, Rodgers, Gershwin, Bernstein, Glick and others, all done with exquisite taste and a healthy dash of fun. Tickets are $15 ($12 for students and seniors), available through the synagogue office or at the Israel's Judaica or the Negev bookstore.

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After flocking to *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*, are Torontonians ready for another dark theatrical romance from France? Marlene Smith and Ernie Rubenstein hope the answer is yes. They are among the producers of *Napoleon*, a $4.5-million musical love story set to open at Toronto's Elgin-Winter Garden on March 23 (previews begin March 9).

The play chronicles the stormy relationship between Napoleon and Josephine, using the turbulent chaos of post-revolutionary France and Europe as backdrop. For this world premiere, the 32-member cast is backed by a full orchestra. Playing time is almost three hours, including intermission. Tickets run $45 to $80. Why the fascination with this particular period? "Maybe it was just a really wonderful era," suggests Smith, who previously staged *Cats* in the same theatre. They must have done something right to get everybody so interested."

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Live Entertainment of Canada Inc. announced last week that it had acquired the worldwide theatrical rights to E.L. Doctorow's best-selling 1975 novel *Ragtime*, which it intends to adapt into a stage musical. Set in America at the turn of the century, *Ragtime* tells the story of three families — upper middle-class WASP, Harlem black, and socialist immigrant Jew — whose lives become intertwined with historical figures like Henry Ford, Emma Goldman, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Theodore Dreiser and Sigmund Freud. The 1981 film was directed by Milos Forman.

"I consider *Ragtime* to be one of the richest, most dazzling and original works of fiction to emerge in the past two decades," says Livent chair Garth Drabinsky. "The story is not only compelling and vastly entertaining but — like our current musical hit *Show Boat* — it places its human drama against a seismic time of upheaval in America's history. Its theatrical possibilities are tremendously exciting."

Tzimmes a glorious musical concoction

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —A tzimmes is that glorious concoction of carrots, honey, prunes, sometimes raisins, meat, pineapple or potatoes. A tzimmes can also refer, to really mix metaphors, to making a mountain out of a molehill.

There is now a new definition of the word — a dynamite new singing group called (what else?) Tzimmes.

Group spokesman Moshe Denburg said they chose the name because they are a mixture ethnically, Canadian (Denburg and Yiddish-speaking lead singer Myrna Rabinowitz), Israeli (Jerusalem-born Yona Bar-Sever), and Mexican (accordionist Julian Siegel). As well, their music is a blend of Sephardi, Ashkenazi, traditional, klezmer and contemporary, with a dollop of Yiddish, folk and folk-rock thrown in for good measure.

Various configurations of Tzimmes have been around since 1986, in Victoria, B.C. In 1991, Denburg and Siegel, two original members, joined Bar-Seva and Rabinowitz to reconstitute the group.

They have performed on radio, in concerts, at the 1992 Vancouver Walk for Israel and have appeared with the noted folk singer Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach.

And now they have taken the big step - they have recorded *Sweet and Hot*, a collection of both original and adapted music, which appears on tape and CD.

And what a collection.

A reviewer is supposed to find things to criticize in a production: the choice of music, the arrangements, the background — something. *Sweet and Hot* makes that job very difficult.

The tunes are by turns touching, funny, exciting, nostalgic. Melodies are beautiful, the background music, with its strong Middle Eastern emphasis, is superb, the presentation is delightful.

The selections are a genuine "tzimmes." Ladino love songs, sung to a Spanish-sounding musical accompaniment have a naturalness and genuine pathos.

Vechitetu gives the prophesy of Isaiah, "And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares" dramatically and forcefully — this is no seeking after peace from weakness. The more meditative conclusion suggests a desire for rest after the turbulence of constant war.

I especially liked Denburg's version of the traveller's prayer ("May the Lord watch over your going out and coming in ..."). It is an emotional and moving plea for heavenly protection that came close to bringing me to tears.

The Yiddish heritage is not ignored in *Sweet and Hot*. Who can't relate to the words of *Yossel Yossel*, a love song from the Yiddish theatre, "Ikh fil ikh shtarb avek/Nokh mayn Yosslen, mayn darling, mayn dear" (loosely, I feel like I am dying because of Yossel, my darling, my dear) and the song sung by so many grandmothers to their infant grandchildren *Shein Vi Di Levone*.

They even present the traditional cowboy ballad *Home on the Range* in perfect Yiddish — did you know how to say buffalo in Yiddish? Did you know there even was a word for buffalo in Yiddish? (It's bufloksn, by the way).

A lilting, melodic version of *Adon Olam* and a folk-rock plea for peace in the Middle East *Maiai Taigia Eit Lashalom (When will the time of peace arrive)* conclude the tape on an upbeat, innerly spiritual way.

Sweet and Hot is a fine example of the whole range of Jewish music as well as of the talents of the musicians, who throughout show skill, versatility and a genuine feeling for the material. It is highly recommended.

Denburg just told *The CJN* that Tzimmes is in the process of organizing a tour for next fall which would include Toronto. Look forward to it, as well as to future recordings.

Sweet and Hot is available at Israel's and Negev Jewish books stores, and in popular outlets including Sam's, and HMV.

Mryna Rabinowitz and (clockwise) Moshe Denburg, Yona Bar-Sever and Julian Siegel make up the singing group Tzimmes, whose first recording, Sweet and Hot, is now is stores.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Defying The Holocaust by Aba Gefen (Borgo Press)

Aba Gefen, Israel's first consul general in Toronto and now chair of the Association of the Lithuanian Jews in Israel, can look back on a life replete with misfortune and devastation as well as rich with excitement and achievement.

When the Nazis occupied Lithuania most members of his family were brutally murdered. He, aged 20, and his younger brother survived (1941-1944) by hiding in barns, fields and forests. On several occasions their lives hung by a thread.

Most Lithuanians eagerly welcomed the Germans. The pro-Nazi Activist Front conducted mass arrests of Jews, initiated sadistic pogroms in many cities and boasted that for every German soldier shot, 100 Jews would be put to death.

When the victorious Red Army entered the country Gefen worked for a year with Russian police units investigating Nazi collaborators. He relates how liberated Jews exacted revenge upon their erstwhile tormentors. "Some of them organized the Nekamah, 'revenge' group. They were mostly young people who had belonged to the partisan movement during the war. They did not wish to leave Europe, soaked with the blood of thousands of other relatives and friends, before dealing a deadly blow to the Nazi criminals."

Fearing Russian arrest for his sometimes unauthorized actions, he escaped to Western Europe and embarked on a program of bringing aid and hope to the 250,000 Holocaust survivors who were languishing in German and Austrian refugee camps. As an active member of Birchah, the Israeli clandestine movement that helped refugees emigrate to Israel, he provides detailed information — some of it hitherto unknown — on the numerous and often dangerous stratagems used by Birchah and its friends in arranging for Jewish flight and rescue. In this process they were aided by Jewish chaplains, as well as by officers in the U.S. Army who often performed "illegal" actions to the point of risking their own careers.

With Israeli statehood, Gefen became a valued member of the diplomatic corps and over a 35-year period occupied ambassadorial posts in Toronto, Rome, Lima, Buenos Aires, and Bucharest. He provides much unfamiliar information about these countries and their relationship to Israel.

About his four years in Toronto he recalls his encounters with the United Church *Observer* and its editor, the Reverend Al Forrest, who was bitterly anti-Israel. Forrest sided with Arabs who committed atrocities and wrote, "You can't belong with these commandos without sympathizing with their cause."

Ruthless dictator

He is unsparing in his criticism of Canada's widespread anti-Semitism, especially in relation to the restrictions on Jewish immigration "when a more flexible attitude could have saved thousands of Jews from the Holocaust." Confronted with the Jewish danger at the time, the responses of government, the civil service and much of the public were indifferent or hostile. Even when the outbreak of war brought evidence of an ongoing Nazi pogrom for the total extirpation of European Jewry, Canada's response on immigration remained legalistic and cold.

Stationed in Romania, he had occasion to study Nicholas Ceausescu at close range. On one hand he was a ruthless dictator, but on the other a brave individual who, after the Six Day War, refused Moscow's demand that he break off diplomatic relations with Israel. Gefen maintains that the payment made by Israel in order for Jews to leave Romania was about $1,000 to $1,500 per capita. "Nothing was paid to Ceausescu' personal account." Compared with Jews in other countries of the Soviet bloc, the situation of Romanian Jewry was comparatively good.

Defying the Holocaust is the story of one man's life, but also a valuable first hand survey of the 50 years of Jewish history in which he was destined to play a significant part.

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Americans buy Israeli brains

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Special to The CJN

Most of the leading American computer companies have set up research and development facilities in Israel, or are considering their establishment.

Motorola, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Apple and others are attracted by Israeli brainpower, says Dr. Yossi Bolless, a long-serving air force officer who seven years ago took off his uniform and entered the computer software field, where he heads several thriving companies.

"Like Jews everywhere, Israelis are characterized by their nonconformity and creativity, exactly the qualities that are needed by innovators of software or anything else," says Belless.

"Up to now, a large proportion of this creativity has gone into the development of sophisticated devices to ensure that Israel could survive Arab attempts to destroy her. But now, with peace in the offing, more and more creative people are focusing on civilian rather than military challenges, as reflected in the fact that many of the new hi-tech firms in this country were set up by recently discharged military men."

Overseas firms are attracted not only by Israeli brains, but also by relatively modest salary levels. A talented software engineer working in research and development here will cost them about $60,000 to $80,000 a year, about half the U.S. figure. To be sure, that same type of person could be hired for even less in India or Eastern Europe, but Israel apparently has a better R&D environment than those areas.

Production, and particularly mass production, is a different matter altogether. Wage differences between Israel and Third World countries are so great that, except in special cases, Israel can't compete.

Nevertheless, some American computer companies, such as Motorola and Intel, have production facilities here, as well as 100 per cent Israeli firms which manage to sell locally-manufactured goods at competitive prices in overseas markets. But these tend to be highly specialized and sophisticated goods, like the unique printing equipment made by Scitex.

Well-known international concern

When an Israeli innovator has an attractive product to offer, he can usually get financial support from the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce as well as from one or more venture capitalists. Then he must decide whether he wants to have an independent company or to link up with a well-known international concern, thus avoiding the need to establish an expensive, worldwide marketing network. According to Bolless, the latter approach is usually advisable, though it does have its drawbacks.

For example, when National Semiconductor decided to reduce the number of its plants worldwide, the one at Migdal Haemek, near Haifa, was immediately closed down, despite that factory's excellent track record.

However, most of the American computer companies that set up shop here have stayed on and, over the years, expanded their activities. Bolless hopes many more are on their way, though he is less enthusiastic about the prospect of possible linkups with Japanese firms. Whether it is because he read *The Rising Sun* or for other reasons, Bolless claims that such firms tend to behave like 16th-century Spanish conquistadores, who came in, grabbed whatever they could, and then sailed away with their plunder.

Meanwhile, that issue is academic. For it is the Americans who are busily snapping up Israeli brainpower, while the Japanese are just sniffing around.

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The establishment of a successful hi-tech firm gives those responsible not only a good income, but also extremely high prestige. In fact, says Bolless, they are Israel's contemporary role models. For while in decades past kibbutzniks and soldiers were the people most admired by the average Israeli, now the entrepreneurs are at the top of the heap where prestige is concerned.

Bolless drew this conclusion by listening to Eiran, his 12-year-old son, who, like most youngsters, is anxious to be "with it." So when Eiran is asked what his father does, the boy fails to mention that Yossi is a reserve officer and a university lecturer; instead, he proudly proclaims: "my dad is a businessman."

Canada-Israel trade 'good' for Canada

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Many Canadians would like to see a free trade agreement between Canada and Israel, not out of passion for Israel, but rather, because it would be good for Canada, says the national executive director of the Canada-Israel committee.

"Trade now between the two countries is about $250 million, which is not that much for two countries supposed to be friends," Robert Ritter said at a recent meeting sponsored jointly by the continuing education committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and The Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

He told the group that there are free trade agreements between Israel and the majority of countries with which she trades "so it is in Canada's best interests to reach an agreement because we are now in a minority."

He said that a free trade deal between the two countries would not be "such a big thing. It would be much smaller than NAFTA, but trade itself is not what is important. What is important, is a partnership that could cement political relations and establish a climate in which the two countries work in a harmonious way."

Ritter spoke positively about Premier Bob Rae, who supports a free trade agreement and said that important transactions took place during Rae's recent trip to Israel. "He took with him a team of blue-ribbon CEOs and was able to establish a strategic alliance between hi-tech companies. These first steps send an important message that we need more such delegations."

He said that when normalization takes place in Israel, a lot of money will be spent in the emerging markets of developing countries. "That is where the opportunity for Israel will be. Billions of dollars will be spent and the people in on the ground floor will profit. Canada should be one of those countries.

"Once there is a normal process, or peace, as well as access between countries, there is a huge impetus for major development in terms of infrastructure. There will be a whole frontier of work to be done and Canada has lots of expertise in these areas."

Ritter said that traditionally Canadians have been good when it comes to giving money to Israel but not with regards to investment. "The motive for investing is pure business, not philanthropy, and Israel needs investment. We must provide that kind of support."

He stressed that Canadians need a deliberate, calculated plan, in order to take advantage of initiatives popping up all over Israel and that the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce is a good place to which to turn. "It is a hi-tech world and there is a new frontier in terms of Diaspora-Israel relations. It's more like a 2001 Space Odyssey than the Israel of old. Each of us has to find a way to contribute to this new frontier."

He urged the group to encourage others to invest in Israel. "Do business with Israel, not because it is Israel, but because it is good business."

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Business & Finance

Economist predicts woes for public sector

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — We have gone through three or four years of major painful shake-ups in the private sector and it is not over. But in the public sector, years of cost-cutting are just beginning, says one internationally renowned economist.

"What the public sector is about to do is painfully twist and turn all of us," warned Jacques Singer, the chair of the investment advisory committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto's Bequest and Endowment Fund.

"The tax system is going to get tougher — not necessarily in terms of rates — but in how it is run," he said at a recent downtown luncheon, sponsored by the Fund's Professional Advisory Council.

He stresses that restraint must be found for a public-sector spending binge that has gone virtually unchecked for the better part of a generation or face the consequences.

As a worst-case scenario, Singer said if governments conclude that cost-cutting is too painful, they could throw in the towel and begin printing money. This would result in the kind of hyper-inflation experienced by Germany's Weimer Republic, where at one time it cost four billion marks to send a letter from Berlin to Frankfurt. "I would give it a zero probability for Canada, hopefully, but keep in mind the temptation."

On a recent visit to Alberta, Singer said he saw people demonstrating against public sector cuts in front of the legislature. In his words, he had no comfort to offer them. "Standing here on a cold day in January, I simply say to you, you are at the beginning of this, at best, and nobody can tell you how long it will take. If you want to be generous, you're going to say perhaps you can do it in 10 years."

Singer said Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland along with Alberta are at the forefront of cost-cutting. "Here in Ontario, up the street, they're still spinning their wheels."

A decision can be implemented quickly through management in the private sector, he told about 65 lawyers, accountants and financial professionals, "but when you are in the body politic you have two additional risks — you have the voters and you have the government itself telling you 'We are here to represent the people.' "

He adds that the federal Liberal's proposal to deal with the public debt would at the end of four years "at best only stabilize the problem in terms of debt ratios and debt service ratios, rather than deal with it in a sense that we're back to some kind of stability."

Singer says cost-cutting and the search for efficiency and productivity will continue in the private sector. "I can't tell you how much longer that will be, except that I'm still talking years from 1994."

The problem with belt-tightening at the corporate, the industry or the company level, he says, is "displacing something in the short run while waiting for the pie to grow. For the hundred of thousands who are without work that is of no particular help."

Thanks to the yardage that has been recouped by the private sector, Singer says "we're looking a little better in terms of economic performance." He says Canada is competitive again, particularly in North America, and predicts real growth in Canada will reach three per cent in 1994.

"Some financial assets and business investment decisions will continue to provide increasingly rewarding real returns. The securities markets, the bond and stock markets, over the last couple of years have begun to recognize this."

He called the '90s the second worst decade of the 20th century. "It has begun and it will continue to invite comparisons to the 1930s. Those compasions, I hope, essentially will turn out to be exaggerated."

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- The 1993 maximum contribution is $12,500
- The 1994 maximum contribution is $13,500
- Foreign content can represent 20 per cent of your total RRSP/RRIF
- Fifty Israeli companies that trade on the American exchanges are eligible to be held in your RRSP/RRIF
- The Israeli stock market has gained more than 100 per cent over the past two years
- Both Israeli stocks and State of Israel Bonds are considered foreign content

How to plant an acorn...

First of all, to invest in Israeli Stocks or Bonds you need a self-directed RRSP/RRIF (see your investment advisor or banker). Next, you have to assess your investment profile. Either, (A) you are able to deal with price fluctuations and uncertainty in the short term in exchange for likely long-term outperformance or (B) you cannot deal with uncertainty and need to know exactly what guaranteed rate you will earn.

(A) Any Israeli Stock that trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) or Nasdaq exchange is eligible for your RRSP/RRIF. At present, stocks that trade on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (but not on American exchanges) are not eligible.

Someone who wants to invest $5,000 or less in Israeli Stocks should consider the First Israel Funds (symbol ISL on the NYSE). This is a closed-end mutual fund which holds a portfolio of Israeli stocks. For a complete list of other closed-end funds and individual stocks that are eligible for RRSP/RRIF investing, call the Israel Economic Mission at (416) 961-1242.

(B) Israel Bonds are available in denominations as small as $250 (US). Canadian and American dollar bonds can be invested in RRSPs. Strip bonds are available and have been an extremely popular choice lately. The icing on the cake — the rates are very competitive when compared with Canadian, and especially, U.S. government guaranteed rates. (Note that Israeli government debt has recently been upgraded by American rating agencies).

For more information, call Marcia Cohen at the State of Israel Bonds office at (416) 789-3356.

Other questions and considerations may include the following:

How much of your foreign content eligibility content should be invested in Israeli securities? THis should be discussed with your investment advisor. The 20 per cent foreign content is based on your RRSP/RRIF's book value which is probably different than its market value. Be careful.

While the performance of Israeli Stocks has been outstanding during the past few years and the economic prospects of Israel grow brighter by the day, Israeli stocks will not go up in a straight line.

Consider planting an Israeli acorn in your RRSP/RRIF and perhaps add to it as opportunities arise, and watch it grow.

This information was compiled by the Israel Economic Mission.

Business meeting unites countries

JERUSALEM — An exciting and fruitful business conference was held recently in Jerusalem in which Israelis, Palestinians and representatives from Arab countries participated together for the first time.

They were joined by participants from Europe and the Unites States.

Initiated by *Globes*, an Israeli daily financial newspaper, sessions at the Jerusalem Business Conference included the following topics: The Middle East as a New International Business Center; Business Co-operation and Globalization; Tourism in an Era of Peace; and Advertising Breakthroughs in an Era of New Momentum in Communications.

The conference was chaired by Dan Gillerman, president of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, who called for the formation of a Palestinian-Israeli Economic Council to foster regional co-operation "in order to raise the standard of living for all."

In his address to the two-day gathering, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin urged the participants to "take advantage of the new atmosphere for co-operating in new economic realities between Israelis and Palestinians."

Economic News From Israel

Days Discovers Israel

ISRAEL — The hotel company that made budget lodging so popular in North America is bringing its formula for success to Israel.

Days Inn is planning five hotels over the next five years probably situated in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Eliat and either Netanya or Herziliya.

Days Inn hopes to create a Mid-East hotel chain covering Egypt, Jordan, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

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Sun Signs

PETAH TIKVA — In a country that relies so heavily on the sun for electricity, it's not surprising to find an Israeli company selling solar powered highway signs.

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According to the company, the signs can be seen about half a mile away, which is more than double the range available through conventional lighting techniques.

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More Immigrants, Less Unemployment

ISRAEL — Israel is basing its 1994 budget projections on 100,000 olim arriving in 1994.

The government is setting aside $3.7 billion (U.S.) for immigrant absorption which accounts for 8 per cent of all expenditures.

The government also forecasts a one percentage point drop in the unemployment rate to 10.2 per cent along with lower personal and corporate taxes.

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Forum Attracts Business Elite

JERUSALEM — Many of the business world's rich and famous are heading for the Israeli Business Forum in Jerusalem later this month.

The guest list includes former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, now a Montreal lawyer; U.S. trade representative Mickey Kantor; executives from mega-corporations such as AT&T, General Electric and Merrill Lynch; and Peter Brooke, chairman of Advent, the world's largest venture capital company.

Although the ability to hobnob with the corporate commanders of North America is a definite attraction, making connections is what the Israeli Business Forum is all about. Israeli markets and companies from outside Israel are seeking innovative new products.

The Forum boasts a successful track record. One Israeli firm, Cubital, found several buyers for a computer system that transforms 3D images of a product into an actual plastic prototype.

This is the fourth Forum of its kind. It takes place from Feb. 28 - Mar. 2. United Jewish Appeal is sponsoring a business-oriented mission to Israel in conjunction with the Forum.

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Diamonds Are Israel's Best Friend

ISRAEL — The Israeli diamond business is shining. Exports last year topped $3 billion, with demand expected to increase this year.

More than 70 per cent of the world's one to two carat cut diamonds come from Israel. The country is also a global leader for fancy cuts.

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Rapid Transit for Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV — Despite Tel Aviv's actual size, population and traffic congestion, the city lacks a rapid transit system.

Egged and Dan, Israel's two largest bus companies, are joining together to build and operate a light rail system.

The first line, expected to open at the end of next year, will run from Tel Aviv to the southern suburb of Bat Yam.

The city was considering a subway line but the cost seems to be prohibitive.

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Robots Anyone?

RAANANA — The robot business had proven lucrative to Robomatix, based in Raanana.

The company has just sold its sixth system to General Motors. This one is laser-based with four arms to cut car parts. The cost is $3.5 million.

No More Swiss Risks

SWITZERLAND — For years, the central bank of Switzerland had attached a sizeable cost to Swiss banks doing business with Israel.

All were required to set aside 30 per cent risk insurance if they deposited funds in or supplied credit to Israeli banks. That regulation has been lifted.

Israeli bankers believe the regulation's demise will lower the cost of raising capital in Swiss markets.

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Fooling Fish

ISRAEL — Many of Israel's advanced agricultural branches are based on artificial irrigation and intensive cultivation.

These methods often stretch Mother Nature to the limit. Potted trees are tricked into dormancy in mid-summer through cold storage. Now, a kibbutz-based plastics firm has begun fooling fish into breeding in the dead of winter by raising them in greenhouses.

The artificial ponds built by Haogenplast begin with a particularly sturdy waterproof liner that prevents seepage. The special design means tanks can be assembled within days. Conventional ponds can take over a month to build.

The size of the artificial fish ponds varies from 1,000 square metres to large ponds with a capacity of tens of thousands of cubic meters. Fish farmers can cultivate fish at a ratio of 20 to 40 kilograms of fish per cubic meter of water.

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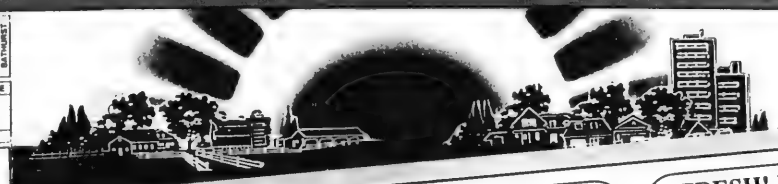

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Four of the next five rounds will be held in Arab countries, a sign of progress resulting from last week's secret talks of the multilateral steering group held at the Chateau Montebello resort near here.

Senior officials from Israel, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Russia, the U.S., Norway and other nations gathered for three days to map the future of the five working groups.

In what is being described as a sign of increasing speed of issue resolution, delegates set an ambitious agenda. Tunisia, Qatar, Oman, Morocco and Egypt will join the Netherlands in hosting future meetings. Delegates were unable to convince Syria and Lebanon to join the multilateral talks.

MISSING SOLDIER'S MOTHER VISITS OTTAWA

Miriam Baumel (centre), mother of missing Israeli soldier Zachary Baumel, met with MPs (from left) Joseph Volpe (Eglinton-Lawrence), Shaughnessy Cohen (Windsor-St. Clair), Mary Clancy (Halifax) and Dan McTeague (Ontario) during her recent visit to Ottawa. She asked them to use their influence to persuade her son's Syrian captors to release him and two other soldiers. **See story, page 4.**

Federation, JCC seek financial deal

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) have been involved in lengthy, ongoing negotiations in a bid to put the JCC's financial house in order and come up with a plan to pay off the centre's $10 million debt.

Proposals advanced in November by the JCC and the federation to the Bank of Montreal, which is owed the money, were not accepted, said Bernard Ghert, head of the JFGT. Following the rejection of the November proposals, the federation ended transfers of funds from the community's Endowment Fund to the JCC that were used to pay the interest on the bank debt. Altogether, $240,000 had been transferred from the fund between August and November, 1993.

Since that time, the JCC has been in arrears on interest payments. That means there is nothing to prevent the Bank of Montreal from calling in the loan and appointing a liquidator to sell off the JCC's assets to repay the money owing, Ghert said.

However, that prospect is unlikely, since "the bank loses, the JCC loses, everybody loses" in such a situation, he added.

Ghert said the federation decided it would not continue to assist the JCC pay its bank debt until some sort of new arrangement is made to ensure that the federation won't "face the same situation over again."

However, the JFGT has continued to allocate $75,000 per month to the JCC for a number of programs the centre runs on the community's behalf, he added.

The federation became involved in trying to help solve the JCC's financial difficulties because it "wants to see that the assets of the JCC are preserved for the broader community and the JCC remains a viable community entity," Ghert said.

JCC president David Perlmutter said the centre's debt is attributable primarily to money borrowed in the 1980s to expand the north branch on Bathurst Street. About $900,000 went towards the women's health club at the Bloor Street branch as well.

Perlmutter said the JCC is devising a financial plan that will put the organization on a sound financial basis, that will generate an operating surplus and take into account the centre's bank debt.

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Vigil to back agunot set

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From Vancouver to Halifax, hundreds — perhaps thousands — of Canadian Jews will mark the eve of the Fast of Esther by participating in an international Vigil for Agunot.

As part of the Year of the Agunah (1993/94), the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR), headed by Montreal scholar Norma Joseph, is urging the Jewish community to show its solidarity with agunot — women whose husbands refuse to give them a get (Jewish divorce).

The brief vigil — which will be held in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax — will also take place in Israel. There may be additional vigils in smaller Canadian centres and in the United States.

"I feel that Judaism is at stake over this issue," Joseph told *The CJN* in a recent telephone interview. "Judaism is a just religion and this is not justice."

An agunah cannot remarry in accordance with Halachah (Jewish law). Should she remarry under civil law without obtaining a Jewish divorce, any children of that subsequent marriage are considered to be born of an adulterous relationship and are therefore mamzerim under Jewish law. Mamzerim, while halachically Jewish, are forbidden to marry nearly all other Jews. (If a man remarries without giving his first wife a get, any children of his second relationship are not considered mamzerim on the basis of their father's status.)

Only a husband can initiate a get. If a husband refuses to give his wife a get, she can never be divorced. If a wife refuses to accept the get, there are remedies under Jewish law, although it may be difficult to utilize them.

An amendment to Canada's Divorce Act four years ago has barred Jewish men in this country from using the get as a bargaining chip in civil proceedings to gain advantages such as possession of the family home or greater access to the children. For instance, one former agunah, whose case history is on file with ICAR, received her get only after her family mortgaged their home in order to pay her ex-husband $120,000.

"We are so fortunate in our country," ICAR vice-president Evelyn Brook said, explaining that many hours went into the writing of the amendment and that halachic needs were taken into consideration.

Joseph joins Brook in lauding Canada's Divorce Act, but cautions that not all lawyers know how to use it. The woman's lawyer must invoke the relevant section or it will not be used, she says. The law is also ineffective in cases in which the husband is living in another country, she notes, and cannot help people who obtained a civil divorce before August 1990.

"Ultimately we want to find ways of dealing with the problem that will work in every Jewish community," Joseph said.

ICAR, which was formed last year, grew out of the Montreal-based Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get. The coalition, originally co-chaired by Brook and Joseph, began as a subcommittee of the Status of Women committee of Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region.

Now an independent, national organization chaired by Brook with Joseph acting as consultant, its member organizations include B'nai Brith Women, Emunah, Hadassah-WIZO, Na'amat, Canadian Women's ORT and the Montreal and Toronto Jewish Women's Federations. Both ICAR and the coalition are run by volunteers.

ICAR is now established in Canada, the United States and Israel. England, Australia and South Africa are "looking on with interest," said Joseph.

The goals of ICAR are threefold: to educate, to share information with other countries, and to work with rabbis on rabbinic ways of solving the problem.

The Rabbinical Council of America (RCA), an association of Orthodox rabbis in North America, passed a two-pronged resolution last summer, stating that its members would use prenuptial agreements to ensure participation in the get process should the marriage not work out; and that synagogues should take action such as denying membership or aliyot to people issued with a seruv (proclamation that they are in contempt of the Beit Din, or rabbinic court).

"On the surface, this looks wonderful," said Joseph. "The good thing is, a mainstream rabbinic group is saying that divorce is a problem and that we have to do something about it. Having worked on this issue for 20 years, I know that it took a long time to get the rabbinic world to agree that this is a problem. In the beginning, they would say, 'It's only one or two women; it's not such a problem'."

In fact, Israel alone has an estimated 10,000 agunot. The number of Canadian agunot is not known, although a 1987 B'nai Brith Canada study reported that there were 311 Canadian cases involving "conflict or disagreement in procurement of the get" between 1982 and 1985. Those were only the reported cases, emphasizes Toronto lawyer John Syrtash, an authority on the get issue.

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Ottawa women bring Judaism to prison

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — On the third day of Passover last year, four middle-aged Ottawa women loaded a car with turkey and tzimmes, chicken soup and kugel, and drove to Kingston for a memorable seder. They went to celebrate the Feast of Freedom with Jewish inmates at the Prison for Women.

It was the first seder ever celebrated at the penitentiary, and has been followed by a Rosh Hashanah dinner and a Chanukah party.

"I had never met a bunch of prisoners," says Alma Norman, one of the organizers and the woman who led the seder. "I had never been in a prison. And I thought to myself, 'these are women like the kind we are accustomed to meeting' ... I didn't expect them to be so socially gracious."

With Norman were Gabriella Goliger, Myra Palmer and Klara Horn.

About 18 people sat down at the seder table including the three Jewish prisoners and their friends, the Ottawa women, and Marilyn Sheldon, the Jewish correctional officer who originally had the idea of bringing Jewish rituals to the prison.

The prison had a Christian Mass every Sunday and had regular visits from Muslim women. But there was nothing, says Sheldon, to meet the religious needs of the small Jewish prison community, of which she counts herself a member.

These were women who had grown up in Jewish homes, says Sheldon. They had gone to Hebrew school and synagogue, and had celebrated the holidays.

"These [Jewish] feelings haven't been abandoned," she says.

Sheldon bought Bibles. She got mezuzot for the Jewish inmates' doors. She started taking one of the inmates to synagogue every Saturday. Then she set to work planning a seder. Through a chain of contacts, the women from Ottawa were approached and agreed to prepare the dinner.

It was a great success. The seder lasted until almost midnight. The women sang songs, talked about their families and shared memories of past seders. If there were any barriers between the inmates and their guests, they fell away early.

"If I could make any statement, it is that an experience like this drives home the message that there are stereotypes and they're not real," says Goliger. "Everyone has lives and they are just as complicated as ours are."

Inmate Brandi Silverstein-Kerr praises the Ottawa women for being so warm and non-judgmental. "They treat us like people. They don't look at us in terms of what we're in for."

The most poignant moment of the night, recalls Norman, came when it was time for everyone to head home. "We had to wait, all of us from Ottawa, while all the prisoners were counted. They went through a door that clanged behind them, then they all turned around and waved. They were in prison and we were going back to our car in the parking lot."

The Ottawa women decided they would return in autumn to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. This time, the inmates insisted on preparing the meal themselves. The guests arrived at the prison to find the gym set up like a banquet hall. There was linen on the tables, fresh flowers at every place

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Jewish woman fights effects of Chernobyl caused cancer

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A young Jewish woman with cancer caused by the Chernobyl explosion is fighting for her life with the help of doctors and technicians at Sunnybrook hospital.

Alla Medvedskaia, 21, came to Canada after clinicians in her native Moldovia (between Romania and Ukraine) said resources were needed for native Moldovians, not for Jews.

"I was told, 'Go to Israel, go to America, go to Canada,' " she said.

So Alla came to Canada on a visitor's visa last May (the money for her air fare was raised in her hometown of Beltsy by Jews and non-Jews) and, through intercessions by people at many levels, she is receiving expensive medical care and chemotherapy treatments under OHIP.

One event that lifted her spirits was the delivery to her hospital bed by lawyer Stephen Soloway, Mendel Green's associate, of a decision by the Immigration and Refugee Board granting her status as a legitimate refugee.

Green's firm did not charge any legal fees.

Alla, who has Hodgkin's disease, wears a wig to cover the hair lost through treatment. She was exposed to radiation from the Chernobyl blast in Ukraine in April, 1986, when she was 14. "At the time we were told it was a fire and not serious," she said.

Her father, a microbiologist, had been posted near Kiev. Lumps in her lungs did not show up until three years later. Even then, no one treating her associated the cancer with the Chernobyl explosion, though one of her friends, also afflicted, has since died.

Dr. Peter Zubkov and Dr. M. Jane Pritchard, who examined her soon after her arrival in Canada, say without continued treatment her life expectancy could be a matter of months.

Alla has completed her second series of a six-day chemotherapy treatment with a more powerful drug than used in her previous treatment. According to one of her friends, musician Michael Khinkis, Alla will need to have her own bone marrow removed and later replanted, owing to the side effects of this drug. Even though a donor for the marrow will not be needed, Kinkhis said the operation will not be done at the Toronto General Hospital until August because of a backlog.

Alla Medvedskaia

At this time, Alla's fervent hope is that her mother, Nina, 43, can join her. Though she was first refused a visa at the Canadian Embassy in Bucharest, new information sent by the Green law firm has cleared the way, and if $1,000 can be raised for her ticket, she will be on the way.

"Alla's mother is nervous that she will get here too late, Alla is her only child," Khinkis said. Her mother does not intend to apply to stay in Canada, he said.

Among those standing by Alla are her friends Nina, Vladimir, Marina and Lilia Reznik of North York, and Khinkis' fellow musicians in the Dynasty Star band which plays in the well-known night club of that name.

Aside from the medical and hospital expenses which are covered, and the welfare payments which Alla receives, her friends have helped her with the costs of a special diet and the taxis needed to take her to hospital. Since July she has stayed in hospital for 10 weeks. She is out of hospital at the moment, recovering from the last treatment series.

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U.S. group helps build ties between races

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Maybe it was something percolating in the mindset of U.S. citizens at the time, but even as a young girl in Cleveland Heights, Cherie Brown felt she had a mission to help bring diverse groups together.

Brown was only 10 years old when at the height of the Civil Rights movement, she and her B'nai Brith Girls chapter ventured into the city's black community in the hope of building bridges between blacks and Jews. A disturbing trend was developing in which whites vacated their neighborhoods as blacks moved in, and Brown was determined to oppose it.

Since that time (and in the wake of the success of that early mission), Brown has devoted her professional and student life to helping bridge the gaps between communities.

As a Hillel student at UCLA in the mid-1960s, she helped set up support groups for the Black Panthers and she convinced the Jewish federation in Los Angeles to provide grants to work towards establishing black-Jewish ties.

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Cherie Brown and Robert Dungey at a recent Toronto seminar [Paul Lungen photo]

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CIC re-organization urged

Board members will serve ad personam

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A task force of the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJF Canada) has recommended a series of changes to the governance of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), which are intended to divorce the organization from domestic communal organizations.

Under the proposals advanced by the task force and accepted recently by the board of CJF Canada, the board of directors of the CIC will shift away from the constituent organizations to a group of individuals "reconstituted on an ad personam basis, inclusive and properly representative of the composition of the Canadian Jewish community, its principal organizations and interests."

The officers have also been asked to "rewrite a draft CIC constitution ... particularly setting down a clear mandate" and "propose operating guidelines" for the reconstituted organization, said Daniel Pekarsky, chair of the CIC.

The recommendations for a revamped CIC are "part of a continuing process that encompasses all the national organizations," said CJF Canada president George Wasserstein.

CJF Canada is an umbrella organization whose constituent members include the country's federated and unfederated communities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, United Israel Appeal (UIA) and CIC. Its mandate is to serve as the vehicle for planning, promoting and co-ordinating nationally-supported Jewish community services.

Wasserstein said that CJF Canada has been examining national Jewish organizations like CIC, JIAS and student groups, with an eye to enhancing their effectiveness in serving the community.

The CIC was established to make representations to government and the media on Canada-Israel matters, on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Community. Its founding members included Congress, B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF). About two years ago, several other organizations were added to the list of constituent groups, including the UIA and the federated communities of Toronto and Montreal.

Wasserstein said, "Our concern was that the structure of CIC was not conducive to the most effective organizational structure, and what we are doing here is restructuring CIC so it can be a more effective organization and still be representative of the community at large."

Pekarsky said that in his three years at the head of CIC, the most difficult task he had was at the organizational level, chairing meetings of an organization that had no constitution and which included six organizations with different interests.

In recent years, the community has seen both Congress and B'nai Brith acting alone in setting up high profile meetings with figures linked to the Middle East. B'nai Brith met with Jordan's King Hussein during the monarch's visit to Canada, while Congress met recently with the ambassadors of Morocco and Jordan. Both organizations met independently with representatives of the domestic Palestinian community.

Gabe Nachman, president of B'nai Brith Canada, said he was unhappy with the task force's recommendations: "It seems the federations, through CJF Canada, are trying to get an enhanced role. It looks to me that one organization (CJF Canada) is trying to take a greater leadership role and reduce the role of the other groups, like B'nai Brith and the CZF."

Nachman said the result will be that the CIC will "lose out on our expertise."

CZF president Kurt Rothschild, reached by telephone in Israel, said "we hope [the proposals] lead to better co-ordination" between various pro-Israel groups. "We don't want the government approached from three different angles. We want to present a strong and cohesive aproach to government so the community appears unified."

Rothschild said that in the past, "organizatons were undertaking meetings that weren't sufficiently coordinated with the CIC."

Evelyn Katz, past president of Winnipeg's Jewish federation and a member of the CJF Canada task force, said "my understanding is that the operations of the CIC were hampered by internal dissensions."

The recommendations, she continued, adopted the point of view that "it was best to let the CIC stand alone with board members who were there individually, taking a global, community-wide point of view and not that of the constituent groups."

Congress president Irving Abella said CJF Canada has taken the view that it is best to divide Israel-advocacy from domestic Jewish community advocacy. Congress will continue its community-based work, in which it meets with non-governmental organizations, church groups, politicians and others to promote an appreciation for Israel's situation, he said.

Abella said he hopes the changes to CIC will lead to greater consultation with other pro-Israel advocacy groups, adding he did not expect to see any changes in the way Congress promotes Israel's interests.

Nachman said that while the CJF is suggesting the proposals will enhance consultation among pro-Israel domestic organizations, "I see no indications that enhance coordination."

Nachman said he would like to see CIC continue in its current form.

Legion headcover ruling gets support

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada's (BBC) League for Human Rights last week called on provincial commands to respect a national Royal Canadian Legion directive to allow religious head coverings, including turbans and kippot, in Legion halls.

In Ottawa, BBC's director of government relations, Ian Kagedan, met last week with representatives of the World Sikh Organization to plan "a variety of interventions" on the still-smouldering issue of religious headgear in Legion facilities.

Some of these are reminding local Legion branches that even though they have some independence from headquarters, the national directive should be followed because "it's up to the community to decide what is religious headgear and what isn't. It's not for others to judge," Kagedan told *The CJN*.

Last November, the Royal Canadian Legion's Dominion Command approved a national policy requiring Legions to admit members and guests wearing "the religious headdress of the Jewish and Sikh faiths," which are "not considered to constitute headdress in the traditional sense."

That ruling followed several incidents last fall in which Sikh war veterans wearing turbans were barred from entering Legion halls. Local officials cited rules disallowing entry to anyone whose head is covered, in deference to fallen comrades, the Queen and any woman present.

In a statement, League national chair Stephen Scheinberg found it "especially troubling" that attitudes of "intolerance or worse appear to be displayed in the banning of religious head coverings in various Legion branches.

"Jewish men whose religious observance requires their wearing a skullcap, or kippah, and Sikh men whose tradition mandates the wearing of a turban are two groups who are victims of such exclusionary action."

The wearing of kippot in Legion halls has never been an issue, national Legion spokesman Greg Hogan told *The CJN*.

The focus in the past few months "has been on the most visible example" of religious headgear, namely, turbans, Hogan explained.

The issue of turbans in Legion halls will be voted on at a national council meeting in Calgary in May. In the meantime, some Legion branches across the country have questioned whether to obey the interim national directive.

Sikh veterans barred

"If it's voted down [in May], we're back to square one. If it's accepted, then all branches are bound by it." And if individual Legion branches disobey an approved directive, their charters can be revoked and they can be shut down, Hogan noted.

He said that of the country's 1,750 Legion branches, "only three or four are acting up."

"Many" of Canada's 585,000 Legionnaires don't consider a kippah or turban as the same kind of religious head covering, "but we [the Dominion Command] do," Hogan stressed.

Last Remembrance Day five Sikh veterans of the Indian army were invited to take part in a parade and then barred from entering a Legion hall in Surrey, B.C., because they wore turbans.

Just last week in Cornwall, Ont., the president of the local Legion, who had made controversial statements about Sikhs, was reinstated.

Angelo Lebano was suspended by the provincial command in December after telling a local newspaper: "If they [Sikh veterans] feel they have to wear their turbans, let them go back to their country and do what they want to do."

Also in December, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, the chaplain of the Dominion Command, wrote an opinion piece stating "no one wearing a turban or a yarmulke upon entry into a Legion Hall does so out of disrespect for Legion tradition."

The turban issue has not been a burning one for the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, which claims between 900 and 1,000 members.

National Commander Sam Pasternack told *The CJN* his group has issued invitations to all Sikh veterans wearing turbans that "they are more than welcome" to join the activities of the Jewish War Veterans.

Pasternack said he would like to ask Legion members who oppose turbans, "Would they ask the Pope or a cardinal to remove their headdress?"

Veterans who belong to the so-called Jewish Legion halls, like Toronto's General Wingate Branch, have never had a problem wearing kippot, Pasternack added.

Canadian Jewish Congress has also acted on the issue, having sent out letters and statements to Legion officials calling the banning of turbans "outrageous and discriminatory."

"They've given us their commitment that turbans will be allowed," said CJC's Bernie Farber last week. "We'll wait and see."

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Missing Israeli soldier's mom explains her case to MPs

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Miriam Baumel, mother of an Israeli soldier missing in action for 11 years, met with Canadian parliamentarians last week to ask them to use their influence to persuade her son's captors to release him and two other soldiers.

Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz disappeared after a battle in northern Lebanon on June 11, 1982. Later that night, according to several press reports, Israeli soldiers were paraded aboard their captured tank down the streets of the Syrian capital, Damascus. The families of the young men have heard nothing of them since.

Baumel, who moved to Israel with her husband and children in 1970, has been lobbying for information about the soldiers for 11 years.

"We feel that they're alive," said Baumel in an interview. "We feel very encouraged by people we have contact with in the Arab world."

She said progress in the Israel-PLO peace negotiations had renewed her hope that the MIAs would be returned.

In December, the Baumels received one half of their son's army dog tag after it was delivered to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by a PLO emissary. Although it came with no explanation, the gesture confirmed Baumel's belief that Yassar Arafat has information about the soldiers.

Baumel is now contacting Western governments to ask them to raise the issue with Syria, where the men were last seen, and with Arafat when he comes for an official visit. She recently met with members of the U.S. Congress who had visited Syria to look into the matter.

"The MIA issue is something the whole western world should be concerned about," said Baumel. "We're going into the 21st century now, and man is supposed to have learned that there are certain things that you don't do. Murder is taboo and kidnapping is taboo."

In Ottawa, Toronto Liberal MP Joseph Volpe (Eglinton-Lawrence), hosted a lunch for Baumel, which was attended by almost two dozen sympathetic MPs. Later, in a statement made at the beginning of Question Period, Volpe urged the Minister of Foreign Affairs to raise the issue with Arafat and Syrian authorities "so as to make the return of the MIAs part of the peace package."

Arafat is rumoured to be planning a diplomatic visit to Canada during the summer.

Canadian Jewish Congress has taken up the cause of the MIAs, including a fourth soldier, Ron Vered, who disappeared in 1986.

Moshe Ronen, chair of the Israel affairs committee for Canadian Jewish Congress, said it would be to Arafat's advantage to see that the MIA issue is resolved.

"You cannot be sincere about peace and allow a situation like this to continue," said Ronen.

"One of the views of the people who were opposed to the peace plan was that Arafat could not be trusted," he added. "Action on this particular issue will show his sincerity, particularly if there is no price [such as a demand for an exchange of Palestinian prisoners]. He would score a lot of points with public opinion and with governments."

The MIA situation will be a priority for Canadian Jewish Congress, he said, and will be raised at all political meetings with government leaders and officials.

Baumel said she was grateful for the support she found in Ottawa, but says she will wait, as she has waited for over a decade, to see if it does any good.

"I've been at this 11 1/2 years. I've been too encouraged and then disappointed, and then the opposite. So I just take what comes."

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On a very cold day in January, Yehuda Vinitsky (fourth from left) arrived in Fredericton, New Brunswick to meet with as many community members as possible in his new capacity as Jewish National Fund's emissary for Montreal and the Altantic provinces. Vinitsky was met by Warren Cohen (second from left), Fredericton's JNF representative and his wife Miriam. With Vinitsky is (from left) Rhona Levine Ruben, Cohen, Miriam Cohen and Sydelle Grobe (right).

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Soviet Christian family facing deporation to Israel

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A Christian family, originally from the former Soviet Union, is facing deportation to Israel after having exhausted the legal means to stay in Canada, despite a wave of support from the people of Quebec City.

The family has attracted public attention because Olga Davidov, who is fluent in French, has worked as an interpreter for the Russian players on the Quebec Nordiques team of the National Hockey League, and her 21-year-old son Igor has gained fame in amateur boxing.

Over 8,000 signatures — many of them from hockey fans — were collected on a petition asking the Canadian government to allow the family to stay here. Besides Olga, 42, and Igor, there is her husband Valery, also 42, and another son, Oleg, 13.

They have also received support from the city council of Ste. Foy, the suburb in which they live, and from Bloc Quebecois Member of Parliament for Louis Hebert, Philippe Pare. The Quebec City media has featured their plight prominently.

Nordiques public relations director Richard Thibault said Davidov is a valued and well-liked employee, and Quebecers are sympathetic because they are delighted to see immigrants who have integrated so well, including speaking French.

"The Nordiques have been doing everything they can to help the family stay," Thibault said.

An important part of her duties was helping the three Russian players on the Nordiques and their families adjust to life in a city unlike any other in North America.

The Davidovs left their native Tajikistan in Central Asia, now an autonomous republic, in late 1990 when a civil war was being waged. On the strength of false papers identifying Olga as Jewish, the family emigrated to Israel where they lived for over a year and received citizenship.

They came to Canada in February, 1992 as visitors and claimed refugee status, which was denied. In December, Federal Court refused to hear their appeal of the refugee board decision.

As a last resort, they sought to be reassessed as potential immigrants from within Canada on humanitarian grounds. Earlier this month, an immigration officer in Quebec City turned them down.

Richard St. Louis, an immigration department spokesman in Montreal, said the Davidovs have been served with a "conditional departure notice." If they do not comply within 30 days, they will receive a deportation order, he said.

The only route that may still be open to them is intervention by Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi, who can use his discretion to overturn departmental decisions, St. Louis said.

Davidov was not saying much to the media immediately after the negative ruling, except that she was "completely shocked and very upset." She had earlier told a Quebec newspaper that if she was expelled it would be "worse than a heart attack."

In interviews with Quebec City papers, Davidov has said the family felt they could not fit into Israel because it is a Jewish state and, if Canada deported them to Israel, she feared Israel would send them back to Tajikistan, now controlled by Islamic fundamentalists. Igor also said he is worried he will be sent to jail for failing to fulfill his army service while they were in Israel.

But, Israeli Consul General Itzhak Levanon stressed the Davidovs have nothing to fear if they must return to Israel. "The doors are open to them, as they are to any Israeli citizen abroad...There is no chance they will de deported [to Tajikistan]."

No reprisals or interrogation will be taken against the Davidovs even if they did enter Israel under false pretenses, he said. Levanon noted that 18 per cent of Israel's population is not Jewish.

"Israel is a democratic, pluralistic society where everyone has the right to express themselves," he said. "They have Israeli passports, Israeli citizenship and therefore all the privileges and obligations of any citizen. That includes the right to leave the country."

As for Igor's fear of being charged with desertion, Levanon said the military authorities judge each case on its individual circumstances, adding that many Israelis return from abroad who did not fulfill their army duty and few are imprisoned.

"Israel may not meet their preferences, but I don't think they should bash Israel," he said.

Davidov, who lived with her family on a kibbutz near the Golan, is reported to have said: "Maybe [Israel] is excellent for Jews, but for non-Jews it is unbearable."

They felt they were not accepted because of their nationality and religion.

Changes in hate laws prompt appeal of Keegstra conviction

Christie cites Canadian, American decisions

By JUDY SHAPIRO
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — Recent advances and changes in law have made statutes prohibiting hatred against an identifiable group unconstitutional, lawyer Doug Christie told the Alberta Court of Appeal this month, in asking the court to overturn the 1992 conviction of Jim Keegstra for promoting hatred against Jews.

In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that laws against promoting hatred are a justifiable limit to free speech and are constitutional, Christie noted.

"The law has evolved since Keegstra was before the Supreme Court of Canada," Christie told reporters outside the courtroom.

He cited the Supreme Court of Canada's decision overturning the conviction of Toronto pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel for spreading false news about the Holocaust.

That decision, although relating to a different law, placed freedom of speech "in ambiguity" and redefined what limits governments can put on free speech, Christie said.

"When the foundation of a judgment has been removed ... it would seem naive to pretend that judgment stands inviolate.

"Law does advance and does change."

Christie also pointed to a U.S. Supreme Court decision that hate laws are unconstitutional.

The American ruling is relevant here, Christie told the court, because the Supreme Court of Canada considered the U.S. experience in rendering its judgement on Keegstra in 1990.

"It would seem strange that 250 million people on one side of an imaginary line could express an opinion but 28 million people on the other side ... could not express the same opinion," Christie said.

A former mayor and high school teacher from Eckville, Alta., Keegstra, 57, has been in and out of courts for almost a decade.

He's accused of promoting hatred by teaching that the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by an international Jewish conspiracy.

A 1985 conviction against him for promoting hatred was overturned on appeal. The Supreme Court of Canada later upheld the constitutionality of the law but the Alberta Court of Appeal ordered a new trial.

In the second trial in 1992, Keegstra was again convicted, and fined $3,000. Although he defended himself, Keegstra hired Christie, who has also represented Zundel and accused Nazi war criminal Imre Finta, to present his appeal.

The constitutional argument was among several presented by Christie in trying to convince the court to set aside Keegstra's 1992 conviction. He also argued:

- That the legal definitions of terms such as hate, religion, public interest and public benefit are too vague. Christie argued that the first trial judge did not clarify these terms for the jury.
- A person cannot be convicted of wilfully promoting hate if it can be proven it was done in the public interest. Christie said Keegstra's beliefs were sincerely held and that discussion of them was in the public interest.

Crown lawyer Jack Watson countered: "What public interest could be served by this appalling tidal wave of propaganda?"

- That the Crown failed to prove Jews are an identifiable group.
- That the trial judge erred in admitting students' notes into evidence and in directions on Keegstra's ability to introduce testimony from his first trial as evidence.
- That the trial judge erred in denying a request from the jury for transcripts of a witness's testimony and for a copy of the Criminal Code section under which Keegstra was charged.

Watson told the court that even if it is ruled the lower court judge made a mistake in denying these requests, it would not justify ordering a retrial. An error such as this, in fact, worked in Keegstra's favor, he said.

The appeal court justices reserved judgment after the two-day hearing.

Lawyers said it could take months before a ruling is reached.

Keegstra also faces a Crown appeal of the $3,000 fine levied in 1992. But that won't be heard until after a ruling is reached on his appeal.

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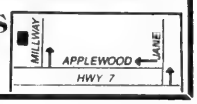

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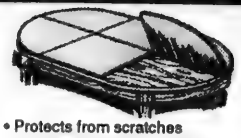

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'Schindler Jew' Page hopes film will discourage Nazism

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The man who persuaded novelist Thomas Keneally to write the story of Oskar Schindler said he is appalled by the existence of groups promoting hatred between races.

Leopold Page described hatred as "the world's biggest sickness."

Page, a Schindlerjude (Schindler's Jew), told *The CJN* in an interview here that he thinks there is more race hatred now than before World War II and blamed it on a "force" paying racists to teach hatred against Jews, blacks, Catholics and others.

Page was in Vancouver to speak to the Jewish community under the auspices of the Holocaust Centre Society, the Jewish Community Centre and Poland's consulate. More than 800 people attended.

He said those who have experienced the tragedy of the Holocaust must teach younger people more compassion, love and understanding between races and religions.

"A child is born to love, not to hate," he said. "Hatred is taught by evil forces."

Page, whose original name was Pfeferberg, arrived in the United States in 1950. His name was changed by an immigration clerk.

Page, 81, hopes *Schindler's List*, which he describes as a documentary by witnesses of the Holocaust, will help to discourage those attempting to revive Nazism. It's one way of trying to offset the abuse of human rights "which nobody else is doing anything about."

The youthful-looking Page, a former Jewish high school teacher in Cracow and a Polish army officer, survived the war with his wife Mila thanks to Schindler. He said he always wanted someone to write the Schindler story.

One day in 1980, a young man walked into Page's leather goods store in Beverly Hills looking for a new briefcase. He introduced himself as Thomas Keneally, an Australian writer. In the 45 minutes it took to clear his credit card, Page summarized the Schindler story and asked Keneally to write it.

Keneally demurred, saying he was only 3 when World War II broke out and had been taught very little in history classes about the Holocaust.

Page told the author young writers were supposed to record for the world the stories of survivors before they all died. He insisted it be a documentary, not a novel, and obtained releases from 150 survivors (Page insists on calling them witnesses).

Leopold Page

Page and Keneally travelled together to Germany, Israel, Poland, and visited concentration camp sites like Auschwitz.

Keneally wrote what turned out to be a best seller in 14 languages — including Hebrew. The book sold best in Israel. *Schindler's List* also won the Booker Prize for literature in 1982.

Following the book's publication, the movie rights were sold to MCA-Universal. Steven Spielberg was pegged to make the film, but said he couldn't do it for 10 years.

Page was disappointed because he was 70. "Who knew if I'd live to see the movie made?" He was very much alive when Spielberg started production in February 1992. Page served as a technical advisor.

He told *The CJN* that Spielberg didn't take "a penny" for doing the $23-million movie and that the money will go instead to charity. Some of the beneficiaries will be the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the Anti-Defamation League, the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., the Hebrew University School of Holocaust Studies and Yad Vashem. A premiere will be held in Israel in March.

Much of the picture was shot at Dachau and near Cracow during the winter. Page said actors and the thousands of local residents who worked as extras performed in ragged, skimpy clothes despite the sub-zero temperatures to portray camp conditions. One woman told him "I don't care if they pay me for this. I want to feel what your people felt when they lived through the Holocaust."

Schindler, who was a member of the Nazi party, was able to operate his factory, which made utensils for the army, by bribing the top Nazi brass and thus was able to pick his own slave labor. For some reason, he chose Jews and tried to keep Jewish families together.

Schindler got Page's wife out of Auschwitz to join her husband, who was repairing cars for the Nazis. Page said the Nazis didn't object to Schindler using Jews because the factory couldn't be sabotoged to hurt the war effort. Schindler's Jews were all confined to a camp, however, to keep the Nazis satisfied.

Once, when Schindler was running out of bribe money and needed supplies, one of his workers forged a certificate to get what he needed. The "forger" went to Israel after the war and became a top judge who retired recently, said Page.

After the war, Schindler was broke but didn't want to go back to Germany, where he might be considered a traitor. He couldn't get into the U.S. because he was a member of the Nazi party. With the help of his Schindlerjuden, he went to Argentina where he died in 1974. His was buried with honors in a Catholic cemetery in Israel.

His widow still lives in Argentina and Page said "she is well taken care of" by Jewish organizations. While Schindler was alive, the Jews he had saved contributed one day's pay a year to help him.

Page said he never kept records about his time with Schindler, relying only on his memory. "Don't forget," he said, "I was a professor and an army officer and we were trained to observe. That's how I could recall everything for Keneally. In any event, most of us who were Schindlerjuden tried to keep in touch after liberation."

In all, said Page, Schindler saved about 1,500 Jews — 600 women and 900 men, including boys and girls. At least three of Schindler's Jews live in Vancouver.

The night of the speech, Vancouver MLA Tom Perry presented a cheque for $25,000 to the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society to buy computer equipment for the 4,000-sq. ft. Holocaust centre opening in November. The centre will cost $500,000. Most of the money has been raised.

Robert Krell, president of the society, introduced Polish Consul General Krysztof Kasprzyk, who officially introduced the speaker.

MP quotes Hitler in newsletter

KELOWNA, B.C. — Werner Schmidt, the Reform MP for Okanagan Centre, says he is "dismayed" that a newsletter produced by Reform riding association members here contained a quotation by Adolf Hitler.

In a press release issued through his Kelowna riding office, Schmidt said: "I want to clarify any misunderstanding that the newsletter originated in either my Ottawa or Kelowna parliamentary office. This was not a Parliament newsletter." He added that "such a distasteful reference should never have been made in a Reform Party publication and I will be taking steps to ensure that such a situation does not occur again."

The newsletter, dated January 1994, has the Reform logo at the top of the page in large type, and it gives the Reform Party association office as part of the address. It is a single sheet carrying a message from Schmidt describing his first week as an MP and his impressions of Parliament.

The newsletter came to the attention of Anita Nadler, president of the Okanagan Jewish Community, who said she was very upset Schmidt would cite words by a man responsible for killing six million Jews, and she immediately expressed her anger to the local media.

The Hitler quotation is a filler and comes under the heading of More Famous Quotes: "What luck for rulers that men do not think." There is also a quotation by Abba Eban.

Miles Novak, local executive assistant to Schmidt, denied all knowledge of the newsletter's contents before it appeared. He said it was prepared by a committee of the riding association and the quote was inserted by the editor, whom Novak would not identify.

In his view, said Novak, the Hitler quote was not meant to glorify the Nazi leader but rather meant as a warning that citizens must monitor politicians to avoid giving power to leaders such as Hitler.

Renee Switzer Bellas, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, said a quotation such as the one used in the MP's newletter was offensive to all Canadians. Hal Joffe, Congress national community relations chair, called the newsletter insensitive and demanded an apology by the MP to Canadians.

In his release, Schmidt said that, while he had contributed the article to the newsletter, he did not see the publication before it was distributed. He said he was offended to see the quotation from "that man" and that he shared "the repugnance felt by others."

A letter to Reform Party leader Preston Manning from B'nai Brith Canada executive vice president, Frank Dimant, also expressed dismay at the Okanagan Centre newsletter and called for assurances that there would be no repetition of "such displays of insensitivitiy and poor taste."

While expressing appreciation of Manning's "quick denunciation of the use of the offending quote and ...of Schmidt's distancing himself from the riding associations publication," Dimant urged Manning: "We seek your assurance that your efforts continue to exclude from involvement in your party any individuals who espouse racist and bigoted views."

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Racism worse elsewhere, German Jewish leader says

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last week, a court in Wuppertal, Germany sentenced two skinheads and a bartender to jail terms ranging from eight years to 14 years for kicking and burning to death a man they mistakenly believed was Jewish.

That crime was one in a series of incidents in recent years in which German radicals have lashed out at minorities.

Yet despite that horrific crime and other incidents of neo-Nazi violence in Germany, Ignatz Bubis remains sanguine about the future of the Jews of Germany.

Bubis, president of the board of directors of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, believes that while the media focuses on his home country, the problem of racism is substantially worse in other European states.

In Germany, he said, only about eight per cent of the vote goes to the Republican and other extremist parties while in Austria, rightist radicals have garnered 18 per cent of the vote. In France, rightist Jean-Marie Le Pen can count on support from 15 per cent of the population while in Belgium, the extremist Flemish Front gets 12 per cent of the vote.

Furthermore, all of Germany's mainstream parties have gone on record stating they will not enter into a coalition government with extremist parties, Bubis said.

A businessman based in Berlin, Bubis was in Toronto recently to deliver a lecture to the Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto on right wing radicalism and the Jewish community of Germany.

A congenial individual with a ready smile, Bubis said that Germany, like

Ignatz Bubis

the rest of Europe and even North America, is experiencing a growing trend of racist propaganda, much of it originating with Toronto neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel.

Polls in Germany show that 15 per cent of the population admits to being openly anti-Semitic while another 15 per cent has latent anti-Semitic attitudes, Bubis said. This finding, he continued, has nothing to do with the reunification of Germany but is part of a continent-wide trend of right-wing growth.

The Jewish community in Germany, which numbers about 44,000, hasn't experienced the kind of assaults targeted against foreigners, who, with numbers approaching six and a half million, are much more visible, he said. Nevertheless, there were more than 80 desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in both 1992 and 1993, he pointed out.

While that sort of incident is roundly condemned by public figures, "90 per cent of politicians from all parties are saying there are too many refugees" in Germany, he said.

Turning to the Jewish community's internal problems, Bubis said its numbers have exploded since 1989, when there were only 29,000 in both East and West Germany. Since then, 15,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have arrived.

The federal government is doing its part in helping them integrate into German life while the Jewish community is helping by teaching them German as well as giving them a grounding in Jewish history and culture. In addition, the community in Frankfurt has turned over 150 apartments to the recent arrivals, Bubis said.

The more established Jewish community, which consists primarily of emigres from Eastern Europe who arrived after the war, is facing a shortage of German-speaking relgious teachers and rabbis, he said.

Still, the country's three main centres of Jewish life each boast some Jewish educational facilities.

Berlin, home to 10,000 Jews, has a day school that provides education from kindergarten through high school.

Frankfurt, with 6,000 Jews, has a day school through the elementary level, while Munich, home to 5,000 Jews, provides Jewish education up to Grade 4. There are kindergartens in both Dusseldorf and Cologne, he said.

Asked why Jews remain in Germany at a time when racists are becoming bolder, Bubis replied: "I don't want to say I'm comfortable and we have no problems. But I expect everyone will fight these problems where they live."

Students explore peace at WUJS seminar in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

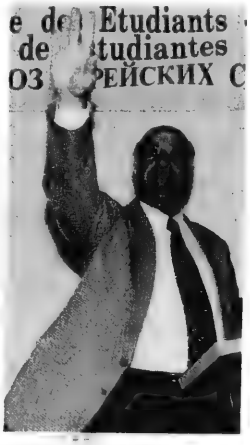
TORONTO — "My perspective [on the peace process] hasn't changed, but my understanding of it has," says York University student Andrea Silverstone, 20, reflecting on her recent participation in the World Union of Jewish Students' (WUJS) annual winter seminar.

Silverstone, who is vice-president of WUJS and chair of Network Canada (WUJS' Canadian affiliate), was one of four Canadians attending the seminar. Michelle Brown and Simon Rucker of Toronto, and Bram Portnoy, a Montrealer studying in Israel, also attended. Over 100 students representing Jewish student unions worldwide participated in the seminar.

This year's meeting, held on a moshav near Jerusalem, featured a wide range of speakers — from Arab Democratic Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe to Yoram Chazoni, aide to Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu — focusing on the theme What's Peace Got to Do With It?

Darawshe told WUJS students that he and his party are "striving for better co-existence between Arabs and Jews everywhere. [There is now] real hope for a comprehensive and just peace in the region," he said, adding that "nobody can prevent an eventual solution of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." He also spoke of the possibility of an eventual Common Market of the Middle East.

Darawshe attacked Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for his "attempts to redefine 'the Jericho area'," but repeated his desire to enter the government's coalition.



Arab MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe

After hearing about a dozen speakers on the peace process, Silverstone doesn't believe that "absolute extremes" can find common ground. "I think the [moderates] will set the line, and the [others] will toe it." Although she says she is somewhat pessimistic (the situation is "so explosive"), Silverstone told *The CJN* she believes that peace can be achieved.

Brown, 23, who is co-chair of Network's gender issues task force, was disappointed that women were underrepresented as speakers at the seminar. (Silverstone, who was involved in planning the agenda, explained that an effort was made to invite women speakers, and that most Israeli politicians are male.) Naomi Chazan, Meretz party MK, was one of the few women speakers.

Brown appreciated the effort made to present a rounded picture of the peace process, particularly in having an Arab point of view. Palestinian journalist and senior media adviser to the Palestinian peace accord delegation Doued Kuttab also spoke at the seminar.

At the request of Australian-born WUJS chair David Gold, Darawshe promised to raise the subject of Israeli MIAs on all appropriate occasions. Prior to Darawshe's speech Miriam Baumel, mother of missing soldier Zachary Baumel, had made an impassioned plea to the students to help her in the campaign to locate her son.

Network Canada is launching its own MIA campaign, which will be the focus of its annual lobby day next month when students travel to Ottawa to meet with federal politicians regarding issues of concern to them.

Network, formed in 1977, has a double mandate of activism and bringing students closer to their Jewish identity, Silverstone said.

WUJS was founded in 1924 by a small group of students including Albert Einstein to fight anti-Semitism on European campuses and provide a strong voice for Jewish student concerns.

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Clinton addresses WJC meeting

CJC president meets head of Sarajevo Jewish community

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Bill Clinton had already finished addressing an international conference of Jewish delegates last Wednesday when he returned to the podium with a stunning announcement.

After months of difficult negotiations, Israel and the PLO had just reached agreement on the implementation of the self-rule accord they had signed at the White House last September, the president said.

Delegates of the World Jewish Congress were momentarily speechless at the news, which had broken during the course of Clinton's speech to the group in the Old Executive Office Building. But after a brief silence, the group erupted into a thunderous round of applause.

Clinton called the agreement "a milestone," and then stepped down from the podium to shake hands with delighted delegates.

"This was an extraordinary end to a conference; the announcement of near peace in the Middle East," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

The address by Clinton and one by Vice-President Al Gore capped a WJC conference that also included meetings with Secretary of State Warren Christopher and members of Congress.

Canadians at the two-day gathering included Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella, former president Irwin Cotler, executive director Jack Silverstone and vice-president Alan Rose.

After Clinton's speech, both he and Gore waded into the delegates and chatted briefly with Abella and others.

"Mostly, we talked about Bosnia, what can be done and ought to be done to lift the siege of Sarajevo," Abella told *The CJN* on his return.

He said Clinton and Gore appeared "sincere and dedicated."

Abella also spoke to Ivan Ceresnjes, head of Sarajevo's Jewish community, who expressed support for NATO's deadline against Bosnian Serb gunners around the city but, according to Abella, is concerned that if Bosnian Muslims are armed, those arms could later be used against other ethnic groups.

Abella later addressed a plenary session on Jewish continuity, while Cotler appeared before a special House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that heard testimony on anti-Semitism.

The biannual gathering of the WJC's governing board attracted delegates from Jewish communities around the world, including those in the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union and Sarajevo.

In his speech, Clinton discussed a range of topics, including Bosnia, ethnic hatred, the Middle East peace process and religious freedom.

The president congratulated Gore for speaking out against anti-Semitism and bigotry around the world. "People must realize and move beyond antiquated beliefs" of hatred and racism, he said.

Clinton said his administration has worked "very hard to build a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

He then outlined three of the administration's goals with respect to that peace: minimizing the risks being taken by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, helping with implementation of the self-rule accord and encouraging progress in Israel's negotiations with the other Arab parties.

The president also repeated his call for the abolition of the Arab economic boycott of Israel, which he said must "end now."

"Israel must be a partner of these (Middle East) nations and no longer a pariah," he said.

On Bosnia, Clinton said the United States would "begin to invigorate negotiations to bring about an end to the bloodshed and aggression" in the war-torn country.

He spoke as NATO announced that it would launch air strikes against Serbian-controlled targets unless Serbian insurgent forces lift the two-year-old siege of Sarajevo by Feb. 20.

Ethnic hatred was, in fact, one of the main topics discussed at the WJC conference.

Last Tuesday, WJC leaders went to Capitol Hill and testified on the danger of global anti-Semitism.

In prepared remarks, Montreal-born WJC President Edgar Bronfman spoke of "the growth and spread of intolerance, racism and hatred of foreigners, and, as a central feature of that, the resurgence of the longest hatred of all: anti-Semitism."

In 1993, there was "no slackening of anti-Semitic pressures in certain key trouble spots," he said.

However, Bronfman also noted that "whatever the level of anti-Semitism, what Jews are experiencing is not remotely comparable to the discrimination, violence and abuse which are a daily occurrence for other minority groups throughout the world."

The hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its subcommittee on human rights were believed to be the first-ever House hearings on global anti-Semitism featuring firsthand international testimony.

Canada's Cotler joined WJC leaders from Europe, the former Soviet Union, South America and South Africa who testified about anti-Semitism in their regions.

"What we wanted to bring out was the fact that instead of just reading about manifestations of anti-Semitism," the committee "should hear from the representatives of Jewish communities," Elan Steinberg said after the hearing.

The testimony revealed that "Jews are a barometer of the democratic process in any country," he said. "Where Jews are not faring well," human rights are also not going well.

Among the incidents specifically discussed at the hearing were the rise of Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the recent attack on Argentina's Chief Rabbi in Buenos Aires and the recent erecting of a statue in Romania to wartime dictator Ion Antonescu.

Meanwhile, Steinberg said the subcommittee chairman, Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Cal.), had pledged his support in efforts to regain Jewish properties seized by Nazi and Communist governments in Europe.

— With files from Ron Csillag in Toronto.

Vigils to be held across the country

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The RCA's resolutions have "moral value," said Joseph, "but we need things with legal teeth." Although a number of rabbis are using prenuptial agreements, Joseph said that such a document has not been standardized. "There are nine written that I know of, and everyone is debating about this clause and that clause."

That problem is likely to be remedied, or at least ameliorated, once the RCA's Life Cycle Madrich, its rabbinic manual, is published later this year. Ottawa's Rabbi Reuven Bulka, of Machzikei Hadas Congregation, is writing the section of the text dealing with prenuptial agreements. The RCA has agreed upon a text, he told *The CJN*, and "hopefully it will become employed as a standard item."

Prenuptial agreements may help resolve future problems, but they are of little use to present-day agunot. Rabbinic sanctions against recalcitrant husbands have accordingly been one focus of ICAR's work. Last year the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get sent letters to rabbis across Canada asking them to "incorporate forceful positions against any person who refuses to participate in the get process."

Congregation Beth Tikvah of Montreal, led by Rabbi Mordechai Zeitz, was the first synagogue in Canada to take such action and the only one, to Joseph's knowledge, prior to the letter being sent. The synagogue's constitution was amended so that anyone refusing to participate in a Jewish divorce could not be a member in good standing.

Machzikei Hadas followed suit with a similar amendment last year. "Symbolically, it's very important," said Rabbi Bulka. "It's a signal that we have zero tolerance for nonsense."

A seruv is issued by the Beit Din to anyone who fails to respond to three summonses to the rabbinical court. The proclamation, indicating that the person is in contempt of court, is a tool which ICAR would like to see employed more frequently.

"Most batei din won't issue a seruv," says Joseph. "Most will refrain from calling a recalcitrant husband [to the court] a third time, in order to refrain from putting his name as being in contempt of court."

"A seruv is not necessarily a very effective instrument," counters Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, chair of Toronto's Beth Din Tzedek. "If this were the answer, we would be glad to use it." Rabbi Ochs is convinced that a seruv has value only if the person in question is observant and has respect for the Beit Din process. "All it does is highlight the plight," he said, although he conceded that the latter result in itself "may be effective in some instances."

Organizers of the upcoming vigil are hoping that the plight of agunot will be brought to light so that they can find some assistance. "We are committed to making the problem of agunot a household [term]," says Etty Danzig, Toronto-based president of Na'amat Canada.

Addresses and phone numbers for agunot to write or call for help will be available at each vigil.

Canadian locations for the vigil, to be held on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. local time, are:

- Vancouver — Talmud Torah on Oak Street
- Edmonton — City Hall
- Winnipeg — Jewish Community Council, 370 Hargrave St.
- Hamilton — Jewish Community Centre
- Toronto — Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St.
- Ottawa — City Hall
- Montreal — Cummings Building lobby, 5151 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd.
- Halifax — Congregation Beth Israel.

For further information about the vigils or about the coalition, contact B'nai Brith Women, Hadassah-WIZO, Emunah Women of Canada, Na'amat Canada, Status of Women Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Women's Canadian ORT or Women's Federation.

Financial deal sought

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He said that currently, "the accounts payable are in arrears" with some suppliers waiting more than six months to be paid. He said there are no lawsuits pending and that staff are being paid "more or less on time."

The JCC is not near bankruptcy, he emphasized.

Asked about a situation where JCC cheques to some staff bounced, Perlmutter said "there was a period in the summer where for technical reasons" attributable to a change of accounts, the cheques were not covered by the bank.

Perlmutter said one of the proposals under consideration to revamp the JCC involves the JCC giving up ownership of the land at the North branch. "In most North American communities, the facilities are owned by the community or a trust," he said. "The Toronto JCC is unique in that the facilities are owned by the JCC itself. If the financing plan requires the community to become owner of the facility, we don't see any problem with that."

When asked about the allocation from the Endowment Fund, Perlmutter called it "a subvention" (a grant or subsidy) while Ghert said it was "a loan." Asked later to comment on the discrepancy, Perlmutter said no final decision on that has yet been taken.

Perlmutter said that the JCC's new operating plans should not affect the membership. Membership fees "will remain competitive" and the summer tennis program at the Northeast Valley branch will not be affected, he said.

Karen Chisvin, chair of the Bloor branch, said the downtown members remain committed to "a new arrangement" that will see the branch become independent of the JCC. Ghert said such a move is contingent on broader, Centre-wide arrangements.

Commenting on changes to the JCC that are aimed at making it operate more efficiently, Perlmutter said he expects to "consolidate jobs" among staff, adding "there is always staff turnover."

Ghert gave the current JCC leadership a vote of confidence, saying it appears to be "doing a good job." In recent months a new comptroller has taken over, as have lay leaders "who understand the situation," he said.

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The News in Brief

BBC Officials in Geneva

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish officials will be monitoring proceedings this month of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, with special attention on Israel and international right-wing extremism. Brian Morris, national vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada and chair of BBC's institute for international affairs, and Paul Marcus, institute director, are in Geneva until Feb. 25 for the 50th session of the commission, which runs to March 5. They will also examine the work of the recently-appointed UN Commissioner on Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia. Also scheduled are meetings with officials of the International Red Cross and members of the local Jewish community.

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Catholics Stage 'Fiddler'

CALGARY — Fiddler on the Roof is being staged here next month — by a Catholic high school. Over 250 students of St. Francis High School are involved in all stages of production. The school has enlisted the help of the Jewish community to ensure the production is in keeping with Jewish tradition and history. Teacher Jean MacEachern said she sees the project as a way of extending friendship between Jews and Catholics.

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Local Agencies Face Cuts

VANCOUVER — The 20 Jewish agencies and programs supported by the local Combined Jewish Appeal face an eight per cent shortfall in CJA allocations. Due to a decline in CJA totals, the agencies and programs will receive 92 per cent of the "bare bones" needs, meaning the agencies will have to rely on their own fundraising and cut budgets and staff to meet budgetary needs.

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Meridor to Visit

TORONTO — Member of Knesset Dan Meridor will be in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto from March 18 to 22 as a guest of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Meridor, who served as Israel's justice minister from 1988 to 1992, will present his views on the Israel-PLO self-rule accord and help the Canadian Associates of BGU to establish a program of deferred giving and to provide scholarships for Ethiopian immigrant students.

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'President' Arafat — For Life?

JERUSALEM — PLO officials last week finalized a "constitution" that makes Yasser Arafat president of the Palestinian government until at least 1999, in the event a peace agreement is finalized, sources said. An elected Palestinian government would later decide what form of democracy and constitution would be adopted. While still naming him president for five years after taking office, the final draft no longer allows Arafat to appoint his own vice-president. It also takes away from him the sole authority of imposing capital punishment, as was stipulated in earlier drafts.

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Iraq Stockpiling Chemicals: MK

JERUSALEM — A shipment of 35 tons of ammonium perchlorate, used in the manufacture of chemical weapons, was seized last week en route to Iraq, proving the Iraqis are ignoring UN orders and continuing to arm themselves with nonconventional weapons, Labor MK Ehpraim Sneh told the Knesset. Sneh said a German vessel, the Asian Senator, was seized in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, carrying the chemicals. The boat was on its way to Beirut via the Suez Canal, where the cargo was to be unloaded and transported overland to Iraq.

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Bosnian Kids Retrieve Parents

JERUSALEM — Two children rescued from Sarajevo at the beginning of Bosnia's civil war are to fly to Budapest this week to meet their parents, who have decided to live in Israel. The Jewish Agency is flying Binyamin Cilbivics, 16, and his sister Vanja, 14, to the Hungarian capital to bring their parents to the Jewish state. The parents are part of a group of 176 Jews who left the Bosnian capital in a recent convoy. About 50 Jews said they intended to live in Israel. As well, the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem announced it is paying for buses to bring potential immigrants from Croatia to Budapest, from where they are to fly here.

Castro: Jewish Families Can Reunite

JERUSALEM — Cuban President Fidel Castro has promised to approve any request received from Israel to permit an individual Jew or Jewish family to emigrate for family reunification, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau said last week after returning from Cuba. Rabbi Lau said Castro would not establish ties with Israel without consulting Arab states. The Chief Rabbi said Castro strongly supports the peace process. Castro gave the rabbi boxes of Cuban cigars for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and former capital mayor Teddy Kollek, each bearing his personal calling card.

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Agency Tsuris Widens

JERUSALEM — Former Jewish Agency treasurer and current Likud MK Meir Sheetrit is under police investigation for the possible illegal use of Agency credit cards. Sheetrit said he was unaware of the investigation and is innocent of wrongdoing. The report came as the Attorney General's office is preparing to issue a decision on whether to indict current Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz for alleged misuse of his Agency credit cards for personal expenditures.

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Women Face IDF Bias: MKs

JERUSALEM — Members of the Knesset status of women committee last week blasted the IDF for allegedly discriminating against women. Labor MK Dalia Itzik said it is "dubious democracy" if Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, who was asked to attend, was not there to hear complaints that women face an unfair deal in military service. Likud MK Limor Livnat said female MKs oppose the shortening of women's service without finding ways of maintaining a broad range of jobs for female soldiers.

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Four Soldiers Buried

JERUSALEM — A tense quiet reigned in south Lebanon and along the northern border last Tuesday, as the four soldiers killed in fierce fighting in the security zone the day before were laid to rest. The funerals were attended by hundreds of people. Hezbollah claimed that only one of its men was killed and another wounded in the clash, but Israeli military sources said the attackers suffered far heavier casualties in the battle and in later shelling and air strikes.

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Knesset Hosts PLO Backers

JERUSALEM — For the first time, the Knesset played host last week to Palestinians aligned with the PLO. At the invitation of Knesset member Ran Cohen of the leftist Meretz party, five Palestinians from Nablus attended a meeting with lawmakers from mostly left-wing parties. The visitors called for the release of Palestinian prisoners, whom they described as having no Israeli blood on their hands. They also called for the release of Israeli soldiers missing in action.

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Dutch Mikvah Unearthed

AMSTERDAM — A mikvah, or ritual Jewish bath, dating back more than 200 years has been discovered during recent excavations in the Dutch city of Utrecht. Jews were not allowed to reside in the city until the end of the 18th century. Before then, they could trade in the markets, but had to leave before nightfall. When Jews were allowed to reside in Utrecht, synagogue services were first held in a private house. It was at the site of a one-time private home where the mikvah was discovered.

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Dispute Splits French Jews

PARIS — A bitter dispute is dividing the Paris Consistoire, the body that oversees the religious needs of Paris Jewry, and if a resolution is not reached soon, a non-Jewish administrator may soon be appointed to run the organization. According to those opposing the group's president, Benny Cohen, the Consistoire has become overly committed to Orthodoxy at the expense of the needs of the community's less religious members. If the board cannot reach agreement within several weeks, the Consistoire would be run for three months by a non-Jewish administrator appointed by a Paris court.

Two priests from Poland chat with former University of Toronto professor Henry Weinberg during a break at the International Jewish/Christian Conference, which attracted some 500 religious leaders from 97 countries. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Jews, Christians hold dialogue in Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A huge interfaith conference held here this month broke new ground by bringing many Church luminaries to Jerusalem for the first time and thereby offering de facto recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the capital city.

Top Christian leaders joined rabbis from around the world, including Canada, to address the common challenges posed by modernity in the largest interfaith conference ever held in Jerusalem.

Despite a boycott by Israel's Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox establishment, the International Jewish/Christian Conference on Modern Social and Scientific Challenges was hailed as a big success, drawing more than 500 delegates from 97 countries.

Attending from Canada were Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple and Rabbi Howard Joseph of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal.

Christian leaders from Canada in attendance included the Very Rev. Lois Wilson, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, Prof. William Dunphy, former principal of St. Michael's College and Patricia Baird, head of the Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies.

The presence of so many Christian leaders came in the wake of the recent establishment of diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel and a generally warmer international attitude toward Israel as a result of the Middle East peace accords.

"There were top appointees of the Church from the Vatican and top appointees of the Protestants from Geneva," said Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, administration director of the Centre for Christian-Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

"And they were here on an equal footing (with the Jews) at the invitation of the Jewish people," he said. "Outside of the Pope, what more (could) you want?"

The conference was sponsored by the Bamot Center for Cultural and Social Studies in cooperation with the Tantur Ecumenical Institute.

The notables included Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, said to be the world's most powerful cardinal and the leading conservative voice in the Catholic Church, based in Rome; Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the archbishop of Milan, who is often named as a possible successor to Pope John Paul II and is the most prominent Church liberal; and the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey.

"The academic and scholarly positions being staked out (were) not spectacularly new or ground-breaking," said Rabbi Irving Greenberg, the New York-based president of CLAL, the Center for Jewish Learning and Leadership, and one of the keynote speakers.

But the "highly visible, Jewish-sponsored" interfaith dynamic of the conference in Jerusalem was "remarkable," he said. "The number of cardinals knocked my eyes out.

"And theology follows reality," he said. He pointed to "an historic transformation of the Church toward a covenantal pluralism in its attitude toward Judaism" as evidenced by Ratzinger's speech.

Cardinal Ratzinger referred to the history of the relationship between "Israel and Christendom" as one "drenched with blood and tears," one "of mistrust and hostility," but also one marked "again and again by attempts at forgiveness, understanding and mutual acceptance. After Auschwitz, the mission of reconciliation and acceptance permits no deferral," he said.

Even as a child, said the cardinal, he could never understand how Jews could be condemned by the Church for the death of Jesus.

"Jews and Christians should accept each other in profound inner reconciliation, neither in disregard of their faith nor in its denial, but out of the depth of faith itself. In their mutual reconciliation they should become a force for peace in and for the world," he said.

Prominent rabbis from abroad included Rene Samuel Sirat, former Chief Rabbi of France and current president of the Conference of European Rabbis, and South Africa's Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris.

Rabbi David Rosen, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland and current director of interfaith relations for the Anti-Defamation League in Israel, served as the conference chair.

But several European and Israeli Orthodox rabbis scheduled to attend the conference apparently succumbed to pressure from the Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox establishments not to participate.

A statement was issued in the names of Israel's Chief Rabbis, Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, calling on local rabbis not to attend. Former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, originally slated to participate, withdrew and publicly criticized the conference.

These rabbis maintained the gathering was predicated on the false assumption that the two faiths share common ground. They said the meeting would confer an unacceptable legitimacy on Christianity.

Rabbi Sirat said he believed the protest may have been a result of a misunderstanding about the nature of the conference. "Perhaps (the rabbis) were afraid there would be theological arguments," he said.

Instead, Rabbi Sirat said the conference afforded a chance for "a real dialogue to find solutions to problems we all face," including AIDS, poverty, homelessness, violence and strife in the former Yugoslavia.

Also on the agenda were the ethical and moral implications of genetic engineering, medical advances in fertility and the artificial prolongation of life.

Rabbi Sirat said he hoped the next conference would include religious leaders from Islam.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem's Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, a Palestinian, gave a speech voicing his hopes of achieving an enduring peace between Christians, Jews and Muslims in Israel and of promoting ethical and religious values in a pluralistic society.

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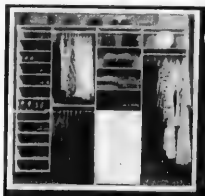

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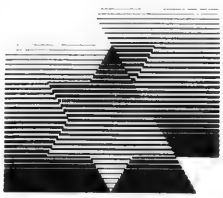

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By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Shabbat Zachor reminds us to remember Amalek, the people who attacked Israel from the rear, killing children and old people first. We often judge the viciousness of an attacker by their desire to slay the defenseless, and so Amalek stands particularly condemned. Tradition tells us that the wicked Haman was their descendant.

Since Amalek went after children and elders first, it is fitting that the two holidays that follow relate to both.

Purim is such a joyous holiday, and such a young person's delight, with its booing of Haman and its carnival and costumes. Yes, adults enjoy it, too, but part of our pleasure is the great happiness that Purim brings to the children.

Purim previews Pesach, for the smaller redemption of the Jews of Shushan reminds us immediately of the great redemption of all our people from Egypt. When we think of the exodus from Egypt, we almost automatically think of Moses, who led the Israelites even at the age of 120.

Esther and Moses were both instrumental in saving our people. Esther was young. Moses was aged. Yet how often we remember the power of youth while forgetting the strength of our elders.

We must remember that people not only live longer these days, they often live long lives with full strength and presence of mind throughout their time on earth. Retirement is coming later for many, not for economic reasons, but because there is no reason to "hang up the gloves," or because individuals have already begun a new career which, in the fullness of life, they wish to pursue. Others may retire at a younger age, yet soon find themselves involved in new interests that require their energy and concentration.

Moses began a new career as a shepherd when he ran away from Egypt. (Recall that he killed a slavemaster and fled.) How long he was a shepherd, we do not know, but he was called to represent God to Pharaoh. Since Moses lived to 120, and since the Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness, he must have been close to 80 when he changed his career the third time. The Torah never alludes to the possibility that Moses might be superannuated — just plain too old.

As we enter this season of Purim and Pesach, let us recall not only the power of the youthful Esther, but the strength and leadership of the aged Moses. Our elder statesmen in the Jewish community have a great role to play in guiding, governing, and enlightening us.

Shabbat Zachor teaches us that Jews, both old and young, are equally valuable and worthy of protection as elements of our community. I've never heard anyone say, "I'm a retired Jew." Let all build our community together, and let us be wise enough to gather our strength from all who care to give of themselves.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth-Sholom in Montreal.

Religious leaders call for Bosnia truce

ISTANBUL — Asserting that "a crime committed in the name of religion is a crime against religion," Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Muslim and Jewish religious leaders last week called for an end to "crimes against humanity [that] continue in Bosnia, in Armenia/Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tadjikistan."

"We demand an end to this brutality," the religious leaders said in a declaration adopted at the conclusion last Thursday of a three-day "Conference on Peace and Tolerance" held here.

The conference was co-sponsored by the New York-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation, led by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and by the Ecumenical Patriarchate under Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of the world's 270 million Eastern Orthodox Christians.

"The Jewish people have a special interest in the principles enunciated in the Declaration," Rabbi Schneier said, "since they are the ones often caught in the middle when a nation or region is beset by internal religious or nationalistic upheaval."

He noted that nearly 100,000 Jews live in Central Asia, scene of several such conflicts.

The declaration, which denounced "ethnic cleansing" and rejected "the concept that it is possible to justify one's actions in any armed conflict in the name of G-d," was signed by Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council on Peace and Justice; Mehmet Nuri Yilmaz, president of the Office of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Turkey; the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I; Rabbi Schneier, and some 60 conference participants from Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans; religious leaders from the United States, Russia and other lands of the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, United Nations officials and others.

Conference delegates also established an Appeal of Conscience Commission on Conflict Resolution, composed of representatives of all of the faiths and countries represented at the conference, to deal with ethnic conflicts.

The commission will recommend ways "to deal with the scourge of extreme nationalism and ethnic conflict," according to the declaration.

The statement, known as the Bosphorus Declaration, cited the Berne Declaration of Nov. 26, 1992, at which the heads of the Catholic, Muslim and Serbian Orthodox religious communities of Croatia, Bosnia and Yugoslavia joined in demanding an end to religious, national and ethnic conflict in their country.

According to the Bosphorous Declaration, "we have seen many crimes committed in the name of religion and we wish to speak out vigorously against them. The crimes against humanity continue in Bosnia, in Armenia/Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tadjikistan. The cruelties have continued unchecked and we demand an end to this brutality."

Participants also issued the following declarations:

- on religious communities: "We cannot emphasize enough that spiritual nourishment is a paramount requirement. Religious communities must be supported. We also recognize that all the countries suffering from conflict have had a long, dark period of communism, where there was little or no spiritual education."
- on refugees: "We call upon all religious faiths to speak out clearly and consistently against . . .the forced migration of refugees. We condemn those who uproot families from their homes, tear children from their parents, divide husband and wife in the name of false nationalisms. We expect all religious leaders to stand fast in the protection of those threatened by involuntary migration, whatever their religious beliefs or ethnic backgrounds."
- on war criminals: "We have deliberated carefully and are in agreement that the wanton killing must stop; that those who continue to perpetrate such heinous acts are criminals and that, although we have no weapons of war and no armies for combat, we have a greater strength — the strength of spiritual might.

"We totally condemn those who commit the brutalities, the killings, the rapes, mutilations, forcible displacement, and inhuman beatings."

Front Line

Investment and ideology make a bad mix in Israel

By MIKE FLORENCE

Just over a year ago, a communications guru named John Parikhal predicted a trend toward extremes in North American society. Certainly, in Parikhal's own field, the popularity of radio and television personalities such as Rush Limbaugh with his simplistic, dogmatic conservatism and Howard Stern, with his shock-talk tactics, has proven the prediction to be remarkably accurate.

Unfortunately, this flirtation with extremism has afflicted the Jewish community as well. The Feb. 3 issue of *The Canadian Jewish News* reported that Israel Bond campaigns in some U.S. congregations had suffered financially because congregants were upset about the Israeli government's peace policies. North Hollywood, California Rabbi Marvin Sugarman claimed to have been labelled a traitor by some members of his shul for attempting to sell Israel Bonds. Increasingly, some advocates for Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria are urging boycotts of organizations such as State of Israel Bonds and UJA, because they have not sufficiently supported the citizens of Judea and Samaria. The boycott cries are issued even though the organizations under attack are apolitical and have not embraced any other ideological leanings either.

If this is not alarmingly narrow thinking, it's difficult to understand what is. How else can we explain the blindness of boycott leaders to the burgeoning needs of Jews around the world and the crippling cost of immigrant absorption in Israel, which are financially funded by UJA donations and Israel Bond investments? Only those with tunnel vision could demand that mainstream organizations adopt the ideological positions espoused by the boycott barons.

This is not a political commentary on the value of Judea and Samaria or its citizens. This is neither a right-wing nor a left-wing opinion piece. This is merely an appeal for a return to the fairness, moderation and compassion which have made Jewish communities models for the rest of the world.

Asking investors, for ideological reasons, to boycott Bonds is neither fair, compassionate, nor, for that matter, even Jewish. We have never punished the people of Israel for the perceived failings of its government. As Jews, we have always supported each other regardless of ideology.

In the 40-year-plus history of Israel Bonds in Canada, there has been a succession of Israeli prime ministers from different parties, with different politics. Never before has the investment value of Bonds been brushed aside because of disagreements with the political or diplomatic course Israel took. If Bonds investment had been tied to ideology, Israel would be a much weaker country today. Canadians purchased over $100 million in Bonds last year because they are beneficial to individual investors and all of Israel. When it comes to the welfare of the Jewish people, investment and ideology don't mix. Linking Jewish needs to ideological correctness is a dangerous venture.

Buying Bonds does not prevent an investor from also supporting his or her preferred social, political or cultural causes. The State of Israel Bonds organization does not try to stop investors from financially assisting any other enterprise. Why do the boycott captains seek to restrict the right of their supporters to buy Bonds? Must all Jewish organizations be a perfect ideological match to merit our support? Of course not. If that were the case, world Jewry would be in a sorry state.

Boycott advocates are travelling along an insular, parochial path — one that will enlarge already existing rifts among Jews, one that will damage bridges connecting Diaspora Jewry with Israel. The financial benefits of buying Bonds have been well documented by objective analysts. The ability of Bonds to link Jews around the world has been recognized by, among others, the Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, who has repeatedly pronounced his opposition to anything or anyone threatening to sever those ties. With reckless rhetoric and one-dimensional advocacy, those who support boycotts can only contribute to the alienation of Jews from Israel and each other.

Let us hope that sanity will prevail and that we will be able to accept our differences without hurting each other.

Mike Florence is vice-president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., and Ontario co-chair of State of Israel Bonds.

Israel is finally taking world Jewry 'more seriously'

By CYNTHIA MANN

The time is ripe to reassess the old, stereotyical formulas that have characterized the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, asserts the new head of the world Jewry division of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

Haim Divon, who was Israel's ambassador to Ethiopia from 1991 to 1993, was tapped last September to take the Foreign Ministry job. He replaced Yehudi Kinar, who is now serving as the consul general in San Francisco.

Divon, who has served in diplomatic posts in Sri Lanka, India and Canada, said the division has been restructured and charged with a more "tightly defined agenda."

And that, he said, signals that the matter of world Jewry will be taken more seriously by the Foreign Ministry.

He spoke of a "new chapter" in the division and of the "fresh outlook" of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister Yossi Beilin and Director General Uri Savir.

"Each of them realizes it's high time to give proper attention to the Diaspora," he said.

Divon, who reports directly to Savir, said he has had "more meetings in the last four months" on the Diaspora with Savir, Peres and Beilin "than there were (in the ministry) in the last four years."

Divon's mandate is broader than that of his predecessor and its profile has been raised, said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The peace process has begun to free Israelis to stop a nearly exclusive focus on security issues and start a little "soul-searching," said Divon.

That soul-searching includes a serious re-examination of the relationship to Diaspora Jewry, which is changing and grappling with new and serious issues of its own, he said.

"In Israel, the whole concept of Diaspora Jewry is a very distorted one," Divon remarked. In the 1950s, the Diaspora meant "food parcels," and then later it meant "dedicating forests or buildings," and "a memorial plaque."

Even to professionals in the field, the role of Diaspora Jews was reduced to "a political lobby or a schnorrer," he said.

"It's not our fault," he added. "No one taught us. Jewish history lessons ended after the Second World War."

At the same time, for many Diaspora Jews who never visit, Israel is reduced to "what they see on television about the intifada," Divon said, referring to the Palestinian uprising.

And those who do come under the auspices of a typical United Jewish Appeal mission get exposed to what Divon called an "over-saccharined package" of a mythical country.

"It's artificial," he said. "Then they go back and dream about making aliyah, and when they come, they get disappointed. They go to City Hall and get the shock of their lives" over the bureaucracy and hardships of daily life in Israel.

"They need to get a more balanced picture," said Divon. The biggest achievement of Israelis is their ability to maintain "their sanity and their democratic system" in the face of enormous pressures, including military service and a high cost of living.

On both ends, Divon stressed, "there must be much more sincere dialogue, not just an effort at the top to solve world Jewish affairs."

The Foreign Ministry's newly intensified interest was reflected in the recent establishment by Peres of a committee slated to look at relations with the Diaspora, to be chaired by Uri Gordon, head of the immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency.

But several sources say the effort ran aground when other Jewish Agency leaders protested that the ministry was stepping on their turf.

The sources say those at the agency were hypersensitive after Beilin attacked it as anachronistic.

Divon, the diplomat, said he worked with the agency on the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, "and they did a tremendous job."

"But we feel we have our (diplomatic) missions and they give us an opportunity to reach out to Jewish communities in an unprecedented manner. We're not trying to replace any establishment, but we think we can add" to others, he said.

An ambassador or a consul general is the highest Israeli representative in a country, said Divon, "a symbol that can be used to stimulate new thinking."

Divon envisions these representatives getting involved in the discussions now absorbing Jewish communities on Jewish identity and continuity, on intermarriage and on assimilation.

"If we are a Jewish state, then these are also problems of Israel, and we have to be concerned," he said.

He would also like to see Israeli mission heads involved in the discussion of UJA allocation of funds.

"(We hear) it is more and more difficult to support Jewish education, and we feel that when Israel is suddenly stronger it's more important to share these funds with local needs," said Divon.

The ministry wants to change the formula, he said, "so Israel is not just on the receiving end' but looks at "what Israel can contribute."

For now, one of Divon's main tasks is to monitor Diaspora reaction to the peace process and to try to keep Jews abroad informed about what is going on.

He said he and his bosses do not expect uniformity on the issue, but do expect support in the final crunch.

"We don't want robots, we want debate," he said. "That reflects a degree of involvement."

In the meantime, he wants the Jewish world to put the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization agreement in context and recognize that for Israel far broader changes have already occurred.

He cited Israel's improved international posture as well as new economic deals that are the direct fruit of the changing diplomatic climate.

"Don't just judge what's happening (around) the current stumbling block" he said. "If the agreement falls apart, it won't (take away) the (other) achievements."

In any case, "to stand with a stopwatch is ridiculous. We need a year" to gauge the impact of the current flurry of events, he said.

Schindler's List: most poignant film about Holocaust

By ARNOLD AGES

After the accolades comes the criticism. Frank Rich of the *New York Times* thinks that *Schindler's List* obscures the identity of the Holocaust victims because, aside from Ben Kingsley's character, there is a pall of anonymity which falls over the film's depiction of those Schindler saved.

Other critics complain about the Israeli accented English that is supposed to pass for Polish-Jewish accented Yiddish and still others have objected to the pronunciation of the Hebrew used in several prayer sequences — and the anomaly of a Jewish couple speculating in modern Hebrew as to whether they should hide under a bed as the SS approaches.

These are picayune remarks which validate the dictum Susan Sontag once offered about criticism: "It is the compliment which mediocrity pays to genius." Yes, Steven Spielberg's film is a multi-dimensional work of genius in terms of conception, psychology and execution. The *New Yorker's* film critic put it best when he said in a recent column that the special merit of this film lies in the fact that Spielberg has brilliantly explored one of the Holocaust's greatest ironies.

And what is that irony? Many of Schindler's Jews have pointed to it when they express astonishment and puzzlement at why Schindler did what he did. Spielberg takes this question and runs with it throughout the film by showing that it is more difficult to explain the good exemplified in the life of Oskar Schindler than it is to explain the evil incarnated in people like Amon Goth, the brutal SS commandant at the Plaschow labor camp.

Arnold Ages

Until something else comes along to displace it, Spielberg's movie will remain the most poignant and eloquent elegy extant in film about the agony of European Jewry. It achieves this because of the director's artistic skill in drawing his audience gradually into the vortex of Jewish suffering, moving from near normalcy to the despairing and melancholic agony of the final moments — all seen from the perspective of that little island of survivors who, under Schindler's protection, lived in the hurricane's eye.

If Spielberg's film is the most powerful commentary on the Holocaust in its genre, it should be noted that there are other genres, especially in the medium of print, where the suffering of European Jews is reflected through other powerful artistic prisms. In this context, the Yiddish poetry of Jacob Glatstein is, to my mind, the literary equivalent of Spielberg's artistry. Glatstein's Holocaust poems reach depths of feeling that mere prose could never approach.

Glatstein was born in 1896 in Lublin and emigrated to the United States in 1914. He was part of the "introspectivist" school of Yiddish poetry. Emanuel Goldsmith of Queen's College in New York City, says that Glatstein "was one of the truly outstanding poets of Judaism in the twentieth century," and that his poems "plumbed the Jewish psyche and contributed to the most significant achievement of Yiddish and Hebrew letters in our time."

It is Glatstein's Yiddish poems of the Holocaust which, unique among all literary renderings of the event, in a highly original way use the source streams of Jewish learning — Bible, Talmud, Midrash, liturgy — to create a modern lamentation on Jewish fate. There is no treacly sentimentalism in his verse. As Goldsmith notes in a new English translation of Glatstein's poems presented by Barnett Zumoff (Ktav), the Lublin-born seer appealed to the readers' high moral and spiritual order and blended familial grief with collective consciousness.

Of all the poems which Glatstein penned, one, in my opinion, stands out for its virtually perfect fusing of all the elements described above. It is called *Nisht Di Metim Loyben Gott — The Dead Don't Praise God.* In this poem with its echoes of the Psalms and Hallel, Glatstein memorializes the martyred millions through the fate of his own destroyed community in Lublin.

The poet begins by saying of the great Torah centre that was Lublin: "We accepted the Torah on Sinai,/ And in Lublin, we gave it back./ The dead don't praise God —/ The Torah was given for life./ And just as we all stood together/ At the giving of the Torah,/ So indeed did we all die in Lublin."

Glatstein then addresses the tragedy of Jewish suffering by placing it in the context of Jewish history as experienced by a curly-headed child, starting from the epoch-making Sinai experience and tracing the sweet grandeur of Jewish holidays such as Shavuot. But, as the poet intones: "And when we were destroyed / You were extinguished with us."

There is a list in Glatstein's poem which resonates like the list that Schindler kept. The difference is that Glatstein's list deals not with survivors but with martyrs. After describing the death of all the Jews in Lublin, he writes: "Dear souls flew in from everywhere:/ Those that had lived a long life, those that had died young/ Those that were tortured and tested in the fires,/ Those not-yet-born;/ And all the Jews that had died, starting with Father Abraham."

The image of dead souls flying in to comfort the dying Jews of Lublin grows longer in Glatstein's dirge: the matriarchs are there, and Miriam, and Deborah the prophetess, and Moses and Aaron, and King David, Maimonides, the Vilna Gaon, the Maharal of Prague. The poet sums up: "And together with each holy soul/ That died in pain/ There died hundreds of souls/ Of dear dead Jews."

Two lists — one of the living, one of the dead but both powerful reconstructions of the Holocaust experience.

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Farrakhan's folly

Louis Farrakhan remains unrepentant.

Recently, all eyes were on Farrakhan — the leader of the Nation of Islam — when he called a rare news conference to comment on an anti-Semitic, anti-white, anti-Catholic and homophobic speech delivered by one of his aides, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, at Kean College in Union, New Jersey. In the course of his diatribe, Muhammad had lashed out at Jews, describing them as "blood suckers of the black nation" who "crucified Jesus in a kangaroo court," who were disproportionately involved in the antebellum slave trade, and who currently control the financial affairs of the United States.

Outright, unabashed racism of the kind espoused by Muhammad, regrettably, is not a novel phenomenon in the upper echelons of the Nation of Islam. A decade ago, Farrakhan had the audacity to call Judaism a "gutter religion," a description worthy of the neo-Nazi fringe.

After Muhammad's implicit declaration of war against the Jewish community, prominent black American leaders, ranging from the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Benjamin Chavis Jr. (of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), denounced Muhammed and urged Farrakhan to distance himself from his assistant's uncivilized and ahistorical remarks. Farrakhan was thus under immense pressure to respond, and hopefully, to clear the air.

But instead of dissociating himself from his wayward aide, Farrakhan temporized. He demoted Muhammad, yet upheld his divisive beliefs. As he put it: "I found the speech... vile in manner, repugnant, malacious, mean-spirited and spoken in mockery of individuals and people, which is against the spirit of Islam. While I stand by *the truths* (our italics) that he spoke, I must condemn in the strongest terms the manner in which those truths were represented."

Clearly, Farrakhan's rebuke is less than acceptable, either to self-respecting blacks or Jews. By regurgitating Muhammad's self-destructive lies and calumnies, Farrakhan has effectively aligned himself with the dark forces of racism, with the retrogressive elements who would, if they could, disenfranchise blacks, Jews and other minorities.

The Nation of Islam promotes black pride and black entrepreneurship, goals all blacks should support in their quest for true equality in a society that has repeatedly shunned, humiliated and wronged them. But the road to egalitarianism does not, and cannot, pass through a morass of inflammatory untruths. It is still not too late for Farrakhan and his movement to turn back, make amends and ally themselves with those whose common and unrelenting enemy is racism.

Wake-up call

Since January 1992 when Algerian President Chadli Benjedid cancelled national elections in his country — in order to halt the prospective victory of the Islamic Salvation Front — the North African country has been rocked by intracommunity violence so great that it threatens the stability of Algeria and the Arab world in general.

The *New York Times* (Jan. 24) reports that thousands of foreign workers and diplomats have fled Algeria in recent months; embassies have been turned into armed compounds and flak jackets have become de rigueur for American personnel in Algiers, the nation's capital.

Since the aborted elections of 1992, Islamic militants representing a broad spectrum of fundamentalist beliefs have initiated armed insurrection and in the ensuing confrontations more than 2,000 people have been slain. Leading Algerian intellectuals who have opposed Islamic fundamentalism have also become targets of the militants' wrath.

The outcome of the Algerian struggle is being closely watched by Arab and western governments, and by Israel. The creation of an Islamic state in Algeria could precipitate a stampede of half a million immigrants into France. An Islamic fundamentalist state in Algeria aligned with radical regimes in Iran and Sudan would provide a powerful impetus for fundamentalist cadres in Egypt as well as other Arab countries. The spectre of such regimes on Israel's borders is not calculated to inspire confidence in the future of the region.

In this context the exertions of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to reach an honorable accommodation with the PLO appear both desirable and urgent. Israel has already learned, from its experience with Hamas, Gaza's version of fundamentalist Islam, the dangers which religious extremism can pose for a government dedicated to reaching a peaceful solution of a protracted conflict.

Algeria is the wake-up call for Israel and the Arab nations to cooperate ever more strongly in the battle for sanity and stability.

LAPID FAMILY VIGIL

Miriam Lapid, whose husband and son were killed by terrorists a month ago, arrived in Jerusalem after a four day march from Kiryat Arba with her 13 children to begin a vigil outside the Prime Minister's home to protest the government's policy on security and territorial withdrawal. Here, visitors to the Lapid tent outside the Prime Minister's home listen to a shiur (religious discourse) being given by Rabbanit Lior of Emunah College. [Isranet photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

BEIT RAYIM POSITION

It was with great disappointment that I read the recent article by Ron Csillag on Beit Rayim Synagogue. I would have expected a reputable newspaper such as the *Canadian Jewish News* to ensure that their reporters research articles carefully to prevent erroneous and harmful misinformation from being published.

The article (Beit Rayim Marks First Year, Jan. 13) implied that Beit Rayim Synagogue is simply a remake of Shaareh Haim Syangogue. This is not true. Beit Rayim is a new synagogue, with the new ideas, a new board of directors, and new members. We are in no way associated with Shaareh Haim.

The article proceeded to state that the purchase of the building site at 9711 Bayview Ave. "left a bitter taste" with the members of Beit Rayim and that "USDS was viewed by many as having waited for the shul to go broke." Let it be clear that this is not the feeling of the membership nor the board of directors of Beit Rayim. We have an excellent working relationship with USDS, and hope to continue working together to strengthen the conservative Jewish community in York Region.

Another error relates to our association with Beth Sholom synagogue. While we may decide to loosen this association in the future, we have no plans to do so at this time.

Loren D. Grossman, MD,
Beit Rayim Synagogue

Ron Csillag replies:

The former Shaareh Haim Congregation was mentioned in the article on Beit Rayim's first anniversary in order to put the story into context and to explain the circumstances which gave rise to the founding of a new congregation in the North Bayview area. Many Beit Rayim congregants were members of Shaare Haim and the congregation is located in the building which originally belonged to Shaarei Haim.

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WHO NEEDS AID MOST?

You report that Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister, Yossi Beilin, at a meeting of Zionist women in Tel Aviv, provoked a firestorm of protest when he announced that Israel has a strong economy and does not need Diaspora charity (*CJN*, Jan. 27). Leaving aside the reaction of the delegates in attendance, the various fundraising organizations around the world and their leadership must have been positively apoplectic on hearing such a statement from a high ranking Israeli government official.

Mr. Beilin's remarks must be read in conjunction with two other articles in the same edition of *The Canadian Jewish News*. One talked about 13 per cent of Toronto Jewish children under the age of fourteen living in poverty and the other indicated that United Way funding for Jewish groups would not be increased and in some cases would be reduced. I do not for one moment suggest that Diaspora's support politically, morally and emotionally for Israel should in any way be diminished, but if there is a scintilla of truth that Jewish charitable funds are more desperately needed in Canada then surely that is something that ought to be investigated and the true facts ascertained.

I would suggest it would not be too difficult for some dialogue to be established and a proper analysis made of the specific needs of Israeli charities compared with the requirements of the Jewish community right here in Canada.

There can be no argument that those of us who have a lifetime commitment to Israel and Jewish causes are entitled to full disclosure of financial statments so that we can make an informed decision as to where the truth lies.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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QUESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATED

Re: Funding problems slow new Associated campus, (Page 2, *The CJN*, Jan. 27.)

As working parents whose three children attend Associated and who are committed to day school education, this article raised several issues and questions about the decisions made by Associated's Board of Directors in recent years.

First, is the new Thornhill campus, with its 100,000 square feet of space, really necessary? While everyone agrees that an Associated presence in Thornhill is necessary, how can the Board justify a building of that size when the new campus is flanked by two other day schools — Netivot Hatorah and Leo Baeck? Just how many day schools can possibly thrive and be filled to capacity within a three-block radius?

Second, why should parents whose children are attending another Associated campus have to bear any of the burden of a new building from which their children will receive no benefit?

Third, why is a 100,000-square-foot building projected to cost $10 million when residential building costs, (which are much higher than commercial building costs) in Metro are currently averaging about $65 per square foot?

Fourth, if we all believe that Jewish education is the key to Jewish continuity, then perhaps the money that is to be squeezed out of an already squeezed-to-the-limit community would be much better spent in (a) keeping tuition costs down to make the school more accessible to a greater number of children and (b) paying for the court challenges that are necessary in our fight for provincial funding.

Fifth, where are we supposed to find the extra $10,000 per family over the next five years, to pay for all of this needless extravagance? The Board membership is clearly out of touch with the economic realities of most of the families whose children currently attend Associated. The majority of us have to have both spouses working just to keep our children in the system.

Finally, if the Board were to direct as much of their energies towards he quality of education in the school as they do in dreaming up grandiose projects, Jewish continuity in Toronto would be much better served.

Adrianne and Peter Klemensberg
Toronto

Ida Nudel in Israel — a muted voice

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Who will ever forget the days when the rescue of Soviet Jewry was uppermost in our minds?

Who amongst us who was in Ottawa for the famous "March of the Ten Thousand," will ever forget how we walked down the streets of the capital and sang "One, two, three, four — open up the iron door! Five, six, seven, eight — open up the iron gate!"

The names of the prisoners of Zion are still clearly remembered by many of us: Vladimir Slepak, Natan Scharansky, Alexander Lerner, and "the mother of the prisoners," Ida Nudel.

In 1971, when Nudel was in her late thirties, she had first applied for her permit. Eleven years later she had become famous as the guardian angel of the prisoners of conscience, and aside from Scharansky, no one else caught the imagination of the world as she did. Her cause was championed by stars like Jane Fonda and Liv Ullman (who played her part in a movie about her life). Her case was debated in the United States Congress in 1982, and when at last she was released, Armand Hammer, who had been active in the negotiations for her freedom, flew her out of Moscow in his private plane.

A recent article about her, entitled *The Bitter New World of Ida Nudel*, tells of her labors in those years.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

"When a Jewish activist was arrested, Ida adopted him, working alone from her Moscow apartment, she penetrated the gulag's isolation by sending "her" prisoners packages of food, vitamins, and books, telegrams on their birthdays and even 3-D postcards of half naked women for use as prison barter. Once, when an invalid prisoner needed medical attention, Ida walked into the offices of the gulag's chief doctor and handed him a formal complaint. She managed to get the home number of a high-ranking party official and had long phone conversations with him about the prisoners. Through sheer audacity and persistence she got prisoners out of punishment cells and into hospitals. Until finally, in 1978, she became a prisoner herself, exiled to Siberia where it was so cold in winter 'you could not breathe outside, and rats and drunken rapists roamed inside the barracks.' "

The article about her appeared in the Dec. 30, 1993 edition of *The Jerusalem Post* and was written by Yossi Klein Halevi. Its objective is not so much to tell the story of Nudel as she once was, but as she is now. Upon arriving in Israel, most of the leading refuseniks have made an adjustment to the new environment, and one of them, Scharansky, has remained in the headlines. But Ida is what she was: an outsider and a perpetual dissident. According to Halevi, she has not learned Hebrew, and most of the projects for which she works deal with Russian immigrants. She never married and lives in a village near Tel Aviv.

What determined her path? Nudel arrived in Israel in 1987 and at the time was feted as a national heroine. But she had trouble dealing with the adulation which followed her and told her sister: "I survived hatred, but too much love can also destroy."

So she retreated into isolation and wrote her autobiography, *A Hand in the Darkness*, which is recognized as one of the best that has come out of the refusenik experience.

She manages to do in Israel what she had done in Russia: rub the authorities the wrong way, and function as a type of public conscience. Her latest plan is to organize thousands of Russian immigrants into a self-help network. She wants them to create their own institutions, like medical centres and schools.

She believes that the Israelis really did not want the Russian Jews to come, certainly not in as many numbers as did arrive. She comments:

"Israelis don't want us? Fine, we will start our own schools, teaching in Hebrew and also in Russian, which is a beautiful language we should not forget . . . We have to develop ways of surviving until society becomes more open. It is a short-term strategy; no immigrant wants to stay isolated from Israeli society. We will help to open the economy by creating competition. America was built by immigrants creating self-sustaining institutions."

How does she see herself?

"Every person is born with a destiny. Mine is to help my people, to be in some way an essence of national self-preservation. Maybe it is a blessing, maybe a curse, I don't know."

Halevi concludes his article as follows:

"Ida still wants to save Jews. But she knows few are listening to her, and she cannot speak to Israel in its own language. Nor is the enemy so clearly defined anymore, the targets keep shifting, from greedy politicians and small-minded bureaucrats, to left-wing intellectuals with an undeveloped sense of national self-preservation."

People no longer pay much attention to Nudel. For them, if they listen at all, she is "far out." But every society is enriched by people who have ideas that go against the mainstream, who serve as correctives and as a kind of continuing prod to the national conscience. In her way, Nudel is still doing it.

Achievements and limitations of Vatican accord

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

Whether favorable or not, Jewish reactions to the agreement between Israel and the Vatican have often confused three separate issues. As a result, people have found it difficult to recognize the true achievements of the accord, and its serious limitations.

First and foremost, this is an agreement between two sovereign states that have decided to establish diplomatic relations. Such decisions are invariably made out of self-interest. Thus the reference in the text to 'the right of the Catholic Church to property" is a way of safeguarding the church's substantial holdings in Israel. These might have been in legal jeopardy without diplomatic ties.

Similarly, the reference to "favoring Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Land" is very much in the interest of Israel's tourist industry. The proposed official visit to Israel by the Pope will no doubt, greatly promote Catholic tourism.

The second level of discourse is between the Catholic Church — as distinct from the Vatican state — and a host of Jewish institutions in the Diaspora. Thus it is not a coincidence that Gerhard Riegner of the World Jewish Congress and Rabbi David Rosen, representing the Anti-Defamation League, figured prominently in the signing ceremonies.

The statement in the document that "the Holy See reiterates its condemnation of hatred, persecution and all other manifestations of anti-Semitism against the Jewish people and individual Jews anywhere, at any time and by any one" is no doubt the result of their involvement.

Jewish organizations combating anti-Semitism have often had reason to point to its Christian antecedents and its prevalence in some church circles to this very day. The above clause is no doubt an attempt at a clear response to Jewish concerns.

But the third level of interaction, between Judaism and the Roman Catholic religion, is hardly mentioned. The secular nature of the document is stressed by the expressed intent to promote "cultural exchanges between Catholic institutions worldwide and educational, cultural and research institutions in Israel." There is no reference to religion anywhere in the document.

Jewish thinkers have been conspicuously absent in the encounters that have led to the agreement. The audience that the Pope granted to the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel looked more ceremonial than substantive. And even if the two discussed serious matters, very much more is needed than one meeting.

Now is the time to embark on this aspect of the relationship and to set the real agenda for Catholic-Jewish relations. The existing accord has created the necessary climate, but no more than that.

Exponents of Roman Catholicism will have a much harder task than Jewish teachers here, for Judaism claims only to be the best religion for Jews. It has always been remarkably tolerant towards the religious practices of non-Jews. Christianity, on the other hand, tends to make universal claims which threaten the integrity of Judaism.

Therefore, the Catholic partners in the dialogue will have to take a hard and painful look at many of their theological assumptions, and be prepared to embark on a necessary process of revision and reinterpretation of their teachings.

They will have to ask themselves, for example, if anti-Judaism is endemic to Christian theology or only the result of bad readings of the Christian Bible; if it is possible for Christians to engage in a symmetrical dialogue with believing Jews as long as Christianity sees itself as having superseded Judaism; and if Christianity can tolerate a vibrant Judaism on its own ancestral soil in a sovereign Jewish state. The fact that Jerusalem is not even mentioned in the document is ominous.

These questions must be asked, not in order to encourage confrontation, but to point to the nature of the encounter and to stress the need for its theological — not political or institutional — nature.

Many theological discussions are, of course, taking place now, but usually only in small groups and among religious liberals. Those who engage in them are often far removed from the centres of power and, therefore, as yet rarely heeded.

Rabbi Dow Marmur is spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

Have a PSA! Have a mammogram!

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I am tempted to do a column that simply repeats, for the entire 700-word length I'm allotted, these messages:

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But I think you get the idea without making it look like I've been kept after class in Cancer School and instructed to write the teacher's admonition on the board 100 times.

The PSA is the blood test that measures the presence of prostate cancer antigen in a man's body. Combined with a physical exam, it is the surest way to know if a man has prostate cancer. My father had it three years ago, and has written a book about it which will be published next year by the University of Chicago (tentatively titled *The Truth About Prostate Cancer, Or As Close As You're Liable to Get*).

So far, the main result of his cancer is the book contract, but he has follow-up exams frequently. We sweat out his exams, and feel blessed each time they come out clear. The last one didn't look great, so he may face future surgery, but at least we know what is going on.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The mammogram is the X-ray that can detect the presence of breast cancer. I have one every year. My mother had her annual mammogram on Jan. 10. On Jan. 14, she had a lumpectomy to remove a cancerous lump the size of a pea. The surgeon also removed the lymph nodes under her arm. The lab test on the lymph nodes came back clear of any spread of cancer. It was a miserable week and she still feels like she got hit by a truck, but she is now cancer free. She starts preventative radiation treatments next week.

Her doctor praised her for having an annual mammogram. "If you had waited another year before having that mammogram," he said, "you would have had what we in the trade call tzuris." Lots of tzuris.

Usually my column focuses on the lighter side of everyday Jewish life. But having a column means having a forum, and I'd be irresponsible not to pass along what I have learned from my parents:

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I have also edited two cancer books, my father's and Sarah Winograd's *Get Help, Get Positive, Get Well: An Aggressive Approach to Cancer Therapy*, the helpful, meaningful story of her fight against cancer, including the role her strong Orthodox faith played in her recovery. I learned a few things from these books that I pass along — strictly as personal observations — in case they are worthwhile for you:

The first is, have the tests. Don't let this powerful enemy sneak up on you. Early detection is your best shot at a cure.

The second is, if you get cancer, manage your own case. Learn all you can. Don't let anyone awe you or order you into doing anything you don't understand and agree with. You may be under some pressure, but take a deep breath and make an informed decision.

The third is, don't borrow trouble. The cancer you have is bad enough. Cope with it. Fight back against it. Don't waste your spiritual energy worrying about what it may or may not become, what treatments you may or may not need to have, or how long you may or may not live. Just live.

And the fourth is, fight back. Stomp that sucker flat. Do everything you can to overcome it. Take the medical treatments; clean up your diet and health; find opportunities to laugh and to bolster your mental attitude; and pray, pray hard. Use every weapon in your arsenal.

The first weapon is knowledge. And so, my extended family of readers, I beg you once again,

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Please.

Russian restaurants sign of times

Sheldon Kirshner visits two Jewish restaurants in Moscow.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In Russia, where organized Jewish life was suppressed for decades, the appearance of a Jewish restaurant is not a commonplace event. It is a sign of the times, a harbinger of normalcy.

Two such restaurants are the Gamburger — the first certifiably kosher eatery in Russia — and the U Yuzefa (Joseph's Place), the first Jewish-style restaurant in this sprawling city of nine million.

Now under the supervision of Rabbi Berel Lazar, the Lubavitch representative in Moscow, the Gamburger was a non-kosher cafe when it originally opened in 1987. But in June 1993, at the behest of Rabbi Lazar, the Gamburger went kosher.

One of the proprietors, Oleg Bukharov, a Jew from Odessa, had been looking for a way to drum up business. So when Rabbi Lazar came along with his suggestion, Bukharov and his two partners were only too glad to convert the Gamburger into a restaurant where observant Jews could enjoy fast food.

The transformation of the Gamburger was set into motion after word reached Rabbi Lazar that you could buy a falafel sandwich — a Middle East dish most Moscovites will never encounter in their lives — there.

Rabbi Lazar and Bukharov discussed the details, and before long they worked out a plan which led to the Gamburger's metamorphosis.

The Gamburger — a plain establishment which has a maximum capacity of roughly 130 — is a dairy restaurant with a limited menu of soy-based vegeburgers, falafel sandwiches, fishburgers, salads, pies and soft drinks.

Most ingredients are imported from Israel, while some are bought in Russia, according to one of the owners, Sutarmin Sergei Alexandrovich, a non-Jew.

The Gamburger's mainstay, the vegeburger, is wrapped in a soft bun, accompanied by tomatoes and a pickle, and served on a white plastic plate. The accompanying side dish consists of thinly-sliced tomatoes, diced cucumbers, a layer of lettuce and slices of a hardboiled egg.

Last October, a vegeburger cost 2428 roubles, or about $2 (US), a hefty price for the majority of Russian citizens. Given Russia's hyperinflation, the vegeburger is doubtless far more expensive, rouble-wise, today.

By contrast, the falafel was 1800 roubles; the salad 743 roubles; and the drink (coke with a bitter taste) 250 roubles.

Despite this, the Gamburger is turning a nice profit, Alexandrovich said in an interview. On average, 700 to 1,100 customers come in each day. Ironically, most are not even Jewish, since the Gamburger is located on Krasnoprudnaya Street, several blocks from three of Moscow's busiest train stations.

The success of the Gamburger has encouraged Bukharov to aim even higher. Later this winter, he plans to open a formal sit-down kosher restaurant in the vicinity.

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When Usef Perezovsky, 47, came up with the idea of U Yuzefa seven years ago, he ran into immediate problems.

Municipal authorities, firmly in thrall to communist preconceptions, refused to grant him a licence. Perezovsky — a former lawyer and theatre producer — protested, arguing that his was not the only ethnic restaurant in Moscow.

"I mentioned the Armenian and Georgian restaurants I was familiar with, but they claimed my restaurant would become a centre of Zionism. The KGB was really keeping a tight rein on Jewish activities."

It seemed as if the U Yuzefa had been nipped in the bud.

But Perezovsky, a lively man with a salacious sense of humor, is not easily cowed by adversity. He approached Yuri Lozhkov, then manager of a Moscow co-operative and now mayor of Moscow.

Thanks to his influence, the bureaucratic obstacles were cleared away.

But Perezovsky also credits the then American president, Ronald Reagan, for making it possible for U Yuzefa to open.

Reagan was scheduled to visit Moscow in 1988 for a superpower summit with Mikhail Gorbachev. Since the Soviet Union did not want "national problems" interfering with Reagan's trip, the government relaxed its heretofore negative attitude toward manifestations of Jewish culture.

Perezovsky's theory cannot be proven. But it is a fact that, on the eve of Reagan's arrival in Russia, U Yuzefa was given permission to operate.

Perezovsky's troubles, however, did not end there.

Unidentified hooligans smashed windows and smeared the walls with swastikas. He was beaten and shot at by assailants who described themselves as "Russian national patriots." He spent four months in hospital nursing his wounds.

Perezovsky believes that the KGB, in cahoots with homegrown fascists, were behind the attack.

Lately, though, everything has run smoothly. "I have good relations with the police and municipal officials," he said.

Tucked into an alley in the centre of town at 11/17 Ul. Dubininskaya, the U Yuzefa features an extensive menu of traditional Jewish appetizers, meat, fowl and fish dishes, salads, desserts and hard liquor. A full-course meal costs the equivalent of $25 (US)

Strictly speaking, the U Yuzefa is not kosher. Perezovsky claims that it can be, and has been, "koshered" for special banquets.

It's a cosy place, with 10 tables and a well-stocked bar set off by a conspicuous aquarium. On the wall is a large portrait of Sholem Aleichem. Further back are Israeli flags.

Perezovsky's office is crowded with a prominent picture of the Lubavitch rebbe, smaller busts of Stalin and Lenin, a poster of Eilat and a skinned fox.

Business is generally good, but taxes take a big bite out of profits. It remains to be seen how it will fare after Bukharov's kosher sit-down restaurant opens and competes head-to-head with the U Yuzefa.

Usef Perezovsky with a member of the kitchen staff. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

A ray of hope

By JOSE ROSENFELD

It is a ray of hope for immigrants that would revolutionize the economy, propelling Israel into the 21st century as a powerhouse among small nations. It is a way to create 500 new high-tech industries in only five years — independent of government largesse.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been presented with a master plan for immigrant employment by a committee he appointed. Six U.S. Nobel Prize laureates in physics, chemistry and medicine have signed a letter to Rabin urging him to implement it.

Committee chair Herman Branover, a physics professor at Ben-Gurion University, believes the plan provides concrete employment solutions to the huge population of immigrant academics. He sees the lack of appropriate employment opportunities for newcomers as the barrier to immigration.

The five-year proposal would generate 130,000 new jobs at a cost of more than $2 billion. This is significantly less than the tax revenue the plan would generate, not to speak of the economic wealth that will be created, said Branover.

Up to now, efforts to absorb immigrants into the work force have been built on existing marketplace demands. But, Branover points out, the jobs on the market are a total mismatch to the skills of the immigrant work force. Most jobs available are for unskilled workers, while most immigrants are academics and professionals.

Under these circumstances, "the economy as it presently exists cannot absorb 50,000 engineers, 12,000 doctors and thousands of other professionals already here, let alone attract more immigrants," he said.

The only way out of this gloomy situation is to create opportunities that better fit the skills the immigrants bring to the country, he believes.

The creation of high-skill jobs is critical on a human level, too. Branover explains that "the only thing people had in the Soviet Union was their profession. They did not have money, ideology, religion or anything else. If you take away their profession, you take away their dignity."

The know-how and training of the immigrant academics represent a tremendous resource that could transform the economy. Their education alone amounts to a $15 billion investment, excluding the value of their inventions, training and work experience.

The Branover committee's mandate was to build solutions based on free-market principles and avoid salary subsidies or public work initiatives. "We did not want work subsidies because after a couple of years, when the subsidy ends, what happens to the job?" Branover reasoned. "If we were to go with salary subsidies, the cost of the program would run into billions of shekels."

The plan also addresses the employment needs of teachers, artists and members of other liberal professions, with a special focus on doctors. For example, it recommends retraining immigrant physicians in fields that are in high demand and assisting them in opening private practices.

Branover noted that many top Russian industrial research outfits which developed sophisticated Soviet weapons systems are already looking to Israel for joint ventures in projects based on civilian application of military technology. He said these high-tech projects should be especially attractive to investors since the product has already been developed.

The plan still requires a major commitment from the government for its success. The government will have to provide training for the immigrants to work in a commercial environment. It must also prepare managers, set up a data base of projects and scientists, make tax changes to attract investors and adjust regulations for government export credits. *(JPFS)*

Jottings from a Russian notebook...

Inter-religious dialogue is still a new, daring concept in Russia, a country shucking off its atheistic, communist and totalitarian past.

Last autumn, the first such forum, called Facing Each Other, took place in Moscow under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress, the Islamic Centre, the World Russian Congress and the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad).

Among the participants were the chief rabbi of Russia, Russian Orthodox church leaders and representatives of Muslims, Seventh Day Adventists, Armenians, Roman Catholics and Buddhists in Russia.

The event also attracted political leaders of the liberal persuasion, scholars and visitors from various parts of the former Soviet Union, Israel and the United States.

At the end of it all, a declaration was issued affirming the participants' commitment to "the ideals of love, peace kindness, justice and toleration."

Messages were received from the Russian government. The president, Boris Yeltsin, declared that Russia "is strong enough to make the extremists lay down their arms." (Less than a month later, Yeltsin crushed a right-wing parliamentary revolt in Moscow with tanks.) The foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, voiced hope that the "high spiritual authority of the clergy" would "help mitigate ethnic and other conflicts."

Roman Spector, vice-president of the Vaad, was pleased with the outcome. "Conferences like this foster religious pluralism and real tolerance, which are only now taking root in Russia," he observed.

More such meetings are planned in the future.

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Love and toleration

Mikhail Norfshtein, a professional journalist, is editor of the biggest Jewish newspaper in Belarus, *Aviv*, based in Minsk. Now 63, he is a graduate of the the Moscow Historical Institute. For 15 years, he worked for military newspapers in the Soviet republic of Belorussia.

Although he never "lost his feelings" as a Jew, Norfshtein considered himself assimilated. But in the old Soviet Union — where national minorities were often patronized and discriminated against — a low Jewish profile was not necessarily the path to nirvana.

He recalls an incident which seemed to crystallize everything. An article he submitted was deemed unpublishable because it contained "too many" Jewish war heroes. Norfshtein knew what was expected; he diluted its Jewish content.

Norfhshtein has edited *Aviv* since its inception in March 1992. It's a monthly, with an average of 16 pages, and is subsidized by the Israel Information Centre in Minsk. Circulation is 3,000.

He can envisage living in Israel some day, but has no immediate plans to leave. He has a 93-year-old mother in Moscow, and feels he is needed in Minsk.

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One can easily understand why Eliahu Valk, Israel's first ambassador to Belarus, is dissatisfied with his embassy quarters in the Hotel Belarus in Minsk.

The lobby and the elevator tell much of the story.

Disreputable types, perhaps criminals, hard currency speculators and prostitutes, fill the lobby, casting glances at visitors.

And in the elevator, a buxom female attendant in a white uniform makes her presence felt with a stainless steel pail of steaming hamburgers giving off unpleasant fumes. The odor becomes almost unbearable when the elevator stalls somewhere between the fourth and fifth floors, giving everyone inside a severe case of restlessness.

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The land arrangements for my trip to Russia and Belarus were supposed to be taken care of by the Vaad in Moscow. I guess I expected too much. No one, as promised, met me at the airport. Nor was there, as I had anticipated, a program of interviews. I was left high and dry, until I raised my voice and pulled some strings. Apologies were made, but I left Russia with the distinct impression that the Vaad is less than efficient.

Zisman outlines importance of immigrants to Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Emanuel Zisman

TORONTO — Emanuel Zisman, Labor MK and chair of the Israeli government's immigration and absorption committee, painted a predominately rosy picture for prospective olim in a recent lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, co-sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Center and Canadian Zionist Federation, central region.

He made no mention of the government's role in the territories until the question-and-answer period following his talk when a listener pointedly asked why "Jews who go to Judea, Samaria and Gaza seem to be discriminated against by the government."

Zisman's reply was detailed and cogent: "It's not true that we cut the help to the new olim," he said. "It is true that this government is determined to finish [the] peace agreement, so [for the government] to help to increase the settlements — No! To push more settlers to go there — No! But the agreement between the [Israeli] government and the PLO is that all the settlements and all the settlers will continue to be under Israeli security during the [next] five years of autonomy.

"The territories under Israeli administration are not an integral part of independent Israel," said Zisman. "Nobody proposed to annex Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. Officially they're under international jurisdiction."

Zisman pointed out that if those areas were to be annexed, Israel's Jewish-Arab ratio would be drastically altered. Israel's population is now 82 per cent Jewish, he noted. Of the country's five and a half million citizens, four and a half million are Jewish. "If we annexed Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip [home to two million Arabs and 140,000 Jews], the situation would be four and a half million Jews and three million Arabs."

Israel was created by a 1948 United Nations resolution as a Jewish country "with a Jewish majority forever," Zisman reminded the audience.

Israel is not only a Jewish state; it is also a democratic one, he emphasized. As such, "we must give political rights to all the citizens [both Jewish and Arab]," he said.

Zisman fears that "three million [Arabs] with full political, democratic rights" will result in a situation "the same as South Africa.

"If nine million [Diaspora Jews] came to Israel, maybe it would be different."

In the past four years, Israel has absorbed 550,000 new immigrants, Zisman said, a situation he compared to Ontario taking in one and a half million.

"While the Western world sees immigrants as a burden, we absorb them not only for their sake but for our sake," he said. "They are our guarantee of a strong, flourishing Israel."

Zisman noted that 42 per cent of olim who arrived in the last four years have purchased their own apartments [some — mostly Ethiopian immigrants — with the help of a mortgage for 98 per cent of the purchase price]. Eighty-one per cent of the recent olim are employed, although many are not working in the same field as they were before aliyah, Zisman said. He sees the latter problem as one that will diminish "as [the olim] become more assimilated into Israeli society."

Zisman stressed Israel's role in ensuring Jewish continuity. His lecture was scheduled as part of aliyah month

Calling Jerusalem ...

TORONTO — The Israel Aliyah Centres in Toronto and Montreal will participate in a multi-city satellite hook-up to Jerusalem for an interactive panel discussion on business and employment opportunities in Israel.

The event, to be held Feb. 27 from 2-3 p.m., is part of aliyah month being marked across North America in February.

Also participating in the discussion will be Jewish federations in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Miami, Detroit, Atlanta and Washington.

Former CNN correspondent Mike Greenspan, will moderate the discussion. Greenspan hosts the cable TV program *Jerusalem On Line* produced by the World Zionist Organization (of which the Aliyah Centre is a department).

The panel will include business, economics, employment and investment experts. Scheduled guests include Israeli finance minister Avraham "Baiga" Shochat and Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency Aliyah and Klita department.

Jerusalem On Line will rebroadcast the program on over 400 cable stations throughout North America at a later date.

The Toronto event will take place at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale. For further information or to RSVP call the Israel Aliyah Centre at 416-633-4766.

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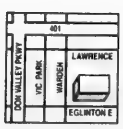

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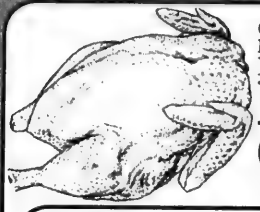

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Synagogues urged to respond to members

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A "fee for service" mentality under which people pay professionals to visit the sick is contributing to the problem of the "impersonalized synagogue," a Beth Tzedec audience was told recently.

It's time for large synagogues to change their ways to inspire the commitment and devotion given by members to smaller shuls, Rela Geffen, professor of sociology, Gratz College, Philadelphia, said in the Anne and Michael Firestone Endowed Lecture series at the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast.

The title of her talk was Re-inventing the User-Friendly Synagogue.

During the question period, Geffen suggested that the architects and engineers who belong to Beth Tzedec could "make it a little more homey, and do something with the acoustics so that people could hear each other sing."

She said she was told that Beth Tzedec, the largest Conservative synagogue in North America, has set up a strategic planning committee to consider changes in operation.

One of the causes of the impersonal synagogue, "where people attend rather than participate," is sheer size, Geffen said. "The economy of scale in spiritual areas is not such a great idea."

Small groups within the synagogue are needed "to dower poor brides, to welcome visitors and visit the sick." One of her suggestions was that parents of bar and bat mitzvahs should be welcomed at the door and later asked if they would volunteer to help advise the parents of children due to have their bar and bat mitzvahs the following year.

The "competency barrier" is a problem for those called up to the bimah who do not know how to respond in the proper prayers and their situation has to be treated seriously and sympathetically.

In changing from the small European-style *shtiebl* to the large North American synagogue, a valuable element has been lost, she said. "Now, in the corporate model, the shul has a boardroom but no living room where the adults can enjoy themselves."

It's an "illusion" that North American synagogues are a vibrant part of Jewish community life, she said. "In fact, a smaller proportion are real members, real devotees, not fee for service members."

The Conservative synagogues should take a lesson from the Orthodox movement "that synagogues should be adult-oriented, not kiddie- oriented," Geffen said.

People who need to be reached include the childless, the empty nesters and the aging.

To illustrate how insensitive some large synagogues can be, she told of her 25-year-old sister's experience when applying for High Holy Day tickets in Kansas City where she had just moved. "My sister was told there was no category for single, unmarried women, but a few days later the shul called back and said she could buy a ticket under the widows' category. Not once was she welcomed as a newcomer to the city should be."

A California Consevative shul is pioneering a system of "para-rabbinics" who help members out in special circumstances. "For example, no bereaved person is allowed to go alone to a funeral home to purchase a casket."

The Adath Jeshurun Synagogue in Philadelphia is training people to talk on the phone to sick people, she said, a task well suited for shut-in seniors.

Foster homes provide hope to Jewish kids

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When she was 15, Rachel, the product of a Jewish home right here in Toronto, was flung down a flight of stairs by her enraged stepfather, and suffered torn cartilage.

That was after she was forced to sign a "contract" stipulating she was not to go near her newborn half-brother, was not to eat with the rest of her family and was to remain in the basement when company was visiting.

Finally, Rachel had had enough. She reported the abuse to Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), which immediately placed her in the care of a Jewish foster family, with the blessing of her own family.

"People say stuff like that doesn't happen in the Jewish community but I can tell you it does," says Rachel (not her real name), now a bubbly 17-year-old who's hoping to become either a psychologist specializing in adolescent behavior or a lawyer for children's rights, drawing on her own terrible experiences.

At first, being with a foster family "was strange. I was embarrassed living with someone else's family." She stayed with her foster parents for six months. Now, "my best friend is my foster sister and I respect my foster parents more than anyone. If it hadn't been for them, I don't know where I'd be.

"It was all I could have asked for."

Today, Rachel lives with relatives, is finishing math and biology courses for high school credits and has a boyfriend. The rules she must obey this time are to clean up after dinner and take out the recyclables. "And I can go anywhere in the house," she boasts. No smoking and no lying complete the discipline. Her life, she happily notes, is back on track.

"There are still some hard times," Rachel says. "But now, we talk it out."

Even though she's still not allowed to see her half-brother and relations with her parents are strained, life in general, she giggles, "is great." Her relatives and foster family even get together as one big happy family to celebrate Jewish holidays.

JF&CS cites Rachel's story as a model of what successful foster parenting can accomplish, but also to stress the urgent need for more Jewish foster parents.

That's why this week, the week before Purim, has been designated Jewish Foster Parent Recruitment Week, which dovetails with both Purim — when Jews recall their redemption from evil — and with this Shabbat Zachor, when we pray for an end to wickedness and oppression.

There is an ongoing need for Jewish foster homes, explains Shirley Feld of JF&CS.

"We never have kids waiting. Sometimes we ask foster parents to double and even triple up," Feld told *The CJN*.

JF&CS has 23 foster homes on its roster but needs 30 to be on the safe side, she noted.

The agency can draw on four so-called emergency homes — places where a child can be taken at a moment's notice.

The average stay in a foster home is about six months and children range in age from under one year to 16. There are currently 19 Jewish children in foster care in Metro, Feld says.

The need for Jewish foster homes — not to mention the kind of kids who need them — was discussed in hushed tones when the program for Jewish orphans began right after World War II, she says.

"It's much more open now. Half our job is educating the community."

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Organizations and People

Shalom Village gets accreditation

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Since its opening in October 1990, Shalom Village Nursing Home has gained an enviable reputation as being the area's best.

This reputation has now been confirmed by a three-year accreditation recently awarded to the nursing home by The Canadian Hospital Association (CHA).

Accreditation involves membership in the CHA and has to be applied for. It is awarded only after thorough inspection as well as a close look at how well the facility abides by its mission statement.

In other words, explains administrator Sheila Burman, "they look at whether you're doing what you promise in your manuals." For instance, "if you promise to take somebody to the bathroom every two hours, they want to know if that's what you are actually doing."

The CHA examines the quality of the nursing care, cleanliness of kitchens and bathrooms "and basically looks objectively at everything you're doing."

While three-year accreditations are not uncommon, they are rarely given on a first time application.

Not only that, says Burman, but "we are at the very top" of accreditation, while only two others, Baycrest and Mount Sinai Hospital, have been granted four years.

Both Burman and Ruth Goldberg, who recently succeeded Ben Shekter as president of Shalom Village Nursing Home, are elated.

To be awarded a three-year accreditation the very first time you apply is absolutely wonderful, says Goldberg.

A recent letter from the CHA congratulating the board of Shalom Village "on having provided the necessary direction and leadership to achieve this award level," went on to say that "all those associated with Shalom Village can be proud of the care and services delivered there."

To celebrate, there was a party for the 80-plus full- and part-time nursing and other staff, whose work both Goldberg and Burman say is outstanding.

Goldberg describes Burman and director of nursing care, Pat Morden, who is herself an accreditor, as "phenomenal people . . . kind and efficient," without whom this would never have been possible.

One benefit of the accredition is a 33 cents per resident per day subsidy increase. Not, admits Burman, a huge amount, but more than welcome.

She observes, "this year is shaping up as very, very tough" as provincial budget cuts promise "to play havoc with our funding."

However, "we're very lean in management and we do what we have to on far less dollars than other homes for the aged," notes Burman," who has just been named president of the area's newly formed Multicultural Alliance for Seniors and the Aged. And even though the year ahead may be tough, Burman has no doubt that Shalom Village Nursing Home will maintain its standard of excellence.

UJA's Golden Givers serve as role models

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal (UJA) calls them Golden Givers and their ranks are rapidly increasing.

Since August 1993, UJA has identified over 1,000 men and women with a donation history spanning at least 25 consecutive years. More than a third of them were born before 1920.

This month, these elite leaders of tzedakah will be recognized with specially designed certificates and pins.

Toronto's Golden Givers program was the first in Canada, but not in North America. The concept was introduced in Hollywood, Florida about five years ago, when Dr. Jan Lederman, director of South Broward's Jewish Community Foundation realized that these donors were being ignored. Now, Jewish federations all over the United States are hurriedly following Lederman's lead.

"Across North America today, there must be tens of thousands of Golden Givers," he said.

At UJA Toronto, Golden Givers chairman David Green and campaign associate Avrum Rosensweig have passionately embraced the concept.

"The pioneers of charity are role models for younger community members," noted Green, who is encouraging Golden Givers to submit their personal histories. With little prompting, many are ready to reveal in animated detail the stories that shaped their lives.

Edith Zeidenberg, 63, started working at the age of 10, in order to help support her widowed mother and six siblings. By the time Zeidenberg was 12, she was earning $25 a week — a princely salary at the time — on a factory assembly line. In her home, tzedakah was automatic.

"Anyone who came to the door needing food, sat down with us, even though we didn't have anything ourselves," she remembered.

At 92, Max Rotstein has contributed to charity for nearly 70 years. He arrived in Toronto from Poland in 1920 when he was 16, found a job as an electrician two weeks later, and has been a donor ever since. Rotstein, who still shovels snow outside the home he built 63 years ago, retired in 1990. His philosophy of tzedakah is simple.

"I was making money and it was my duty to return some of it to the community."

Seventy years ago, Lou Talsky, soon to be 90, stepped off a train in Hamilton, a 19 year old Russian orphan. One day later, before he could even figure out exactly where Hamilton was, Talsky found a job removing ashes from coal used to heat homes. After working at other occupations, he finally opened a wholesale fruit business and moved to Toronto.

Talsky started contributing to the community before UJA existed, because "I felt it was necessary to help Jewish causes, especially Israel, in any way I could."

With 1,000 donors like Zeidenberg, Rotstein and Talsky, UJA's David Green is buoyant about the success of Toronto's Golden Givers program.

HU launches program

TORONTO — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students is launching its first International Summer Institute for Graduate and Post-Graduate Students this year with four credit courses to be given in English.

The Rothberg School, which has a well-established undergraduate program, opened a graduate student department this academic year. There are now 200 graduate students, including seven Canadians, studying there.

The summer institute will feature three seminars in the Humanities and Social Sciences to be offered from August 1 to 18:

•Jewish and Christian Mysticism: Comparative Dimensions will be taught by Prof. Moshe Idel of the Hebrew University and Prof. Bernard McGinn of the University of Chicago.

•The Dreyfus Affair: Meaning, Memory and Myth will be taught by Prof. Robert Wistrich of the Hebrew University and Prof. Nelly Wilson of the University of Bristol.

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The conference at the Keele Street Campus of York University brings together teachers, principals, rabbis, cantors, school counsellors, youth workers, academics, camp personnel and consultants in Jewish education.

CAJE is a New York-based organization with a membership of several thousand in the United States and Canada. The Toronto conference is a smaller version of the five-day conference held annually by the international CAJE organization at university campuses across North America.

The regional conference will feature lectures, workshops, exhibits of textbooks and audio-visual materials and other programs to update participants about developments in Jewish educational philosophies, approaches to Hebrew language instruction and methodologies for the teaching of Jewish school curricula.

In addition, there will be sessions devoted to Torah Lishma (Torah for its own sake), which will study biblical and rabbinic texts, Jewish history, Jewish practices, Hebrew literature, and Jewish thought.

A total of 74 presenters, including a number of York University faculty members, will participate in 97 separate sessions covering such topics as pre-school education, the use of computers, Women in the Bible, Holocaust education, family education, Sephardic culture, and bio-medical ethics and Jewish law.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education (BJE), the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University, and the Day and Supplementary School Principals' Councils affiliated with the BJE. It is supported by the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism through the Heritage Canada Program, and by the Bequests and Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Greeting conference participants on behalf of BJE will be Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, and Yael Seliger, director of teacher placement and personnel practices.

The conference is open to all members of the Toronto Jewish community. There is a nominal registration fee of $12.

Participants will come from Toronto, as well as from other communities in Ontario and the northeastern United States.

For more information call Noreen Nisker at (416) 781-8989 or the BJE at (416) 633-7770.

Israeli work/study program set

NEW YORK — Livnot U'Lehibanot (To Build and To Be Built), a three-month work and study program in Israel, is accepting applications for the spring programs beginning March 6 in both ancient Safed and historic Jerusalem. By literally "digging into your roots," participants between the ages of 21 and 30 are introduced to the foundations of Jewish tradition. Livnot offers an intense course of study in modern Jewish and Israeli history as well as traditional philosophy and customs. In addition to the classes, participants work on building and community service projects and go on bi-weekly hikes throughout the country.

The highlights of the program include a three-day hike from the Sea of Galilee to the Mediterranean Sea, a desert hike in the Negev and seminars in both Safed and Jerusalem.

The program offers group, home hospitality and free shabbat experiences. The cost of the program is $1,150 which includes room and board, tours and hikes. Discounted group airfare and limited scholarships are available. Programs run year round beginning in March, June, September and December.

For more information, please call 212-752-2390 or write to Livnot U'Lehibanot, 110 East 59th Street, 3rd floor, NYC, NY 10022.

Group builds race relations

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Ten years ago, with the help and advice of Irving Levine of the American Jewish Committee, she established the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), an organization dedicated to fostering good relations among a variety of groups. "I felt the need for a bridge-building organization made up of all those groups," Brown told *The CJN*.

Brown was in Toronto recently to help lead a three-day seminar sponsored by the Toronto chapter of NCBI. The goal of the seminar was to "train the trainers" — pass along the methodology developed by the NCBI that would assist people in going back to their communities and holding prejudice-reduction workshops and programs in a variety of settings. Among them are the workplace, churches, labor unions with police and in educational institutions.

Robert Dungey, director of NCBI's Toronto chapter, said 33 "citizen leaders" attended the Toronto seminar.

They represented various ethnic groups and organizations such as Family Services Association, a community-based group that deals with immigrants, George Brown College and the Unitarian Church.

The goal of the training workshops is to give participants the skills they need to heighten the awareness of others to issues of prejudice and discrimination, Brown said. One powerful tool in the NCBI arsenal is the "speak out" program where participants tell personal stories of their experiences with racism, sexism or anti-Semitism.

Seminar participants were also asked to examine stereotypes and misconception they may hold of others while other techniques demonstrate to participants how to respond to racist jokes.

The ultimate goal of NCBI is to work towards "social justice and the empowerment of the individual so they can work towards social change," Brown said.

NCBI does not take a confrontational approach, instead relying on "a healing model."

"Our work is attitudinal change and empowering people to do the work," Brown said. It operates parallel to legal avenues, such as human rights hearings, that challenge discriminatory practices.

Brown said the organization has not avoided tackling the thorniest of issues. It has worked with the Ku Klux Klan and skinheads in the United States and it's tried to heal the wounds in the Los Angeles area created by the Rodney King affair and the Reginald Denny trial.

Asked if she was discouraged by the polarization between blacks and Jews in the United States, Brown conceded "It is painful, it is difficult, but I have hope."

Blacks and Jews have been pitted against each other by economic and social issues, she said. "Hopefully, the blacks and Jews will reverse this trend. We are natural allies. We have no better place to go but to each other's arms."

Brown said NCBI's agenda includes intra-community work, including within the Jewish community. "There are divisions among Jews over Israel, over who is a good Jew religiously, with regard to gays and lesbians and over women's roles," she said.

Brown, who has held seminars in Montreal involving police and black leaders, said she also travelled to Israel in the 1970s where she participated in efforts in Neve Shalom to bring Jews and Arabs closer together.

"I believe strongly in tikkun olam, repairing the universe," she said. Her Jewish upbringing, she continued, instilled in her a concern for social justice and the desire to eliminate prejudice.

"People don't grow up being taught bridge-building skills," she said. "I want to see people treat each other the way they should."

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Organizations and People

Rabbi Soloveitchik's views and life explored at lecture

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The story of a Jewish spiritual leader who never set foot inside a school until he was 22 enthralled an audience recently at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

The late Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, born in 1903, was taught by his father and mother at home until he entered the University of Berlin where he took degrees in German philosphy in German and in French philosophy in French.

These and other details of the venerable rabbi who became the dean of Yeshiva University in New York were given in the Ronald Heller Memorial Lecture by Rabbi Hillel Goldberg, editor of the *Intermountain Jewish News* in Denver, Colo.

Quoting extensively from Rabbi Soloveitchik's 1963 book, *A Lonely Man of Faith*, his first published in English, Rabbi Goldberg described him "as a Talmudist and an existentialist at the same time."

Though he was successful in practical projects, (he established the first Jewish day school in Boston against formidable odds), Rabbi Soloveitchik was a lonely man who, at times, felt life was incomplete, the lecturer said.

He had a fierce attachment to the afflicted, walking to the synagogue every Saturday with a developmentally disabled young woman, and against protests from his own followers, allowed her to sit on occasion in his seat.

(Earlier, Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster of CHAT, who was one of his students, recalled the tall, straight-backed "Rav," as he was fondly known, rushed out of a class in the Beth Hamidrash at Yeshiva University to a luncheonette across the road to apologize to a student whose arguments he had dismissed only an hour before. On reflection, he had decided the student was right.)

Rabbi Goldberg said Rabbi Soloveitchik's views on secular studies was the most misunderstood part of his work.

"He didn't believe that secular studies were intrinsically valuable, they were valuable only to enhance Talmudic studies."

One of his signal achievements was to set out a policy on inter-faith dialogue which, Rabbi Goldberg said, is followed by the Orthodox movement. "He said we should co-operate with all other people in fighting poverty, in building bridges, but we do not discuss theology, because Judaism can be understod only by Jews. To this day the Orthodox movement does not discuss theology with other faiths."

Prison seder planned

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setting, a gorgeous home made challah half the size of a kitchen table, and a traditional holiday meal.

Susan, an inmate who asked that her real name not be used, did the cooking. She had arrived at the prison after the Passover seder. Rosh Hashanah was her first holiday in prison.

"I thought it was tremendous," she says quietly. "It renewed a lot of the values that are not usually in this institution. It was almost as if you could be what you are no matter where you are."

Norman brought copies of an abbreviated service, as well as a shofar she had bought and tried to learn to blow, with limited success. She says the evening felt more spiritual than being at her own synagogue.

Rosh Hashanah was followed by a joyous Chanukah party. At her own expense, Sheldon bought all the necessities: dreidels, candles, chocolate gelt, Chanukah cookie cutters, cards and invitations. Susan baked cookies and made latkes.

Plans for this year's seder are under way. And though some prisoners will move on, the Ottawa women intend to celebrate the holidays at the Prison for Women as long as there are Jewish inmates.

"To me this is what being Jewish is all about," says Norman. "To me being Jewish means being part of the Jewish family."

Brain power: use it or lose it

TORONTO — "If you want to keep your brain alive and fit for further learning, the easiest prescription is to use it," Yadin Dudai, a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science, said here recently.

He gave this advice not only to aging people afraid of losing their memory, but to anyone interested in learning new things and keeping their brain active.

At a meeting at the Park Plaza Hotel sponsored by the Weizmann Women for Science and the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre, Dudai said the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot, Israel, is focusing on how short-term memory is converted into long-term memory.

Dudai is the Sara and Michael Sela Professor of Neurobiology and the Dean, faculty of biology. He lectured earlier in the day at the University of Toronto.

Asked to comment on people who have little memory of new events but a good memory of events in the past, Dudai said it is possible that recent damage to the limbic system of the brain has impaired the memory process, but not affected the existing memories. The limbic system includes the neocortex or cortical mantle, and the hippocampus.

As an illustration, Dudai spoke of a patient he had seen earlier in the day at Baycrest Centre who could not remember who his doctor on staff was 10 minutes after he met him.

In reply to another question, the Weizmann scientist said calculators can be very useful to children learning arithmetic, but only after they themselves have learned to do the basic calculations first.

What turns short-term memories into long-term memories is a fascinating study, he said, involving a "judge" in the brain which decides which memories are important. How proteins are used in the chemical processes affecting millions of brain cells is being studied in the Rehovot labs.

Ending his lecture on a lighter note, Dudai declared: "I know very little about drugs that enhance memory, but my personal bias is toward chocolate."

A moment's silence was observed in memory of Prof. Hannah Farkas-Himsley who died in Israel a few weeks ago. (*CJN*, Feb. 10). — B.R.

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Sports reporter garners provincial award

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Remember the days when sports stories were simply that — lightweight accounts about big games or colorful features about prominent athletes and coaches.

Times have certainly changed. A perusal of a daily newspaper these days is as likely to turn up an item about the business of sport or a discussion about contracts and free agency as it would a feature about an athlete or a game.

Today's readers want reporting with more depth as well as a look behind the scenes of the world of athletics, both at the professional and amateur levels.

Over the past 25 years, David Grossman has carved a niche for himself in reporting high school sports, and he has made a lot of friends — and even some enemies — by his pull-no-punches attitude.

Grossman, who writes for the *Toronto Star* and who appears weekly on The FAN all-sports radio, was honored recently with a Provincial Sports and Fitness Citation, presented by the government of Ontario, for being a leader in reporting amateur sports.

For Grossman, the award was the pinnacle of a career that began in high

David Grossman

school when, as a student at Parkdale Collegiate, he called in basketball scores to a reporter at the *Globe and Mail*.

From those humble beginnings, he expanded to include the *Telegram* and the *Star*, and was soon earning $1.50 — 50 cents each, for his calls.

"I enjoyed it," he recalled recently over a bagel and coffee at a Toronto eatery. "I enjoyed calling in the score and finding out about the athletes. I became a high school reporter for CHUM [radio] and then CFRB.

"I got hooked on it."

Thanks to a break from Jim Vipond, former sports editor at the *Globe and Mail*, Grossman got a job as a copy boy and eventually worked his way up to greater things. His first big assignment was to report on a high school soccer match between Western Tech and Central Tech. "I must have been 10 feet off the ground," he recalls.

While working at the newspaper, Grossman attended Humber College. He credits his mother, Sally, for supporting him and giving him the confidence he needed to juggle a job and school.

His beat has remained high school athletics since those days in the late 1960s, but today it has expanded to include sports like cricket, equestrian, even riflerly programs — 40 sports in all.

Girls' athletics have increased, and not just in traditional areas. They're just as likely to be into rugby, hockey and wrestling as anything else, he said.

Grossman said that his bailiwick now encompasses about 250 schools from Halton to Durham, including the Toronto area and York Region. While the *Star* makes a point of carrying school sports, thereby appealing to a new generation of readers, he points to papers in Detroit, Washington and Boston as having one or two pages devoted exclusively to that market.

Grossman said that like other reporters, he has to maintain his credibility and that means reporting on issues that sometimes irk the powers that be. Five years ago, he penned a story about high school kids on steroids (it's still happening, but it's not rampant, he said) and of kids attending sporting events carrying knives and sticks.

Security bill

A story two years ago focused on a $15,000 bill for security run up at a provincial high school track meet, which was patrolled by plainclothes cops, the drug squad, the canine and mounted units.

Sports governing bodies often would like to see amateur sports painted in rosy colors and they become uncomfortable when they see harder-hitting items in print, Grossman said.

His reporting has made him a persona non grata in one North York high school. That resulted from his expose of a 21-year-old playing basketball against 17- and 18-year-olds in other schools.

"I think that the school system has a responsibility to ensure that the kids are there primarily for an education and that if you don't pass, you don't play sports," he said.

Grossman has also tackled the thorny issue of scholarships and the winning-at-all-costs mentality that has entered high school sports.

That attitude has seeped down to the elementary school level where parental abuse of minor hockey referees is a real problem, he said.

Another story he's proud of, focused on a high school hockey tournament where the referee ejected several players after he detected liquor on their breaths. The story angered the tournament organizer, who called on participants to avoid talking to the *Star*.

Grossman acknowledges that such criticism used to bother him, but now he's less affected by it.

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Peace deal gets mixed reviews

Professor foresees political, economic ties with Arabs

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israel is on the brink of a radical new era in relations with its Arab neighbors, says one Mideast political scientist.

Dr. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman of Tel Aviv University's Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies said he believes Israel will soon forge strong political and economic ties with the surrounding Arab countries.

"Israel is a regional player," he said in a recent lecture sponsored by the continuing education committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada, the Foundation for Middle East Studies and Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

The lecture was the third and last in a series titled Assessing Israel's Peace Dividend. More than 60 people attended.

Maddy-Weitzman said new political and economic realities have forced Arab countries to rethink their view of Israel. He pointed to the declining value of oil, the upheaval caused by the Gulf War and the need to "cozy up" to the West as the impetus for normalizing Arab-Israeli relations.

"The only alternative for their own survival as regimes and for the survival of their people was to align themselves with the West," said Maddy-Weitzman, originally from Syracuse, N.Y.

"And the peace process was on the agenda of the West."

He said the number of Arab contingents at the Madrid peace talks in the autumn of 1991 was a sign of the times.

"Even the Algerians were there, and God knows we've never heard anything good about Israel coming out of Algeria."

Maddy-Weitzman said the long-standing pan-Arab confederation is declining, as independent states begin looking out for themselves.

"Qatar is selling natural gas to Israel. The thinking seems to be 'if it's in our interest, let's do it.' "

Chief among those interests are those of Syria and Jordan. Maddy-Weitzman said Jordan is sending a clear message that it wants "a warm peace with all the trappings," including treaties on water managment and tourism. However, Maddy-Weitzman said Jordan will not sign anything lest it appear to its allies to be cutting a separate deal with Israel.

As for the possibility of a Syrian-Israeli peace agreement, the declaration of Syrian president Hafez al-Assad on live television that peace with Israel is a "strategic choice" bodes well, said Maddy-Weitzman.

"It's not old wine in new bottles," he said. "Assad seems ready to do his part, but Israel faces some tough choices."

One of those choices would be the return of the Golan Heights. Maddy-Weitzman said, in order to reabsorb the Golan, Syria would have to disarm the Hezbollah to ensure the security of northern Israel.

Israel's Rabbi Gold says agreement will lead to destruction of Israel

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In what he claimed to be one of the most painful addresses he has ever had to make, Rabbi Sholom Gold, an Israeli rabbi and dean of Jerusalem College of Adults, said recently that the Israel-PLO peace agreement holds within it the seeds of Israel's destruction.

Speaking at a lecture sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation adult education committee, Rabbi Gold, former rabbi of Toronto's B'nai Torah Congregation and Yeshiva Ner Yisroel, said that he believes he is speaking on behalf of the majority of Israeli Jews.

"Those of us on the right have been viciously maligned as being opposed to peace," he said. "I am not opposed to peace, I pray for peace, but I am opposed to this peace. This is not a peace plan. It is a mistake to deal with [Yasser] Arafat, who has broken every agreement he has ever made with Arab states. What hope do we have that he will be held to the letter of the law on this agreement? Every stage of autonomy should have been tested. We have to be certain we can go from one step to the next."

Rabbi Gold, the member of a recently formed group representing the rabbinic voice of Israel, said that it is a group whose message is one of pain.

"We believe that the handshake was a criminal act that left no room for manoevre. No Jew has the right to think it is not his struggle. It is everyone's struggle."

With obvious emotion, Rabbi Gold said that the peace plan has caused a deep rift unparalleled in modern history, one that will take decades to heal and, in the process, will weaken Israel's security system.

He said that since the agreement was signed, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "has not had the decency to face the nation. We are being fed by rumor, not by fact, and the people have a right to know how far he will go. Government ministers seem to be able to smile and socialize with every Palestinian but they cannot speak to the Israelis. More than five months into the process and we are not told anything."

Rabbi Gold said that Israeli lives have changed dramatically since the handshake on the White House lawn, from disbelief to bereavement and mourning and now to anger.

"This anger is being chanelled in constitutional ways. Tens of thousands of people are on the streets demonstrating and the streets belong to the right. We are going to let our voices be heard."

Asked what his peace plan would be, Rabbi Gold replied that Palestinians should get personal autonomy, not geographical autonomy. "Let them lead their own lives, but not have sovereignty over the land. The moment you give them sovereignty over the land, it is their land. According to the Camp David Accords, the land belongs to us."

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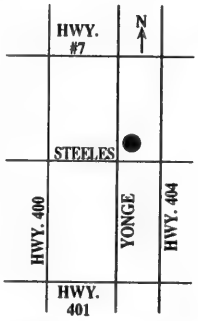

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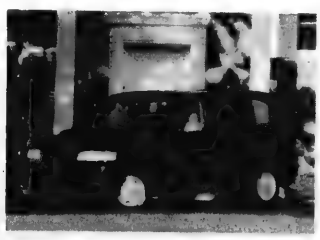

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The Sephardi Program, York University is sponsoring a Sephardi Musical Festival featuring **Ahuva B'nai Israel** of India, **Dr. Judith Cohen**, **Cantor Aviv Ouanounou, Cantor Armand Moyal** and **Cantor Zion Saadon**, 8 p.m., Walter Auditorium, Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto, 80 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto. Sephardi sweet table. $10, general admission, $5 students. Tickets available at the door, Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst, Isaac's Bakery, 3390 Bathurst, Richman's Bakery, 4119 Bathurst St.

MUSICAL EVENING

Cantor Anna Trubashnik and tenor **Andre Clouthier**, will perform operatic and show stopping musical selections at a concert sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Road. Admission $10. All proceeds go to Mazon Canada. For information and tickets call **Vic Blackman**, 441-4595.

TWISTED TRIVIA

The Secular Jewish Association's annual trivia night and pot luck dinner for adults and teens will be held 7 p.m., North York Community Memorial Hall. For reservations call **Michael Bines**, 764-6648, evenings; 881-5111, days.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Share in an inspiring Shabbat morning service, 9:30 a.m., with special guest speaker **Arthur Waskow**, lecturer, author and Fellow of the Alliance for Jewish Renewal, who will present a commentary on the Or Chadash Siddur. Sponsored by Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, an egalitarian congregation, 788 Marlee Ave., lst floor.

SABBATH OF REMEMBRANCE

Beth Tzedec adult education committee presents the John and Molly Pollock Annual Lectures during Shabbat Zachor Services, 9 a.m. featuring guest speaker, **Prof. Harold Troper**, professor of history, OISE, University of Toronto. Topic will be Syrian Jewry: A Canadian Jewish Responsibility. After services, Professor Troper will address the Shabbat Family Luncheon. Call 781-3511 for luncheon cost and reservations. Public invited.

Sunday, Feb. 20

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly Basic Judaism Course concludes, with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, senior rabbi, Adath Israel Congregation, who will discuss Judaism, The Next Step, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Everyone invited.

HUMOR AND SONG

Mini-Caje presents an entertaining educational program featuring **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, **Hava Nashir** and **Richard Bassett**, 6:15-7:30 p.m., York University, Vanier College dining hall. Everyone invited.

BREAST IMPLANT LINE, CANADA

This federally registered non-profit organization has a mandate to provide self help and support to women who have had or are thinking of getting silicone gel breast implants. An annual membership fee provides the opportunity to attend meetings, receive newsletters and connect with other women.
For information on the Feb. 20 meeting, call **Joyce Attis**, 636-6618.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Beth Sholom Synagogue Brotherhood and Sisterhood, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. are presenting a Purim carnival, 12 noon-3 p.m.. Kids of all ages will enjoy entertainment, games, refreshments, clowns and balloons. A prize for each child in costume. Everyone welcome.

RELATIONSHIPS

Jewish Community Centre, New Leadership Division in association with Aish Hatorah presents an informative, round table discussion for singles age 30-45, featuring speaker **Mitch Mandel** who will speak on Intimacy: Are Men and Women Seeing Eye to Eye?, North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 221. Doors open 7:30 p.m., program begins 8 p.m. sharp. RSVP, **Rosanne**, 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP will receive a JCC Health Club pass at the door.

OHR SOMAYACH: THORNHILL

In preparation for Purim, Ohr Somayach: Thornhill is sponsoring a lecture entitled Three Corners, Two Guys and A Night in Persia, by senior lecturer, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, 8:30 p.m., main study hall, Ohr Somayach/JEP: Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission charge. Public invited.

INVESTMENT CHOICES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood is having a breakfast meeting after morning services, with **Alan Friedman**, of Midland Walwyn, who will speak on RRSPs, Investment Choices.

JEWISH CONTINUITY

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of Hebrew University is sponsoring a workshop entitled Planning for Jewish Continuity, Issues and Processes, with **Professor Stuart Schoenfeld**, department of sociology, York University, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W. Workshop fee, $5. For information, call 485-8000.

PURIM CONCERT

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear in a Purim Celebration Concert, Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St., 1-1:45 p.m. Program features traditional Purim, Jewish and Hebrew popular songs.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Dr. Karen Mock, national director, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada, will speak on Holocaust and Anti-racist Education in Canada Today, including a slide presentation of her recent trip to Poland and Israel, at a breakfast meeting sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood. Services, 9:15 a.m., breakfasat, 10 a.m. Admission, $3. Everyone welcome.

Monday, Feb. 21

HADASSAH-WIZO, HAMILTON

Youth Aliyah Dinner, 7:30 p.m., 14 Ravenscliffe Ave. will feature **Debbie Mahaffy**, who will speak on Teenagers Today: An Endangered Species. Minimum pledge, $100; couvert, $20. Reserve by calling, (905) 522-5537.

ANCIENT JEWISH SECTS

Continuing education committees, Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, continue the Winter Study Program featuring **Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum**, at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8-9 p.m. Tonight's topic is The Pharisees and Sadducees - Philosophies and Doctrines - Rabbinic Judaism.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians is at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the library, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call in confidence, 763-9111.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

South Leaside Monday Group, meets on Monday mornings, Trace Manes Centennial Building, 110 Rumsey Rd., for friendship and to discuss topics of interest. Babysitting and activities are available by dedicated caregivers. Coffee, 9:15 a.m.; speaker, 9:45-11 a.m. This week's speaker, **Renee Senatis**, psychologist, Toronto Hospital will discuss Women and Heart Disease.

WOMEN'S SAFETY AWARENESS

Join Tikvah Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, 7:30 p.m., when **Constable Wendy Heaver**, York Regional Police, will discuss Women's Safety. Tikvah Chapter is a dynamic group comprised of single and married women between the ages of 22 and 35. For more information, call **Patti**, 929-2214 or **Michelle**, 650-5238.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL VISIT

An orientation meeting for the visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial on March 6 and 7 will take place, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor. For an application and further information, call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, ext. 144.

NEW FUND

A fund has been established at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, for the purchase of in vitro fertilization laboratory equipment in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Renee and Jack Blustein of North York. For information on the fund, call The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, 781-3584.

MONTE CARLO DINNER DRAW

Jerusalem College of Technology is the recipient of this year's Monte Carlo Dinner Draw, 6:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Many prizes will be awarded during the course of the evening. For information, call Canadian Friends of Jerusalem College of Technology, 787-7565.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Nutrition and Weaning, the last in a series of four monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 222 Winding Lane, Thorhnill. Discussion includes starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are inerested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies welcome. Call **Robin**, 886-8364 or **Risa**, 738-8870.

EVENING WITH RABBI WEIN

Gain insight into the holiday of Purim from **Rabbi Berel Wein** who will discuss Unmasking God's Hidden Face — Fate and Providence, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Tickets, $10. Cake and coffee reception follows lecture. For information, call Aish HaTorah, 636-7530.

READ AND RESPOND

Catholic Teachings about Judaism and the Jewish People: Nostra Aetate and Beyond, featuring **Sr. Jocelyn Monette**, director, Catholic Biblical Association, is the topic of the next Read and Respond, a discussion group of adult Jewish and Christian students, staff, alumni, residents, workers and worshippers in and around U of T. Group will meet 7:30-8:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Centre, 89 St. George St. For information, call **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Jewish Students' Union, 923-9861.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

STRUGGLES FOR POLAND

Jewish Geneological Society presents a rarely seen documentary, *The Struggles for Poland*, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southborne. Open to the public, free admission.

Thursday, Feb. 24

FAMILY PURIM PARTY

Temple Emanu-El is sponsoring a family Purim party, 120 Old Colony Road, 6 p.m., featuring Megillah reading, black light play, games and prizes. Free admission with nominal charge for food and some activities. Call 449-3880 for reservations.

OHR SOMAYACH PURIM PARTY

Ohr Somayach: Thornhill and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation are holding an adult Purim party, 9 p.m., social hall, Beth Avraham Yoseph, 613 Clark Ave. W. Party features music of Nafshenu Orchestra and the official Ohr Somayach Rabbinic Fashion Show Revue. Admission, $5 but fee waived for those in costumes. For information, call 886-5730.

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AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

ELDERCARE

Are you caring for an aging parent, relative or friend? Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto is offering educational workshops for caregivers. Sessions address such issues as normal aging, handling family conflicts and help available in the community. To register for March programs, call **Lynn Gallagher**, Family Services, 922-3126.

COLLECTION PREMIERE

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Sisterhood invites everyone to Collection Premiere, a runway extravaganza of designer fashions, Wednesday, March 2, at the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Boutiques, 7 p.m.; fashion show, 8 p.m.; boutiques, 9 p.m. Cover, $20. Refreshments will be served. For reservations, call (905) 771-6711.

JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The 1994 Lottery Reception and Draw, sponsored by the Jewish Russian Community Centre, featuring music, refreshments and awards, will be held Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. All lottery ticket holders are invited. For information and tickets, call 222-7105.

SOLEL - MISSISSAUGA

Join Solel Congregation for its annual Purim party, Thursday, Feb. 24 following services at 6:45 p.m. Games, prizes and refreshments for $2 per person or $8 per family. The annual Invite your Neighbor Service, will be held Friday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 is a family service, 7:30 p.m. and regular services are Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.

GLASER MEMORIAL LECTURES

Beth Tzedec Congregation adult education committee, presents the Dr. Emil and Bessie Glaser Memorial Endowed Lectures, featuring **Dr. Jack Wertheimer**, founding director, Centre for Study of Conservative Judaism, Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb. 27. Saturday morning service, 9 a.m., pulpit lecture, 10 a.m. Shabbat study luncheon after services. Pre-paid reservations required by Tuesday, Feb. 22. Sunday morning Men's Club Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., lecture 10 a.m. Nominal charge for breakfast. Public invited. No charge for lectures. For information and reservations call 781-3511.

KOSHER CANDY TREES

Jordana-Yamit chapter, Hadassah-WIZO will send out Shlach Mones to your favorite relatives and friends, $12, free delivery. Call **Margi**, (905) 731-4227 or **Janet**, 631-0724.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto is seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

JEWISH FAMILIES OF DURHAM

Jewish families from such places as Ajax, Pickering, Whitby and Oshawa, are holding a Purim Party, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2-5 p.m., Don Beer Arena, Dillingham Rd., Pickering. Arts and crafts, songs, stories, a costume parade and refreshments. $15 non-members.

LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

Pediatrician, **Debbie Siemiatycki** will speak on behavioral problems such as sleep disorders, psychosomatic ailments and attention deficit disorder, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr., Rm. 207. No charge, refreshments will be served.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

A self-help group for siblings and a group for parents is being offered by Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario, an organization that provides support following the death of a child. The groups are eight weeks and are held at 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale. For more information, call **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

PURIM MASQUERADE BALL

Dance to a live band, participate in a costume parade and enjoy a special Purim program at **Hashomer Hatzair's annual Purim Masquerade Ball, Saturday, Feb. 26, 9.p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W. Raffle tickets available for a grand prize of a trip to Israel. For information and to purchase tickets, call (905) 736-1339.**

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto's Institute for Jewish Learning is offering the following courses: Feb. 28, Current Events in the Middle East with **Professor Alexander Bligh and Sinners and Saints with Rabbi Mark Dratch**. March 2, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Reflections of Jewish Indiana Jones with **Ted Kosoy**; March 3, The Jews in Medieval Spain with **Eric Lawes**. These courses take place at the North Y branch. For information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THORNHILL

The City of Vaughan's offical inauguration of Heritage Week, Feb. 20-27, will be a multicultural fair at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Feb. 20, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy an evening of music, dance, crafts, exhibits, food, cultures and traditions that represent the historic and current heritage and cultural diversity of Thornhill. For more information, call (905) 832-2377.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE - HALIFAX

Wednesday night is Torah Night with **Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein**. Learn to read Hebrew, 7-8 p.m.; Judaism's Bible, 8-9 p.m.; Understanding the meaning of the prayers, 9-10 p.m. Beginning Sunday, Feb. 20, Rabbi Grafstein will lead seminars on Passover. **Devorah Grafstein** is planning a special class for women. For information on the above, call (902) 422-1301.

GALA BENEFIT CONCERT

Canadian friends of Ezrath-Nashim Herzog Hospital is holding its 1994 Gala Benefit Concert, featuring cellist **Ofra Harnoy**, Wednesday, March 9, 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park. Proceeds support research in Alzheimer's disease. For tickets and more information, call **Janice Segal**, 446-1515.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

This six-week series for engaged or recently married couples, beginning Feb. 23, discusses the impact of interfaith backgrounds on the relationship, relationships with family, raising children, celebrating holidays and belonging to a community. For registration or information, call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SERIES

Lawyer, **Fran Weisberg** will discuss Custody and Access Issues; lawyer, **Lorne Wolfson** will discuss Alternate Dispute Resolutions; **Rabbi Mordechai Ochs** will discuss The Get; social worker, **Elinor Gertner** will discuss The Impact of Separation and Divorce on Children, at Jewish Family & Child Service's Separation and Divorce series, Feb. 17, March 3, March 10 and March 17. For information regarding fees and registration, call **Heidi Shuster**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

HADASSAH-WIZO, HAMILTON

Plan to attend Breath of Spring '94, a gala fashion preview, Tuesday, March 1, Royal Connaught Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, $36 with a $25 tax receipt. Includes wine and cheese, door prizes and an evening of new spring fashions. Call (905) 522-5537 for tickets and information.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Positive Parenting (begins in March); Single Parenting (begins Feb. 17); You and Your Aging Parents (begins April 6); Mid-Life Separation and Divorce (begins March 8). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch presents Armchair Travel, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m., with **Eadis Vaghan** who will discuss the sights and sounds of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. This program should be of special interest to those people who would like to join a group planning a trip to Eastern Canada in Mid-May. Admission free. Call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is holding its second annual Real Estate Seminar, Monday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Admission free.

Come and try Israeli dancing, Monday evenings, 8 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Beginner and intermediate levels with instructor/chorerographer, **Marco Ben Shimon**. For more information call **Luni**, 924-6211 or **Marco**, (905) 771-0363.

for seniors

Sunrise Group is having two trips to Buffalo, March 1, $18.50 and March 6, $20. For information, call **Esther** or **Monique**, 223-9165.

Healthy Living Program for Seniors, Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave., will discuss All About Hearing, with **Annie Levitan**, public health nurse, North York Public Health Department, Feb. 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton is having Simcha Sunday, Feb. 20, 2:30 p.m. with entertainment. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m., Chase Winter Blues Away. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., ukelele band performs. Regular programs include rummy tile, armchair travel, armchair exercise and Wednesday night bingo.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, meets 7 p.m., Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Feb. 17, **Rabbi Landaw** will discuss the Festival of Purim, in Hebrew. Saturday, Feb. 26, the club is having a Purim party with dancing and food. Members $7; non-members $8. For information, call 783-9453 or **Avner**, 771-0250.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is planning a trip to Homowack Lodge in the Catskills, July 3-11. Deluxe rooms and fantastic entertainment. The trip to Phoenix, last week in February, first week in March at Embassy Suite Hotel will be a holiday to remember. For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is having a Purim Party and dance, Feb. 27. $6 members, $7 non-members. On March 13 there will be a spring fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., featuring all new clothing, housewares, foodstuffs and cosmetics. All other activities are ongoing. For information call 395-7881.

The Wagman Centre, Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday mornings, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is on Feb. 18. For further information call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Holocaust Survivors' Group provides an opportunity for seniors who are Nazi war victims to discuss common issues and concerns in a supportive environment. Led by **Paula David**, supervisor of social work, Social, Cultural and Educational Department. Call her at 789-5131, ext. 2271 for more information.

A music recital featuring a pianist and flautist will be held, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the common room.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own meets every other Thursday. Coffee and tea served in the cafeteria, 2:30, and program starts 3:30 p.m. The Purim program, Feb. 24, features **Andre Fuss. Fee $2. Call Anna**, 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute Music Appreciation with **Mildred Bennett**, continues Mondays, 1 p.m., until March 7.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in on all the interesting events. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture Series continues the series on Healthy Cooking, Tuesdays, March 1 and 8, 2-3 p.m. with **Sharon Zeiler**, highlighting low fat, high fibre ways to make food flavorful. Free admission; register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, Sunday, Feb. 20, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members, $3.50; non-members, $4.

Leah Papernick, chiropodist from North York Branson Hospital will discuss foot care, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1:30 in the synagogue.

Purim Party, with **Shlomo Aviv**, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m. Members $4, non-members, $5. Tickets available at the information desk.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Beth Torah Sisterhood installed a new executive at a recent dinner followed by a program on Jewish humor, presented by author and humorist Allan Gould. Pictured from left are vice-president Kailah Hoch; Allan Gould; Sandy Cohen and Eva Zimmerman, new co-presidents. Missing from picture are vice-presidents Deborah Gladstone and Diane Eichenbaum. Mollie Rothman was installing officer. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Organizations and People

London JSU launches group for grad students at UWO

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — The Jewish Student Union at the University of Western Ontario serves approximately 3,000 undergraduate students, but graduate students are rediscovering a group to call their own.

The revitalized Jewish Graduate and Professional Student Society (JGPSS) recently held a Shabbat dinner at the London Jewish Community Centre. Organizers said they were surprised 74 students showed up. This reflects approximately 20 per cent of the total graduate student population at the university.

The JGPSS is "filling an important need on campus," said chair Lee Birbrager. The group is funded by the Jewish Student Union and national and local Federation.

Word-of-mouth and electronic mail were used to advertise the event. The evening featured a Shabbat service, traditional chicken dinner and speaker Susan Jackson, director of community and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, who spoke about the transition from school to "real life."

Jackson is an alumnus of University of Western Ontario as well as past youth director of Congregation Or Shalom. She knows about Jewish student life in London and urged her audience to start asking questions about their identity.

"Your lives are very busy now — research papers, exams, practicum terms take a lot of time. But soon, you may find yourself starting a new career in a small town. Ever hear of Marathon, Ont.?"

Jackson said a Jewish family living there called her to ask about the closest Passover seder. It was eight hours away in Sault Ste. Marie.

"You never know . . . Many of us take our Jewish identity and the ease of being Jewish for granted. If you live in a large Jewish community like Montreal or Toronto you have a choice of bagel [or] kosher meat stores, restaurants, synagogues and community events." It may not always be that way, she warned.

While developing a professional persona, it is important to develop your ideas about being Jewish, Jackson said. If you have good memories about being Jewish, they just didn't happen. Someone sent you to camp, day school, or moved your family in a Jewish neighborhood, she explained.

Students lingered past 11 p.m. and organizers hope there will be a similar turnout to a billiards evening Feb. 10.

Community undergoing great changes

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As the Jewish community approaches the end of the 20th century it is witnessing a transformation unlike anything that has occurred since the first century of the Common Era, New York's Centre of Learning and Education education director recently stated.

At that time the conditions under which Jews lived allowed for change, thereby forcing the community to find new ways to express what it meant to be Jewish and to find new institutions to convey the message of what it meant to be Jewish, Rabbi Irwin Kula said in an address at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on the topic of Jewish continuity. The lecture was one of several organized by the New Leadership of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Rabbi Kula received his Master of Arts and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and now speaks and teaches throughout North America.

Reflecting on the condition of the Jewish people at the end of the 20th century, he called the issue of Jewish continuity "... a new crisis in North American Jewish life." However, he does not see it in the same way most of the senior leadership of North American Jewry does. Much of the leadership, he feels, has spent the last 40 years saving Jews from around the world, but realize that in their own homes, their own children are not a part of the Jewish life they have rescued.

Healthy outlook

"The issue of Jewish continuity, and what does it mean to continue this Jewish people is something at the core of what is meant to be Jewish since Abraham left his homeland," Rabbi Kula explained. He added that since Abraham's time, the Jewish people have been on a search to find out what it really means to be Jewish. This search, he feels, is a healthy outlook on the issue of Jewish continuity.

Stating that Jews are the only people to have survived exile in the world, he added that it is a tremendous accomplishment to have a culture that provides meaning. "Every other people exiled from their land within 150 years was overwhelmed by the dominant culture."

Rabbi Kula said that he believes Jewish renewal has begun. He said that the Judaism that will result will be one with a "tremendous continuity of the past and a unique discontinuity because of what we have gone through." He went on to say that the re-imagining of Judaism which took place 1,000 years ago allowed the Jewish community to be where it is at today.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Hot new singles dance For business and professionals 29-49 Friday Feb. 18 8 p.m. Obsessions/ Hollywood Princess 2800 Highway 7 W. $10 Free prkg. Cash bar. 882-6671 or 886-2723

Israel Cancer Research Fund "Club Fun" Weekend, February 25th-27th at White Oaks Inn a five-star resort with health club, pool, tennis, racquetball, squash, skiing , skating, jacuzzi, parties, prizes and more. Call 487-5246.

Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having our next singles party Saturday Feb.26. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

R.S.V.P (Relationships seen through varied perspectives) Sunday, February 20, 1994, Jewish Communtiy Centre, North "Y" Branch , 4588 Bathurst St. J.C.C. New Leadership Division in Association with Aish Hatorah presents an informative, round table discussion opening program. For Singles 30-45. **Speaker Mitch Mandel. Topic: Intimacy: Are Men and Women Seeing Eye to Eye?** Room 221. Doors open 7:30 p.m. program begins 8:00 p.m. SHARP. Refreshments served, $10. per person. RSVP Rosanne at 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP will receive a JCC Health Club pass at the door.

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Father's long-lost letter provides link with past

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ariella Blum Samson's father, Zsigmond, was killed during the Holocaust before she was born.

In the turmoil of wartime Hungary, it was a long time before her mother, grandmother and sister even found out for certain that he was dead.

When her mother remarried after the war, her stepfather consciously separated his new family from all traces of Samson's father and his family.

He even went so far as to try to persuade her that he himself was her natural father.

The break might have been complete, except for an ironic twist of fate.

Samson's cousin Yudit, then living in Rehovot, Israel, began cleaning out papers belonging to her father, Samson's paternal uncle Marci, and her grandfather Aladar, who was also Samson's great-uncle.

In the pile appeared a letter from Zsigmond Blum, (actually two letters combined into one) written to his wife after the last time he saw her.

Nobody knew how or when the letter got there. Nobody knew why it was never delivered. Samson, her sister Miriam and her mother, Magda are content that it finally reached its destination.

The letter, reproduced in a deeply moving book by Samson *A letter from my father*, (Arisa Publishing, 1993) is the letter that must have been written in the hearts of thousands of fathers ripped from their families in the horrors of Hitler's Europe. The one for which survivors pray.

The first part is relatively straightforward. He gives detailed instructions about for whom the new baby should be named, the synagogue service or brit, (even advising which mohel to use, and asking that if one particular one is

Ariella Blum Samson

called, that the other one should be invited — and paid — anyway), that money should be given to the poor, that all the commandments be followed.

It is in the second part where Blum, obviously senses that he would not return from service with Hungary's labor batallion.

In a straightforward and sensible manner, he instructs his wife how to run the business, how to educate the children, how to dispose of the estate, to care for their mothers and the poor. All very businesslike.

But the letter continues. Blum pours out his heart to his wife, whom he calls "my joy," and pleads with her "Think about me often with the same affection as I am thinking of you."

To his daughter Miriam (Sendele) he sends the loving message "may G-d bless you and guard you. You are very close to my heart. You are all my joy..." And to the unborn child, he says "I already love the baby you are carrying under your heart just as much as I love my Sendele."

He asks that his children remain religious, "give tzedaka in such a way that the poor is not embarrassed," that the children, both male and female, learn a means of livelihood.

And he asks that Talmud be studied in his memory.

The effect on the family can be imagined.

To Samson, "it brought me incredible peace. I had permission to mourn for the father I never knew. It brought me back to my past, and filled a hole in my life."

Her sister, who had secretly yearned that she would come across him, as you hear in stories, could finally come to terms with the fact that he had died.

The letter, Samson said, proved to Miriam "how much he loved her."

And her mother, now frail and elderly, feels "incredibly at peace."

When the story of the letter got around, especially after the publication of the book, more pieces of their past lives began to appear.

Cousins they didn't know survived the war contacted them, reminiscing about the family and sending pictures, pictures Samson had never seen.

But there was sadness too. They found out that their paternal grandparents had survived the war, and actually lived near them in Israel — but they never saw them. And an aunt now in New York says she is not prepared to resume contact.

But at least, Samson says, they got the letter. And just a few weeks ago, one of the newly discovered cousins sent her a letter written by her father to their family just before they left Hungary for America.

Another link with the gentle and loving father she never knew.

Zsigmond and Magda Blum, Ariella Samson's parents, on their wedding day.

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Organizations and People

Jewish arts community launches directory

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

TORONTO — Amidst the swirl of bright colors, the sounds of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and a collage of Jewish artists, the first *Jewish Arts Directory (JAD)* in Canada was launched Feb. 3 at the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Over 130 people attended the launching, which distributed the newly published directory. The idea for the *JAD* emanated from a cultural forum organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto over two years ago. Jewish artists who attended that forum said they needed a means to communicate to each other and the Jewish community.

Sheldon Disenhouse, chair of cultural services planning and allocation committee of the Federation, told the audience that the directory is a result of a partnership between Jewish artists and the community. "It includes artists that work in the areas of dance, drama, education, film, music, literature and visual arts. This was a hard project to complete, but many dedicated individuals were involved," he said.

Cyrel Troster and Brooky Robbins co-chaired the Federation committee that organized the project. Troster said that the directory "...also [will] be recognized as a resource for planners." There are 298 listings in seven categories of artists who are Jewish or work in Jewish themes. "Although the committee worked hard at encouraging artists to list themselves in the book, many names may be missing. We encourage artists to phone their names into the Jewish Information Service which has put the directory on-line for quick phone access," she said.

Textile artist Temma Gentles, known for her tallesim and being a founding member of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, suggested that this will also be a resource for artists who need other artists for their work. She explained that occasionally she needs a woodwork artisan (who understands how to make poles for a chupah) or a calligrapher. Additionally, the *JAD* lists Jewish exhibit and gallery spaces, Jewish bookstores, museums, libraries and media. As well, the directory includes a Jewish event calendar and advises artists where they can receive grants for their work.

The Federation-published *JAD* was funded in part by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, a grant from Al Green and a grant from the Shiff Family Philanthropic Fund.

The *JAD* is available at Jewish bookstores and synagogue gift shops for $6. For more information on the directory, call Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto at 635-2883 ext. 111.

Unlisted artists can receive forms from Jewish Information Services (416) 635-5600, 4600 Bathurst St. Suite 345, North York, Ont. M2R 3V2.

Jewish Arts Directory co-chairs Brooky Robins and Cyrel Troster at the recent Jewish Arts Directory launch. [M. Miller photo]

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We're Paying Attention

Gregory Hutner (centre) is flanked by his parents, Jo-anne and Ron Hutner and Toronto Blue Jay great Joe Carter, who is deeply involved in the fight against cystic fibrosis.

Jewish activist turns his attention to cystic fibrosis

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto stockbroker Ron Hutner is no stranger to working for good causes.

For some years he was involved with Israel Bonds (he co-chaired the Young Leadership Division) and worked hard for B'nai Brith, where he served as vice-president of Toronto Freedom Lodge.

But these activities pale beside the commitment and dedication he brings to his position as president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Certainly some of his concern arises from the fact that, according to Hutner, cystic fibrosis is the number one killer of children in Canada, second only to cancer. But he has a far more personal interest; his son Gregory was diagnosed with the disease in 1987, at the age of four.

The news stunned Hutner and his wife Jo-anne, who had no hint from either one's family history that cystic fibrosis was a possibility.

"Of course," Hutner noted, "cystic fibrosis was not even recognized as a disease until the late 1930s, so all you heard, was cousin so-and-so had a sister who died young. But you never knew why."

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited genetic disease, where both parents have to be carriers of the gene for a child to have it. It attacks primarily the lungs and/or the digestive system. Thick mucus forms around the organs of the body, literally causing suffocation.

Children need constant care

Symptoms include a constant, mucus-producing cough, excessive appetite but loss of weight, bowel disturbances, a salty taste to the skin, and frequent pneumonia.

Children with this disease need constant care. If the lungs are involved, their chests must be pounded two or three times a day to loosen the mucus and allow it to be coughed up. An inhalation mask used daily distributes antibiotics directly into the lungs.

Hutner explained that the mucus is so thick that bacteria are trapped, grow, and cause infections, which are the chief cause of death.

Most children have digestive problems too. Gregory, for instance, has to take digestive enzymes (in pill form) which break down food as it is eaten, because the mucus prevents it from being used by the system.

He also takes vitamins and antibiotics regularly.

Because these children can't absorb the fat they eat, they are on a high calorie, high fat diet. They may take five pills per meal, with 20 to 30 being taken during the course of a day.

This is a decided improvement, when one considers that at one time, people were taking up to 100 pills a day. (Only fruit or candy doesn't require pills to be digested).

Advances in treatment have also increased the life expectancy from less than 10 years, to over 30 years, with some older cystic fibrosis patients finishing school, marrying and having children.

Gregory, Hutner says, is an excellent student at Upper Canada College, and a star athlete, who plays an hour of sports a day, especially tennis, squash, track and field and soccer.

"He has a number of sports trophies," the proud dad says, adding that he gives a good part of the credit for his son's good health to his active lifestyle.

Gregory is also a student at Holy Blossom Hebrew School, and has a Hebrew tutor as well.

Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto, Hutner said, are centres for research into cystic fibrosis. In fact, the most recent advance, the discovery of the actual gene that causes the disease, was made by Toronto's Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui in 1989.

The problem is that while the gene has been located, there is no certainty as to exactly what is wrong with it. As well, there are over 300 mutations of the offending gene to work with.

A new drug has recently been approved in both Canada and the United States, which, it is hoped, will dilute the mucus in the body, so that the patient can breathe easier, and bacteria do not form as readily.

Scientists have also developed a strain of mouse with the disease, so that new treatments can be tested. "This will have a strong impact on research," says Hutner.

Many organizations have donated time and money to cystic fibrosis, including Kinsmen, Zellers, Sun Life, the Toronto Blue Jays, Coca Cola and the Life Underwriters Association of Canada. Shinerama, a yearly event on university campuses, is a prime fundraiser for the cause.

"We are on the edge of major breakthroughs in cystic fibrosis research. We just need the money to make it happen."

Hutner says he does not want accolades for all the work he does on behalf of cystic fibrosis. "I'm just doing what any parent would and should do."

But there is one reward he does want, and he says he won't stop until he gets it. A cure.

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Arts

Cantor Ronald Graner

Composer's lost music included in concert

Filmmaker, musicologist, cantor team up

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is there an organ walled up in the old Brody Synagogue of Odessa, hidden by order of the Communists after the revolution in 1917? The former synagogue is now a State Archives building but local legend has it that the organ is still there.

This is one of the fascinating mysteries that New York documentary filmmaker David Novack, musicologist Noreen Green and Cantor Ronald Graner of Toronto hope to answer as they work on a film about Jewish composer David Nowakowsky, whose music was lost for 70 years.

Nowakowsky was a giant among Jewish composers of the 19th and early 20th century, the only one to combine music of the western and Oriental world, Graner said.

"Astonishingly his life and body of work are unknown today outside the select world of Jewish musical scholars. Tragically, only one or two of his works were published in his lifetime: *Tefilas N'iloh* (prayers of the Yom Kippur closing service) in 1895, and *Compositions for Sabbath Eve* in 1901. Both of these can be heard in synagogue services today."

His work was smuggled out of Russia to Germany by his daughter, Rosa, a concert pianist. Rosa in turn had to flee the German Nazis. Eventually, the 3,500 oratorios, cantatas and chamber pieces were buried in German ammunition cases in Vichy France. A great-grandson, Alexander Seltzman, who helped hide the music and lives at Sciaux, near Paris, brought it to Hebrew Union College in New York.

Graner discovered the discarded Nowakowsky scores while helping to clean up a storage room fire at the college, where he was a student. The long lost music had been stored on a shelf above the sprinkler system and was not destroyed.

The saga comes nearly full circle June 11 in St. Catharines, Ont., when Graner produces a concert of Jewish music including some of Nowakowsky's works and featuring the Iseler Singers, the Canadian Chamber Music Society, four instrumentalists and cantors Thomas Schwartz and Graner as soloists.

It will be presented at Cathedral Ste. Catherines of Alexandria, in co-operation with B'nai Israel Congregation.

When Novack and Green were in Odessa last October for the second International Festival of Jewish Art Music, they learned one of Nowakowsky's former choir singers was living in Moscow. Vladimir Karelli, now 86, started singing under Nowakowsky when he was 8 in the Brody Synagogue choir. Novack flew back to the Russian capital last month to film the veteran chorister and record his reminiscences.

They were disappointed that none of Nowakowsky's music was listed on the Festival program, but Green, who wrote her PhD thesis on the composer, made a presentation that stirred acclaim and brought an invitation to visit Israel. She will return to Odessa later this year to plan a full-scale Nowakowsky concert, and continue the search for the missing Brody Synagogue organ.

Anxious to re-establish Odessa as an international art centre and free port, Ukrainian culture minister Yuri Petrenko arranged for the filmmakers to use the Odessa Opera Hall to rehearse a choir singing one of Nowakowsky's pieces.

The Nowakowsky manuscripts are now under the joint curatorship of the Park Avenue Synagogue of New York, the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music in New York, and the David Nowakowsky Foundation in Los Angeles.

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Al Waxman, who starred in the popular TV series *Cagney and Lacey* throughout most of the 1980s, commuted regularly between Toronto and Hollywood during those years — and still does whenever he's needed in Tinseltown, which is often. Despite his success, the celebrated actor-director still lives in Toronto, where he recently wrapped up acting in a film for Paramount. "I like Toronto — this is where I was born," he says. "I love the four seasons. I don't even mind this bitterly cold winter that we've just had."

Waxman, who has appeared in many feature films, as well as in the TV series *The King of Kensington*, is also a talented director whose credits last year included two episodes of the CBS series *Sweating Bullets* and an episode of Global's *Missing Treasures*. A teacher of drama and acting at York University, he has long been involved in many philanthropic concerns both within and beyond the Jewish community. Soon he plans to turn his directorial abilities to *A Shayna Maidel*, a moving drama scheduled to open April 20 at the Studio Theatre of the North York Performing Arts Centre. Written by Barbara Lebow, *A Shayna Maidel* played off-Broadway several years ago and was an Emmy award-winning made-for-TV film. Toronto theatrical producer, Janese Kane, acquired rights to the play, which has never been performed in Toronto, then approached Waxman last summer.

"The scheduling dovetailed very nicely for me and I found that it's an excellent play — I was quite taken by it," says Waxman. The story concerns two sisters, one from America, one from Poland, who are re-united after World War II and have to deal with deep family secrets as well as their searing experience with the Holocaust.

Dramatic story

"It's obviously a dramatic and emotional story, but like any good story not without its humour."

Two of six cast members have already been cast: Sharon Birnbaum and Shannon Lawson have signed on as the sisters. As publicist Penny East points out: "*A Shayna Maidel* literally means a pretty girl, but it refers less to physical attributes than to inner beauty and spirituality. It is an expression of love and hope, qualities that radiate throughout this affecting play."

Tickets start at $25.50 ($17.50 for students and seniors) and may be purchased at the North York Centre Box Office or through TicketMaster, 872-2222.

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Black to the Promised Land, a feature-length documentary about American black teens who go to work on a kibbutz in the Golan Heights for three months, won many positive reviews when first shown here last year. The film chronicles the changes in the lives and perceptions of 11 Brooklyn youngsters who take the journey from crowded inner-city ghetto to expansive Israeli countryside. "Whisked off to Israel after a blitz of media attention — glamorous at first, then maddeningly intrusive — the kids are stunned to find themselves in a quiet green world they couldn't have imagined," Michele Landsberg wrote in the *Toronto Star*. "None of them has ever had a white friend before. Most had vague preconceptions of Jews as ultra-religious and hostile to blacks." For one week beginning Feb. 25, *Black to the Promised Land* is being shown twice nightly (7 & 9 p.m.) at The Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

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Homes and Homeland: Jewish Images from Toronto to Israel, by photographer Tobi Asmoucha, is the show currently filling the Zack Gallery of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, 950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver. Phone: (604) 257-5111.

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Lack of sight fails to hinder piano technician

Ari Isaac at the piano.

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ari Isaac became totally blind as a result of glaucoma when he was 18. It took him five years to accept this hard fact.

Eventually Isaac realized that even without sight, life could still be good if he would recognize his limitations. What he really did was circumvent them.

He married, became a father, learned piano tuning and turned outward. Already fluent in Hebrew, Yiddish and German (he was born in Israel of German Jewish parents), he studied Russian and Italian, developing ease in both languages. He also played accordian.

Together with his wife Claire, he rode tandem bicycle, reveling in the motion and a degree of freedom. He listened to classical music and read Braille.

He upgraded to piano technician.

Spurred by extraordinary determination, he turned to woodworking, not just hand carving, but operating power equipment, hardly routine work for a blind man. For two years he was carefully guided by a friend, Dr. Fred Stulberg, who had a home workshop.

With help, Isaac adapted machinery to meet his own requirements and had it installed in his basement. How did he escape injury? "Well, I did cut myself a few times," he admits, "but nothing major. In fact I think I was cut less than most sighted people. I guess I was so scared that I concentrated — a lot!"

Not content with merely constructing occasional pieces, he built full-scale wall units, dining room buffets, even bedroom suites, originally for family and friends, later going into the custom furniture business.

Piano technology continued to intrigue him and he mastered "voicing," a method of adjusting the hammers to bring out the best tone.

"A lot of piano tuners do voicing, but not too many do it successfully," Isaac maintains. "Back in the days of the Heintzmans and Nordheimers, voicing was the cream of the crafts, the most refined aspect of anything to do with piano making."

Intent on eliciting a broader, richer tone color from the instrument, he is now manufacturing hammers in his basement workshop, producing complete sets for pianos in concert halls and music schools. Accomplished musicians in Canada and the United States are using Isaac's custom made hammers which are covered with felt of precise density and resilience. "I have a very clear idea in my head of what I want to hear," he affirms, noting that piano manufacturers offer only mass produced hammers.

Isaac also criss-crosses the continent to give voicing seminars at trade fairs from Maine to California. It's an opportunity to make contacts and market his hammers.

To keep mentally alert and current, he relies on a computer system which is programmed to voice scan any publication he takes from the library.

To keep physically fit, he runs on an indoor treadmill — a gift from his wife Hanna, a teacher at Bialik Hebrew Day School whom he married after the breakdown of his first marriage — or outdoors, alongside Hanna on her bicycle.

Isaac's mind and body are geared to running form, constantly moving, exploring, never remaining still.

"I go on the premise that my hardship and the difficulties it poses are my business. I'm blind and certainly could be better off financially, but I've always been surrounded by great people!"

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

History Of God: The 4,000 Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, by Karen Armstrong (Random House of Canada, $36.00)

Over 90 per cent of North Americans believe in God. At least, that is what public opinion polls and surveys indicate. Yet, in recent years, there has been an unmistakable decline in the influence of organized religion. For an increasing number of people, the idea of a personal God — a deity who is aware of our individual existence and who listens to prayer — is unacceptable for a variety of reasons, moral, intellectual, scientific and spiritual.

It is difficult to accept our nation's overwhelming belief in God with the aimlessness, alienation and violence that is so rife in our society. The escalating crime rate, drug addiction, fragmentation of the nuclear family and erosion of ethical standards are not signs of a spiritually healthy community.

History of God takes the reader on a stimulating journey through time to examine the origins of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and the later contributions, concerns and debates of philosophers and mystics, rationalists and pietists. In this intellectually challenging work there are salient ideas and essential facts to be gleaned on almost every page.

The author stresses the mystical teachings of the three monotheisic faiths and shows how, more often than theological precepts, they address the basic hopes, fears and spiritual needs of their followers. She points out that a Hebrew synonym for God in the period following the destruction of the Temple was Shekinah which means "to dwell with" or "to pitch one's tent". This mystical aspect of divinity helped Jews exiled from their land to sense God's presence wherever they went.

In the 16th century, Isaac Luria of Safed created a new vision of God, which helped his followers to cultivate a spirit of joy and kindness, together with a positive view of humanity. His imaginative insights came at a time when guilt, anger and a sense of hopelessness could have caused many to despair and lose faith in life altogether.

About a hundred years later Shabbetai Zevi, born in Turkey, claimed to be the long-awaited Jewish messiah. He brought a surge of hope to the hearts of Europe's Jews. "His supporters came from all classes of Jewish society: rich and poor, learned and uneducated. Pamphlets and broadsheets spread the glad tidings in English, Dutch, German and Italian. In the Ottoman empire, prophets wandered through the streets describing visions in which they had seen Shabbetai seated upon a throne. All business ceased; ominously, the Jews of Turkey dropped the name of the sultan from the Sabbath prayers and put in Shabbetai's name instead."

Arrived in 1666

Unhappily, when he arrived in Istanbul in 1666, he was arrested as a rebel and imprisoned. Given the choice of conversion to Islam or death, he chose the former. He was given an imperial pension and died as an apparently loyal Muslim ten years later. This tragic transformation did not deter many of his followers, who continue to believe in him as God's messenger to His people.

In turning to the spiritual malaise of our age, Karen Armstrong is convinced that human beings cannot endure spiritual emptiness and desolation and that they always fill the vacuum by creating a new and useful focus of meaning. Indeed, she writes, "If we are to create a vibrant new faith for the 20th century, we should, perhaps, ponder the history of God for some lessons and warnings."

Armstrong, a former Roman Catholic nun is widely recognized as a brilliant student of comparative religion. She now teaches at the Leo Baeck College for the Study of Judaism and the Training of Rabbis and Teachers.

A History of God is an outstanding achievement. Some of the material on Islam is difficult because it is unfamiliar. But the book generally is lucid and accessible to the intellectually curious and serious reader.

Spielberg's film tops the list

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LOS ANGELES — The Holocaust epic *Schindler's List* last week was nominated for Academy Awards in 12 categories and is now considered the clear-cut front-runner to earn Oscars for best picture and for its director, Steven Spielberg.

The film, about a German businessman who was a member of the Nazi party and yet saved the lives of his 1,300 Jewish factory workers, also garnered nominations in the top categories for Liam Neeson as best actor, Ralph Fiennes as supporting actor and Steven Zaillian for his screenplay, based on the book by Thomas Keneally.

Twelve nominations for one movie has never been surpassed in the 66-year history of the Academy Awards and has been equalled only once by *Ben Hur* in 1959.

A win for Spielberg as best director at the March 21 awards would be sweet recompense for the Academy's previous snubs of the most successful commercial filmmaker in Hollywood history.

Actress Winona Ryder, who is Jewish, was nominated as best supporting actress for her role in *The Age of Innocence*.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Lillehammer, site of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games, is part of the Troll Park region of Eastern Norway. The area is known for its mountains, wild rivers, national parks and many skiing, hiking and camping opportunities. Situated about 80 km north of Oslo, Lillehammer is convenient to the great forests of the Hedmark region, the country's longest river (the Glomma) and the world's oldest paddle steamer still in operation, the Skibladner.

Oslo, Norway's capital, is a lively cultural centre, with opera, theatre, concert halls and a thriving cafe society. Architecture, folk art, natural history and Norwegian artist Edvard Munch are the focuses of some of its many museums. Most of the country's roughly 1,000 Jews live in Oslo. The earliest Jews arrived only in the middle of the last century. The country's secondary cities include Bergen, known as the gateway to the fiords, the North Sea port of Stavanger, and the central Norwegian town of Trondheim, formerly the capital of a Viking kingdom. Besides its association with fiords and Vikings, Norway is known as the Land of the Midnight Sun. With one-third of its land mass within the Arctic Circle, it is a cold country that most Canadians, presently shivering through a relentless winter, would prefer to see during summer.

Nortra, the Norwegian Tourist Board, is hoping that North Americans will discover Norway just as the Vikings discovered North America some 500 years before Columbus. For further information, write Nortra, 655 Third Avenue, New York 10017 NY.

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More European Notes:

Travel AGO, a volunteer travel project of the Art Gallery of Ontario, is hosting a "New Horizons" tour to Eastern Europe, Sept. 15 to Oct. 3. Cities on the itinerary include Prague, Budapest, Warsaw and Crakow, and activities include visits to private art galleries and studios, concerts in Baroque churches, and walks along scenic trails in the Tatra Mountains. Although art and not Jewish history is the focus, it would be hard to visit these cities without learning something of their former Jewish inhabitants and culture.

Travel AGO is also hosting a trip to Spain and Portugal, April 17 to May 1. Highlights include the Prado Museum of Madrid and that city's newly-opened Von Thyssen Gallery and the Royal Palace. Andalusia, Seville, Granada and Cordoba, are also on the itinerary. In Barcelona, the group will experience the magnificent works of art by Miro, Picasso and Gaudi. Lisbon's Gulbenkian Museum and the Sintra coast are also included. For further details on these tours, phone the AGO's volunteer office, (416) 979-6661.

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Guidelines for the Jewish Visitor is an informative one-page fact sheet about the Jews of Britain which the British Tourist Authority issues upon request. To receive a copy, write to the BTA, 111 Avenue Road, Suite 450, Toronto M4R 3J8.

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Business & Finance

Communications coach stresses employees' attitude

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — One of the major contributors to declining productivity is that companies spend millions of dollars on skills training but completely overlook their employees' attitude and effort — the other side of the equation necessary for developing strong communication skills, says a Toronto business communications specialist.

"A person's performance is based on a combination of aptitude and attitude. Big dollars are invested in training people's skills. But what time and money do companies invest in coaching people's attitude and effort?" asks Vera Held of VNH Communications. "One without the other is simply a bandaid solution," she says.

Held, a niche consultant, speaker and writer who works with organizations like Bell Canada, Bombardier, TD Bank, Glaxo, and Ernst and Young, has recently hooked up with psychologist Dr. John Marshall of the Self-Management Group. Using Marshall's performance model, Held has developed a unique communications application program designed to focus on thinking and communication errors related to listening, speaking, writing and judgement.

"As a communications coach, I help people both on a one-on-one and team basis to build their communication strengths and manage their communication weaknesses. They get in touch with the communication activities they do well and reinforce them, so competency becomes a habit. And they learn how to rise above their weaknesses by communicating with heart which can take them from being listening 'impaired' to listening 'repaired' for example," Held explains.

One of her many services that she claims is becoming indispensable to the corporate world is what she calls a communications audit — teaching people how to use technology in a more effective and a more human way.

"Instead of taking the time to really understand what place technology needs to play in our corporate lives, we've allowed it to invade our world so fast and furiously that no one has developed protocol on how to use this technology. I've seen people have down and dirty nights on E-mail which is certainly not an appropriate place to let loose," Held explains.

Vera Held

"Few of us have really thought about when is the right time to fax, to use E-mail or voice mail to write a letter, to pop your head around the corner, or to have lunch with a colleague. What methods of communication are best in which instance? What form is appropriate for what kind of message? Is your company E-mail heavy? Voice mail light? And how does that impact your bottom line?" Held asks.

She conducts application seminars based on real-life case studies to help companies avoid overload, overuse, multiple copies, blind copies, emotional fighting, message retrieval, and duplicating messages by using more than one medium. Using solid judgement with technology helps companies save time, money, potential legal.

Held also helps employees improve upon their communications skills — writing, speaking and listening. "People who write well, do well; clear concise writing is almost universally accepted as evidence of excellent thinking. Presenting your ideas orally is equally important to make an impact in business. And listening well is often one of the biggest challenges facing us in our quest to communicate effectively," she explains.

"While hearing is a can issue, listening is a will issue. So once again, attitudes must be changed before listening can really take place. The Chinese pictogram for listening is an ear and a heart. Although only 18 inches separate the two, they don't always work in tandem. A Chinese proverb says, 'He who listens with ear and heart is a true listener."

Held, who was born to working class parents and is the first-born daughter of a Holocaust survivor, believes her work stems from her strong value system. "I believe in human decency and I work hard to instill that in others," she says.

She believes that our mandate for the 90's and beyond is to "get off our conservative duffs, put our lateral thinking caps on and do business in a brand new way, preparing ourselves to adapt our communications style to meet the changing needs in the marketplace."

Sunlight cleans dirty water

REHOVOT — Highly concentrated sunlight seems to effectively purify contaminated water, according to Israeli research.

This is of considerable significance because many of the dangerous pollutants that contaminate surface and undergrtound water are not broken down by the usual water-treatment procedures such as chlorination, oxygenation or ozonization.

Professor Emeritus Mordechai Halmann of Israel's Weizmann Institute tested the application of light-assisted catalytic degradation of a variety of pesticides, herbicides, urea derivatives and halocarbons — all organic pollutants that commonly find their way into vital water resources.

Halmann worked with groundwater from a severly poluted well along Israel's coastal aquifer. Of the 14 different contaminants, 12 decreased to negligible levels. The remaining two were also reduced, but to a lesser degree. A detailed series of follow-up experiments confirmed the results.

Oscardo has doing business with Mexico all tied up

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — If you think a tie is a tie is a tie, a visit to Oscardo Inc. on Dufferin Street south of Lawrence will quickly change your mind.

The walls and tables of the company boardroom are draped with neckwear ranging from traditional geometrics and abstracts, to colorful cartoons of the Pink Panther and Inspector Clouseau, to limited edition ties featuring the paintings of Gary Silverberg, the back of each one numbered, like a lithograph.

"When it comes to clothing, ties are the only way men have to communicate, to show their emotions," says Oscar Lulka, vice-president of sales.

The firm's name is a blend of his and that of his older brother Eduardo, the company's president, who smilingly admits he wears their more conservative designs.

Oscar, in contrast, favors the new Silverberg line, which illustrates the corporate man's working life with humorous and ironic scenes like the Last Power Breakfast (men around a boardroom table) or He Who Would Be King (a modern-day knight trying to pull a tie out of the boardroom table rather than a sword out of a stone).

At its facility on Dufferin Street, Oscardo manufacturers some 400,000 ties a year, which retail for $15 and up for polyester and $25 to $60 for silk. The firm's customers range from K-Mart to Sears, The Bay, Eaton's, Tip Top and Jack Fraser, as well as many independent stores and boutiques.

Oscardo also fills special orders, for instance, for logo ties for employees of Burger King and the Pickle Barrel, or for specific events, like a recent trade show where they designed ties imprinted with gold and silver faucets for the Moen bathroom fixture company.

Oscardo employs 25 people, 20 in production and five in the front office. They have ten sales representatives across Canada. Eduardo said the company's sales were $2.2 million in '93. This year he is projecting an increase in sales of 30 per cent to $3 million.

The firm is growing, despite having been hit hard by the recession. When the Lulkas bought the tie company in '87, it was geared to mass merchandising. In the past few years, four of the five major companies to whom they had sold 80 per cent of their neckwear, closed down.

Ninety per cent of Oscardo's merchandise is sold in Canada. About 10 per cent is exported to Mexico and Venezuela. And that's where the Lulkas' Mexican connection comes in.

Most of the family immigrated to Toronto from Mexico City in the early '80s. They are very excited by the possibilities opened up by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"For 35 years Mexico's borders were closed to imports. Now Mexico is open for business!" Eduardo enthused.

He says the Mexicans' business style is very different from the hard-driving, time-is-money, bottom-line approach typical of North Americans.

"In Mexico, someone is not going to buy your product because it's good, but because you are a trustworthy person. They have to build a personal relationship with you first," Eduardo explained.

Added Oscar: "That's why in Mexico we have long business breakfasts and lunches. Only five per cent of that time is spent talking about business; 95 per cent is getting to know each other, talking about yourself, your family, your hobbies, your interests . . . becoming linked, becoming 'compadres'."

The brothers' advice to Canadians trying to penetrate the Mexican market: go slow and easy, be patient; sometimes people won't answer letters or faxes — that's normal, give them time, try again, don't be confrontational; be humble, especially when dealing with government officials, who can be very proud; don't alienate people, don't be too persistent or pushy.

Both Eduardo and Oscar had worked in the garment business in Mexico (as did their father Salomon, now director of Oscardo), but they wanted to away from Mexico City's pollution and congestion.

And they had specific reasons for choosing Canada.

"Coming from Mexico City, I needed a big city. But going to a big city in the United States would not have solved the problem," Eduardo said.

"There is more safety here, less pollution, less traffic . . . and there are still a lot of family values. You still see children living with their parents, even after university. There's a lot more closeness, and our family has always been close," Oscar said.

Another factor in choosing Toronto was its sizable Jewish community.

Eduardo was active in Mexico City's 40,000-member, mainly upper middle class Jewish community. He had served as national president of B'nai Brith, which helped him make his first social and business contacts here.

Eduardo says he was surprised by the strength and outspokeness of Toronto's Jewish community.

For instance, when he first arrived, he was shocked to see signs outside synagogues urging people to buy Israel Bonds or contribute to the United Jewish Appeal. He said Mexico's Jews give generously to Israel, but it's done quietly.

"It's not accepted there, the Mexican community would not see it as nice to openly send money outside the country . . . here the Jewish community is stronger and louder. You can really make a statement . . . I like it. I feel more secure, I can be more open about my Jewishness," he said.

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Enjoy tax-deferred growth with an insurance RRSP

By STUART HABER
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Around the corner is the time of year when everyone and his uncle makes a mad dash for his favorite institution to decrease his taxes and save toward retirement. Decisions abound: Fund mixtures; lengths of term deposits; better returns, higher risks; let's buy new furniture instead — 'tis the season of choices.

The Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is, along with certain types of life insurance, one of the last places to enjoy tax-deferred growth. In addition, the RRSP offers, if used correctly, security in the future and a pat on the back in the form of a tax receipt from the government which allows you to keep more of the money you worked hard to earn.

Most people know the banks, trust companies, brokerage houses and credit unions, offer RRSP guidance and products. We have found though that this is less true of insurance companies, probably for two reasons: one, when most people think of insurance companies, they think of insurance (makes sense); second, most people bank at banks, trust companies and credit unions, in whose branches they are met by vivid displays of returns for different retirement saving programs. Insurance companies though do have much to offer, either through legislation or self-regulation, or because of the nature of their interaction with the public, that is, through the interaction between company agent and clients. The forthcoming points should be noted by all of us upon whom our clients rely for advice.

Insurance companies operate under a host of federal and provincial regulations. The Judiciary too plays an important role with respect to the products that we offer, with respect to their integrity and the positions taken by those who sell them. An RRSP at an insurance company offers three rather important elements: outside of probate distribution of funds at death; a higher degree of creditor protection than that found at other institutions; and, regarding the Segregated Funds of many insurance companies (insurance company mutual funds), guarantees in the event of death or maturity.

Creditor protection

Currently, in the event of the death of the RRSP owner, the owner's assets pass through probate — the size of his estate is evaluated on a banded basis and correlated with the amount owing for that band, to which is applied a fee which is collected by most provincial governments. The fees were recently increased in Ontario, a trend which will probably continue in the future.

The RRSP at an insurance company, along with those at other institutions with preferred beneficiary designations, avoids these probate fees. To avoid probate fees, an RRSP product at an insurance company needs the naming of a preferred beneficiary. A beneficiary is preferred if it is a husband, wife, daughter, son, grandchild, mother or father. It is important to note though that if transferred to a son or daughter, the funds will be subject to regular income tax.

A phenomenon which unfortunately has become common in recent years is the attachment by creditors to debtors' Retirement Savings accumulations. We have found that many of our clients were under the imprsession that RRSP's could not be touched, in bankruptcy. This is not the case, and the implications are enough to scare anyone. Fortunately, an individual is able to improve the creditor protection of his funds by placing them with an insurance company.

This heightened level of creditor protection is quite significant, assuming that no contravention of the existing Bankruptcy Act can be shown. In whatever form the savings take — from Segregated Funds to Daily Interest Plan — the funds are protected to a greater extent than if they were at any other financial institution. This is true of individual registered savings plans, as well as those owned by individual members as part of a larger group, for example, those owned by participants in a company Group RRSP or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan (DPSP). Assuming that it cannot be shown that the debtor has transferred his funds in avoidance of an inevitable attachment, recent writings have continued to support the special protective status of the insurance company RRSP. The main reason for this is that the RRSP is construed as a future annuity under Insurance regulations, and thus enjoys a protection found at no other type of financial institution.

For those who are willing to enjoy higher returns commensurate with higher risk, there are a plethora of mutual fund options, both among and outside of insurance companies. The insurance company mutual funds, as we mentioned earlier, is called a Segregated Fund. The money in these professionally managed funds is segregated from the general performance of the rest of the company, hence the name. Because of this, and of their own volition, many insurance companies offer guarantees to Segregated Fund investors not found outside of the insurance industry. The guarantees are in the event of death, and in the event of maturity of the RRSP (maturity occurs at the end of the calendar year in which the RRSP owner turns 71).

In the event of the death of the fund holder, most insurance companies will guarantee a minimum of 75 per cent of all deposits made to the fund, less withdrawals, or the value of the decedents holdings in the fund, whichever is higher. Many companies though will guarantee 100 per cent of deposits made at death, less withdrawals. At maturity many companies will guarantee a minimum of 75 per cent of deposits made, less withdrawals, or the value of the decedents holdings in the fund, whichever is higher. We all hope that values will not drop such that people will rely on these guarantees to recoup any losses. However, these guarantees are an added bonus and degree of security for those who wish to enjoy it.

The final area that we feel distinguishes insurance company RRSP's from those of other institutions is the dynamic between the agent and the client. The agent, having intimate knowledge of the client's financial position as necessitated by other planning which may have taken place, along with access to computer technology and training, can offer an excellent service well before the upcoming, harried RRSP season, when everyone else will be rushing to get in their final deposits.

In our opinion, the insurance company RRSP offers an excellent framework for saving, composed of competitive rates of return, industry — specific enhanced protection, guarantees unavailable elsewhere, and an opportunity to develop a relationship with an individual who can advise in retirement and other basic financial security areas. While the above provides a general understanding of the highlights of insurance company RRSPs, we recommend that more detailed discussions take place between individuals and their advisors in order to understand all the benefits of these types of investment opportunities.

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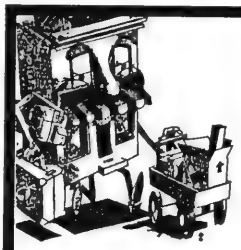
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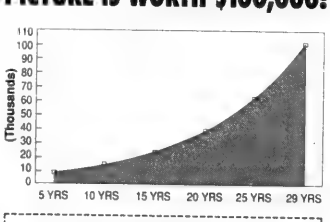

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Business Briefs

BRONFMAN BACKS ISRAELI FIRMS

ISRAEL — Canadian super-entrepreneur Charles Bronfman isn't just talking about backing Israeli enterprises — he's putting big money behind it.

Bronfman's firm, Claridge Israel, and a group of investors are raising capital for a $100 million fund to invest in Israeli companies. The fund, expected to be available sometime next month, will also financially support worthy Arab-Israeli projects in the territories.

Hi-tech corporations with strong export potential will be the most likely recipients. Start-up companies need not apply.

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GOVERNOR FIGHTS INFLATION

ISRAEL — The Bank of Israel has ignited a debate about inflation by raising interest rates.

Bank Governor Jacob Frenkel considers an eight per cent target ideal for the Israeli economy this year. Studies by both the government and private forecasting organizations had been pointing to nine or 10 per cent.

Israel's Minister of Finance, the country's Manufacturer's Association and the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce are against the interest rate boost. However, like most national central bank directors, Frenkel is worried about galloping prices impeding economic growth.

In Israel, there is historical cause for concern. Just five years ago, inflation was averaging 18.2 per cent, and it has been steadily dropping since then. But even Frenkel's eight per cent goal is considerably higher than in the United States and Canada.

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STOCKING UP

TEL AVIV — It looks like Israeli stock market experts really believe good things come in pairs.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) is performing so well that Israel wants a second exchange. So far, five private groups will reportedly submit proposals for this.

There's still no location for the second exchange although Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert is aggressively pushing his city.

Exchange No.2 will abandon the traditional trading floor, in favor of transactions that are computer conducted.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING

ISRAEL — In a country whose residents are famous for speaking about anything and everything, it's not surprising that cellular phone use is expanding rapidly.

In fact, by the end of this year, there could be 200,000 additional cell phone subscribers.

Now, one cellular phone network is not enough, and communications companies are eagerly applying for a stake in a second cell system.

Among the bidders is an alliance of Elbit, Tadiran, and Canadian Telecom. However, the competition is fierce with U.S. giant Bell South aggressively campaigning for a contract.

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TERMINAL TWO

ISRAEL— The size of Israel's Ben Gurion Airport hasn't quite caught up with the recent burst of tourism. Therefore, a second terminal has taken on the highest priority status.

Israel's terminal two will include a new hotel and a train station with links to Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

It's expected to be built in four years and serve 10 million passengers annually.

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RUNAWAY BUS

ISRAEL — Unlikely as it sounds, Israel's most prominent public transportation co-operative, Egged is worried about bus heists.

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The new theft protector will be tested on 12 inter-city buses.

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BUSINESS FORUM CONFERENCE

ISRAEL — Business people from Israel and the Diaspora will gather in Jerusalem Feb. 28 to Mar. 2 to discuss business opportunities.

The fourth Business Forum Conference will host international business leaders and public officials including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Ezer Weizman and Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert.

For more information, call Michael Sax at 921-5669 or Danny Fleishman at 961-7302.

These business briefs were compiled from information supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto.

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In reference to the Feb. 10 column published under the logo Your Finances. This column incorrectly stated the information was supplied by the Israel Economic Mission.

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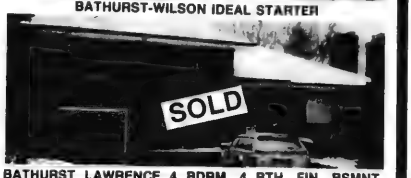

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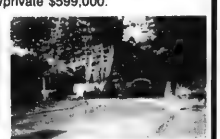

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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Baycrest brings audiology services to seniors

TORONTO — It's estimated that nearly two of every three people age 65 and over have some degree of hearing impairment. To meet the needs of homebound seniors who live in the community and those in retirement and nursing homes without access to hearing experts, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has launched a Community Hearing Health Care service.

"Our goal is to bring a broad range of audiology services to these people and help them live safer, fuller lives," explains Reena Duchowny, an audiologist at Baycrest's department of communication disorders.

Living with impaired hearing can be dangerous for homebound elderly people who may not be able to hear the telephone or a smoke detector alarm. Hearing impairment also reduces their enjoyment of life because they aren't able to hear the television or radio or to participate fully in conversations with friends and family.

"By focusing on the abilities rather than the disabilities of hearing impaired seniors, and by doing realistic evaluations of their needs, we can help clients be more independent," says Duchowny. "By improving their functional hearing ability, we hope to provide greater safety and security for them in their homes."

If a client already has a hearing-aid, the audiologist will evaluate how well it's working. If clients don't have a hearing-aid and they need one, they will be evaluated for one. The service does not include the dispensing of hearing-aids, but can provide a listing of hearing-aid dispensers in the community who offer home service.

The visiting audiologist can also provide training in communication strategies to lessen the impact of hearing impairment — for example, by recommending assistive listening devices such as a visual smoke alarm, special TV amplifier and doorbell alerting system. A qualified technician is also available to install equipment and teach clients how to use these devices.

Available during day, evenings

The service is available during the day and has evening hours. There may be a fee for the visits, and these will be explained before any service is provided. Anyone with a valid health card number who is 55 years or older and who would have trouble travelling to an outside appointment is eligible. The name and address of a family physician are required for reporting purposes, and clients are asked to see their doctor and have their ears cleaned of wax if this hasn't been done within the last three months.

For more information, please call 785-2377 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and ask for the Community Hearing Health Care service.

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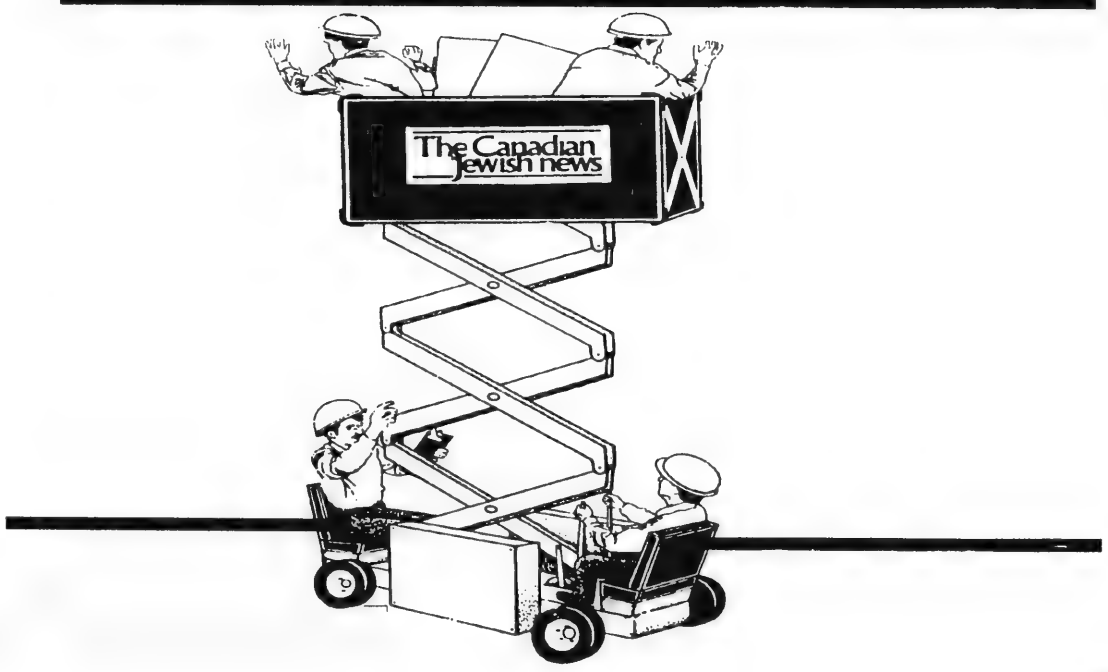

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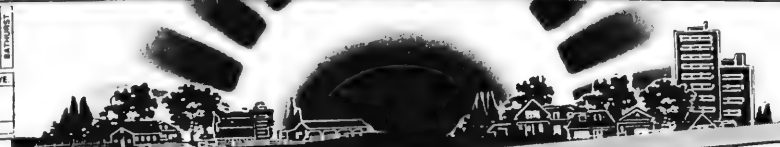

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FROM THE EDITOR OF in T.O.

This is the second edition of **inT.O.**, the newsmagazine for young, Jewish Torontonians. The response to our premiere edition was overwhelmingly positive and we appreciate all of the comments, both congratulatory and constructive. We are doing our best to include as many of your suggestions as possible in future issues of **inT.O.** and hope that you will continue to call with your feedback, at:

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631-5700

You will find some new columns in this issue which we hope to continue, including an interview with a prominent young Jewish business leader in "What's Happening in Business **inT.O.**", an article on a member of the Toronto community who came to our city from somewhere else in "Who's New **inT.O.**", reports on events that have occurred in the past months, and community volunteer opportunities. Please let us know what you think of them.

Also, look for continuing features such as our extensive listing of social events, speakers, movies and tours in the "What's On **inT.O.**" column.

Toronto is a great city, with a community of vibrant young Jewish people.

inT.O. is a great way to find out about all that our community has to offer.

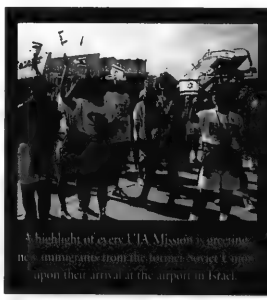
WATCH FOR IT!

Elisa

Elisa Morton Palter / Editor

in T.O. Did you Know?

- that thanks to the UJA-funded Jewish Agency for Israel, approximately 7,000 new immigrants continue to arrive in Israel every month, including almost 6,000 from the former Soviet Union?
- that over 1,000 Russian teenagers have immigrated to Israel without their parents to study in UJA-funded Youth Aliyah institutions? They hope to lay the groundwork and encourage their parents to join them in the future.
- that the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto/UJA and the Canadian Jewish Congress recently organized donations of new warm winter clothing and medication from local Jewish manufacturers to be sent to the remaining 685 Jews in Sarajevo? Local synagogues also participated in the effort.
- that UJA provides funding for Jewish student organizations at the University of Toronto, York University and smaller campuses such as Ryerson and Seneca? These organizations are the primary Jewish presence on campus and provide social, religious and political action programming. The national Jewish Students' Network is also funded by UJA.
- that UJA subsidizes the kosher hot lunch program at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living? This program provides the opportunity for seniors to have one nutritious hot meal daily without worrying about the cost.
- that UJA funds Judaic programming at the Reena Foundation? This allows mentally challenged members of our community to be educated about Judaism and proud of their heritage.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BUSINESS in T.O.

GELATO FRESCO: Subject to Improvement Without Notice

Gary Soren sits in a very low-key, almost rundown office decorated with his brother's paintings and macramé hangings. After about two minutes, you don't notice your surroundings because you are caught up in Gary's excitement about the company he and partner Hart Melvin founded in 1984, Gelato Fresco.

The idea for Gelato Fresco came from Hart's passion for ice cream, which had grown on his frequent visits to California, a state which boasts several high fat, super rich ice creams. Hart's luggage business (Le Sport Sac) was reaching saturation in Toronto and he thought premium ice cream was the product of the future. He enlisted the help of good friend, Gary Soren, who had manufacturing expertise gained through working since graduation from Western in his family's cookware business. Gary jumped on the idea, since the cookware business was also waning, but agreed only on one condition: Gary would help set up the business, but Hart had to make the ice cream.

Hart travelled around Italy to do research but was disappointed again and again until he reached Milan and Umberto where he "became enlightened". He discovered that it was possible to make a product that was high in flavour, and low in fat. He persuaded Elio Martinuzzi of Umberto to let him spend a week learning the business and then came home to practice. Gary was the guinea pig, and because the ingredients were all so fresh, even the rejects tasted pretty good. Not good enough, though. Gary and Hart wanted people to be able to "eat our product in a noisy, dark closet and know what the flavour was".

Getting the flavours right was difficult because they had to create new recipes for each flavour. Gary and Hart wanted to make authentic gelato, and that meant starting from scratch on every product. Milanese Vanilla took the longest (almost five years), since there was nothing to hide, the base flavour of vanilla was the end product. It took almost three years to make a product that Gary felt rivaled Haagen Daz, "the gold standard", and another couple to surpass it Why? Haagen Daz had 16% butterfat, while Gelato Fresco only had10% in vanilla, and less in other flavours (average less than 8%).

Gary explains that the butterfat and high density (low air content) of the products that made Haagen Daz so successful; these ice creams tasted so much richer and better than anything that had existed previously. The amazing thing about Gelato Fresco products is that they taste just as good, if not better than other ice creams, without as much fat. In the early 80s, when Gelato Fresco first started, low fat wasn't a big issue, but as the years went on, low-fat eating became a way of life and Gelato Fresco was well positioned to capitalize on this trend. Gary admits that they didn't plan it; they just "fell into it".

Butterfat and cream are issues Gary feels strongly about. "You don't search the world for the best coffees and pour cream and sugar in, and you don't spend money for the best Scotch and then dilute it with water", he says, "The same holds for ice creams because they aren't diluted". Gary describes their product development process as "taking a flavour and pushing it to the max."

Quality is high and Gary warns that the products are "subject to improvement without notice". It is this high quality which has caused difficulty in obtaining a kosher "COR" designation. The best vegetable stabilizer comes from Italy and Gary says that an "eccentric genius" runs the stabilizer company and getting him and the Italian Rabbi together has been a challenge. Good news: The problem has finally been overcome and the COR designation should be on the product within the year.

Gary Soren, co-founder

On a personal level, Gary is married and has two children. He has been to Israel two or three times, "but not since the kids". He's ready to go back. The ice cream in Israel? Gelato Fresco is better!

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WHO'S NEW *in* T.O.

UJA ACTIVIST PUTS SARAJEVO PAST BEHIND

Howard English

When Mair Musafija woke up one morning in March of last year to find Sarajevo split in two, he knew it was time to go. It was the start of an eight month odyssey that took Mair and his family from his city of birth to Toronto.

MAIR MUSAFIJA
at work in Toronto

A little more than a year ago, Mair was anxiously waiting in Belgrade for visas to Canada. Today, he's settled, satisfied and striving for success. He's determined, through his UJA activism, to repay the Jewish community for bringing him here.

In Sarajevo, Mair was a prominent producer of television dramas and a well read theatre critic. His career path was precisely on target. He had grasped the good life. The civil war struck and life turned full circle.

"In 1988, we were thinking about buying a car. In 1991, we were worried about having enough food for the winter", he recently recalled.

Mair remembers nine hour lineups for gas - even leaving 20 litres on his balcony - so the Musafija family could quickly escape. He didn't have to wait long.

In the spring of 1992, in the middle of the night, Serb forces overpowered Sarajevo, cutting off contact between one section of the city and the other.

"I realized I was in a trap," said Mair. "I could not see my mother. My children could not go out. There was nowhere you could buy bread. Everything was closed."

So Mair took two weeks vacation to see his mother-in-law in nearby Belgrade, briefly returned to his job in Sarajevo, convinced his editor to send him on assignment outside the city and never came back.

He, his wife and two children, with the help of Sarajevo's Jewish community, searched from Belgrade for countries of refuge.

"Canada was one of the first to respond," he told **inT.O.**

But Canada was slow with its paperwork, leaving the Musafijas eight months to ponder what becoming Canadian residents would be like. They poured over maps, memorized the cities that formed greater Metropolitan Toronto, and worried about being placed in Etobicoke or Mississauga.

On the flight from Belgrade, Mair assumed his family would be living with the sponsors who brought him to Canada, and wondered how there would be enough room for everyone.

Instead, thanks to UJA-funded Jewish Immigrants Aid Services, the Musafijas found themselves inside a comfortable, private apartment - a building "with a bright new lobby and all this furniture."

Now, one child later, and a fresh future ahead, Mair has not only landed a production job with Paragon Entertainment Corporation, he's re-asserting his Jewish identity.

"I am starting to be a Jew first and then whatever my profession may be."

Mair has found expression for both his Jewish roots and his gratitude at UJA.

"I gave a speech to the Young Business Network and decided that I wanted to be part of it," he explained.

"Why should I be just a refugee? I would like the community to be proud that they brought me here."

From Sarajevo to Toronto, from a city destroyed by ethnic conflict to one that is seen as a multicultural model for the world, life is like a fairy-tale for Mair Musafija - a fairy-tale for which he refuses to take credit.

"I feel," he insisted, "that God is with me."

UJA DOLLARS IN ACTION *in* T.O.

Below you will find the first in a series of columns highlighting some of the social service agencies and programs funded by UJA right here in Toronto. We hope you enjoy this new feature.

-EMP

BERNARD BETEL EDUCATES THE YOUNG ABOUT ELDER ABUSE

They are an unlikely acting troupe, performing for an unlikely audience.

The actors are all over 65. The viewers are under 20. Together they are unravelling the secrets of elder abuse.

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living has come up with one of Canada's most creative techniques to publicize abuse of the elderly. It's an acting company with 20 players who portray real-life situations for high school students, through originally written skits.

During one such skit presented recently at Burnamthorpe Collegiate, Reta Duenisch-Turner, 67, Fay Levy, 70, and 75 year old Evelyn Rabkin recreated the story of accountant Ted, his sister Liz, and their mother, who is being severely victimized by husband George. In order to exert all-consuming control over his wife, George has ordered her to change lawyers, stop using son Ted as the family accountant and take new medication which leaves her weak and emotionally numb.

RETA DUENISCH-TURNER
Playwright and Actress

At the end of their skit, the Betel players challenged their younger audience to not only recognize elder abuse, but to suggest solutions.

Finding answers is not simple as there are no homes for battered elderly women, and older victims are even less likely than their younger counterparts to admit, let alone report abuse.

According to Sheila Zane, who coordinates Betel's Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly, financial abuse is the most common form of mistreatment facing seniors. And, even more frightening, it's quite common.

That is why, says Sheila, the dramas are so important.

"They are occurrences that might happen in any family."

Howard English

WORTH GETTING *in* T.O.

You can make a difference in this community in more ways than one.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto plays a much more comprehensive role in sustaining the organized community than fundraising alone. Although everyone agrees that UJA is our top priority, our services, agencies and schools also require support in both Community Planning and Human Resource Development.

The Federation's Department for Human Resources Development (HRD) assists Federation departments, as well as our affiliate agencies and schools, in performing their jobs better by helping them recruit, interview, train, and manage the careers of volunteers at every level.

At any given time, dozens of important volunteer positions are available. Perhaps you have an interest in assisting new Canadians to integrate into society. Maybe you would like to help bring Jewish activity to hospitals, prisons and other care facilities. If you can tutor, teach, drive, translate, visit, deliver, read, coach, interview or use the phone, there is a direct service volunteer opportunity for you.

HRD also helps to place volunteers onto the boards and committees of the Federation and its affiliate agencies and schools. Below are just a few examples of specific volunteer positions available right now. If you have any questions about these or any other volunteer opportunities, or if you would like information on other aspects of Human Resource Development, please call the HRD Director, **GERALD FISHER**, at **631-5721**. Getting involved in the community is something worth getting into!

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS:

MENTORING:
The Jewish Vocational Service requires volunteer mentors in almost every professional category. Volunteer mentors are matched to new immigrants who share their professional field. The Mentor is responsible for orienting and advising a new Canadian about how to access job information, prepare for interviews, network, etc.

PALUNTEERS:
The Reena Foundation needs people to serve as "Palunteers" to developmentally disabled adults.

Palunteers befriend Reena clients, meeting them for coffee and a chat, perhaps going to a movie together and generally ensuring that Reena clients have some social activity.

THE BAYCREST CHALLENGE:
Baycrest is preparing for the 1994 Baycrest Challenge. The "Challenge" is a warmup to the Toronto marathon, involving thousands of people

Baycrest is seeking people to serve on the Promotions and Incentives Committee as well as the Media/Publicity Committee.

CAMPUS SERVICES:
The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto supports three active campus organizations. The Jewish Students Federation (York), Jewish Students Union (U of T), and Jewish Student Council (Ryerson/Seneca) all need volunteers to serve on a variety of committees dealing with Jewish Continuity, Long Term Planning, Fundraising and Alumni affairs.

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WHAT'S ON *in T.O.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a listing of just some of the upcoming UJA events of interest to readers of inT.O. For more information or to RSVP for a program, please call the inT.O. HOTLINE at 631-5700.

DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE: COULD IT HAPPEN TO YOU?

SUN., FEB. 20

Enjoy a relaxing brunch and hear about the good and bad sides of the working world! Program will include small group discussions. Presented by the Young Adult Division.

Lipa Green Building, 10:45 a.m.
Cost: $10

YLN MITZVAH PROGRAM

SUN., MAR. 13

A repeat of last year's successful experience! Bring your friends and be part of this unique community project by helping pack Passover food packages for Toronto Jews in need. Space limited.

National Council of Jewish Women's Office, 3:00 p.m.

A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV!

SUN., MAR. 13

The Young Professionals Network presents an evening of light-hearted fun for all you closet actors and comedians (and for those of you who just like to laugh!)

Location: TBD, 7:00 p.m.
Cost: TBD

GOING PUBLIC WITH LAWRENCE BLOOMBERG

THU., MAR. 17

Lawrence Bloomberg, President, CEO and Director of First Marathon Inc. shares his wealth of experience and anecdotes on taking privately-owned companies public. Presented by the Young Business Network (YBN).

Location: TBD, 7:00 p.m.
Cost: $15

WINNING AT PARENTING: FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL

MON., APR. 11

Barbara Colorso, internationally known consultant, author and lecturer, will speak on positive approaches to discipline in the home and at school. Presented by Jewish Women's Federation, UJA Women's Campaign, the Board of Jewish Education and UJA Business & Professional Women's Network.

Adath Israel Synagogue, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $15 in advance; $20 at the door

KENSINGTON MARKET AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE

SUN., APR. 17

Young Adults Division presents an opportunity to see first-hand the wonderful Jewish history Toronto has waiting to be discovered. Led by Steve Speisman, Director of the Ontario Jewish Archives. RSVP early. Space is very limited.

Cost: $5

YLN BUS MISSION II

SUN., MAY. 1

Come see how UJA dollars are hard at work for us here in Toronto. Spend a leisurely Sunday visiting a number of UJA-funded agencies with a busload of your peers. Breakfast and lunch included.

Cost: $10

BODY IMAGE AND IDENTITY: RECLAIMING THE MIRROR

THU., MAY. 5

Do you think you are overweight? Have you ever considered cosmetic surgery? Hear a panel of experts examine how society and the media shape women's view of themselves and their self-esteem. Presented by the Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation.

Beth Tzedek Synagogue, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $5

UJA ANNUAL WALK FOR ISRAEL

SUN., MAY. 29

Join fellow community members of all ages as they walk, run, skip or hop their way down our new re-vamped route! Plenty of fun, food and friends along the way!

COMING SOON...

YBN's SPRING EVENT

"Franchising in the 90's – A New Spirit of Co-operation". Join us for a panel discussion on the secrets of successful franchise operations.

YLN's 3RD ANNUAL MISSION TO ISRAEL

JUL. 14-26, 1994

Experience a fabulous week-long mission in Israel seeing history in the making. Start off with an optional three days in historic Prague in the Czech Republic, and spend 10 days dedicated to fun, friends and seeing UJA dollars hard at work around the world.

EVENT REPORTS

NORTH YORK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE SPECTACULAR!

The guided tour of the North York Performing Arts Centre on November 3, 1993 was a "great success", Young Construction Co-Chair Gordon Wiseman told **inT.O.** Hosted by the Young Construction Network of the UJA, attendees were treated to breakfast and an address by the facility's Chief Architect, Eberhard Zeidler. Mr. Zeidler provided insights into the design, as well as the process of government and private sector co-operation that enabled this striking facility to be built despite a very tight budget. Mr. Zeidler's enlightening tour and the centre itself earned unanimous praise.

Look for more interesting Young Construction Network programs in the future. Come see and hear the inside story on other major Toronto developments and much more!

UJA's Young Business Network hosted an extremely successful evening at the Hot Stove Lounge featuring Rick Aaronson (centre), speaking on sports and entertainment marketing.

TENSE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PANELISTS AT UJA EVENT

The Young Professionals Network's first ever program began as a UJA-sponsored forum on the media's portrayal of Israel.

It ended up as a verbal boxing match between two combatants who happened to be panelists.

In one corner, Toronto Star columnist Richard Gwyn, famous for his sharp-tongued criticism in the past of Israeli policy. In the other, activist David Rotenberg, well known for his ardent defense of Israel.

They disagreed on just about everything.

Some of YPN's committee members with Richard Gwyn, Steve Paikin and David Rotenberg (Top row - second, third & fourth from the left)

Gwyn, who strongly supports Israel's accord with the PLO, asserted that "one can now write about Israel in a normal way". Rotenberg countered: "The media which now praises Israel have not changed their view of history. They see Israelis as victimizers." Gwyn defined himself as "pro-Israel", and definitely not "anti-Semitic". He also attributed anti-Semitism mostly to Christians, not Arabs.
"The Arabs have been oppressing Jews for 1,000 years", Rotenberg shot back. "Christians have done it better. I give them credit for that."

The program was moderated by TV Ontario host Steve Paikin, an experienced journalist.

The event attracted some 150 people who flooded the panelists with so many questions that the discussion continued well into the reception.

in T.O. YLN

United Jewish Appeal is committed to help mould the future leadership of Toronto's Jewish Community and provide educational and interesting programs. Our Young Leadership Network is made up of four groups, and we're sure you'll find one that's right for you. Each of the "Young" (under 40) networks has a dual mandate – outreach/programming and campaign – related activities.

CHECK THE CHART TO FIND OUT WHICH GROUP IS RIGHT FOR YOU, THEN CALL US AT 631-5700 AND GET inT.O. YLN!

	YAD Young ADULTS Division	YBN Young BUSINESS Network	YCN Young CONSTRUCTION Network	YPN Young PROFESSIONALS Network
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MEMBERSHIP:	A wide cross-section of young Jewish adults in the 22-35 age group.	Young members of UJA business divisions in the 25-40 age group.	Young people across the Construction and Development industry in the 25-40 age group.	Over 2,000 young accountants, allied health professionals, community workers, dentists, doctors, education professionals and lawyers, in the 25-40 age group.

In retirement, Jack Bain has perfected his talent for turning bare blocks of wood into works of art. His carvings have won a number of Canadian awards.

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Most of the income for Jack and Mimi Beaubien Bain's retirement depends on the choices made by the investment management experts at TD Trust.

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UWO apology concerns Jews

By MARA KOVEN and FRANCES KRAFT

LONDON — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), B'nai Brith and members of the London Jewish community have expressed concern and requested clarification about a settlement reached between the University of Western Ontario (UWO) and a group of former students who alleged anti-Arab discrimination.

The students — Maysoun Abusitta, Nadia Shousher and Ken Fanni — along with then-president of the Canadian Arab Federation, James Kafieh, filed their complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) in 1987.

The university recently agreed to issue apologies in the *London Free Press* and in UWO campus newspapers the *Gazette* and *Western News*, and to pay $2,000 to each complainant over three incidents of "differential treatment of Arab students."

The apology letter, signed by university president George Pedersen, makes no mention of a controversial poster cited in the original complaint. The poster, which advertised a campus lecture by PLO representative Abdullah Abdullah, featured an award-winning cartoon depicting a Palestinian child with his arms in the air, surrounded by Israeli soldiers; the caption compared Zionism to apartheid.

The cartoon replicated the famous World War II photograph of a young Jewish boy surrounded by German soldiers in the Warsaw Ghetto. It was originally published in Portugal during Israel's invasion of Lebanon and was chosen by five Canadian judges from over 900 entries, representing more than 60 countries, to win the grand prize at Montreal's Salon of Cartoons in 1985.

The poster was "one of the most vile expressions of anti-Semitism that we've seen on a university campus in many years," said Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress.

University administrators reacted swiftly to complaints by members of the university's Jewish community at the time: the poster was removed, and Pedersen reprimanded Abusitta, who was then head of Canadians Concerned for the Middle East (CCME), the campus organization sponsoring Abdullah's talk, calling the lecture notice "obscene" and saying it had "no place on any Canadian university campus."

George Pedersen

Wesley Rayner, then dean of the Faculty of Law, also took exception to the drawing and was named along with Pedersen in the complaint.

The complainants argued that "provocative and inflammatory posters and lecture notices by other students organizations...had been posted on campus the same week...and yet resulted in no interference or comment by the university administration."

The two other incidents involved difficulties encountered by Shousher in reserving a room for a public event and Kafieh's concern that the university had failed to respond to Arab student complaints over disruptions of Arab student events and over anti-Arab caricatures over a 10-year period in *The Gazette*.

UWO professor Ted Medzon, who is vice-president of the London Jewish Federation and staff liaison to the Jewish Student Union (JSU), provided some context for the complaint. "There was a crisis occuring in the Middle East at that time. That was the beginning of the intifadah. On campus, Jewish students demonstrated and disturbed Arab discussion sometimes more than Arabs disturbed Jewish rallies. UWO did not want riots and were careful in asking questions of people's origins before booking rooms."

"While we believe that the complaint centering around the treatment of certain Arab groups on campus relating to provision of services is meritorious, clearly it would be highly improper for university officials to apologize for condemning a poster which in our opinion should be condemned as anti-Semitic," stated Gerda Frieberg, chair of CJC Ontario region.

"We are concerned that the university could reach a settlement with and apologize to a group that had produced posters that distorted and trivialized the memory of the

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More charges laid

MONTREAL — A new charge of break and enter with theft has been laid against Rabbi Meyer Krentzman and Andor Galandauer.

This latest charge against the two relates to an incident alleged to have taken place Dec. 7, 1993 at a private residence on Couvrette Street in the Montreal suburb of St. Laurent.

Galandauer and Rabbi Krentzman already face seven drug-related charges each, including trafficking in cocaine and heroin; and four counts of possession of equipment to produce fake passports and other illegal documents and other illegally obtained equipment.

Galandauer is also charged with possession of prohibited arms and improper storage of firearms.

In a separate matter, Rabbi Krentzman faces two counts of fraud.

A preliminary inquiry on all charges against both men is scheduled for March 10, when a date is expected to be set either to proceed with the inquiry or go directly to trial.

Rabbi Krentzman's lawyer, Raphael Schachter, told *The CJN* that in the meantime, there will be "ongoing discussions" with the Crown.

TIME FOR PURIMSHPIELEN!

Like this youngster, who's being bicycled through the streets of Bnai Brak, millions of kids are donning costumes this week to mark Purim. [IPPA photo]

Parliament adopts new opening prayer

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — This week marked the adoption of a new opening prayer to be used daily in the House of Commons. The prayer, shorter than the traditional one and written in more modern language, refers to "Almighty God," expressing thanks for Canada's freedom, opportunity and peace and asking for wisdom to make good laws and decisions as Members of Parliament. The new version includes a prayer for Queen Elizabeth and the governor-general, and is followed by a moment of silence.

The former prayer, in use since 1877 and unchanged since the 1950s, asked God's blessing for the lawmakers and the Queen, and concluded with the Lord's Prayer. It contained three references to Jesus Christ.

The prayer had been the subject of complaints for years because of its exclusivity and outdated language, said MP Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands). Milliken headed the Procedures and House Affairs Committee which studied the prayer issue and recommended the changes. The new version was approved unanimously.

"I was quite pleased. I think it's high time this happened," Milliken told *The CJN*.

Gaston Leroux, Bloc Quebecois MP for Richmond-Wolfe and secretary-general of the Bloc Quebecois caucus, told *The CJN*, "The Bloc Quebecois is convinced that a prayer must be above all a personal exercise. It is also necessary that, no matter what their religion or their degree of religious observance may be, all our MPs be able to identify with the text of the prayer used."

"The traditional prayer didn't offend me, but it didn't include me, and I felt that sense of exclusion as I'm sure my colleagues of other faiths did," St. Paul's MP Barry Campbell, who is Jewish, said in a telephone interview. On a personal note, Campbell said it was very important for him personally to hear the new prayer for the first time Monday and to feel included.

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Jewish art has reflected surrounding cultures

By DR. FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

An illuminated Hebrew scroll of Esther from China, an object unique in both Chinese and Jewish art, forms an important part of the Judaica Museum at the Beth Tzedec Congregation. This megillah was acquired in 1947 by the late Professor Cecil Roth in London, England from a private collection. It is handwritten in the traditional manner by a scribe on seven strips of parchment of approximately 6¾ inches wide. These strips are stitched together to make a complete scroll, which is wound on a wooden roller with the first three feet backed with red Chinese silk.

The style of the Hebrew calligraphy is Sephardic, but what makes this manuscript of such exceptional interest are the illuminations which are Chinese in style, inspiration and execution. The 22nd column (as shown in the illustration), gives the names of the sons of Haman (*Esther*, IX.7-9) and, in the traditional manner, a large blank space was left which permitted the artist to draw a full-length figure in gold of a Chinese archer holding his bow in his right hand but drawing the bowstring behind his back with the left.

The drapery on the figure is skilfully drawn, and at the foot of the next column, a large decorated fish is depicted in gold. Other than being a symbol of good luck, the significance of this particular point is, according to Professor Roth, obscure. Other figures of Chinese children, one wearing a costume that is clearly Manchu, appear on other strips of the parchment scroll. In the margin beside the Hebrew text are gold-colored lotus flowers, dragon flies and butterflies.

For a long time, as Jews, we have denied the presence of Jewish art on the grounds of the second commandment that "You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth." Contradicting this statement however, in the biblical Book of Exodus, an artist Bezalel is described as being "endowed with a divine spirit of skill, ability and knowledge in every craft" so that even in the oldest Hebrew document, the Bible itself, there are different possible attitudes to art.

Because Jews lived in so many different environments, it was natural for them to reflect the surrounding cultures. Accordingly then, when Jews lived in Islamic countries where figural drawing was not dominant, the Jews followed suit. However, in Christian countries, Jews were involved in figural art because it was prominent in the milieu in which they lived.

The style and the subject matter of Jewish art is often adapted from the corresponding non-Jewish society; this can be seen in the illumination of Hebrew manuscripts such as Purim scrolls and Passover Haggadahs, particularly those from Italy and Germany. In European ghetto life, the megillah of Purim was often illustrated because of the lighthearted associations of this festive holiday and perhaps even the relationship (in time only) with the Roman Catholic spring carnival.

An important additional dimension was added to the issue of Jewish art with the discovery in 1932 of a small third century synagogue in the Roman provincial outpost of Dura Europos in Syria. This synagogue carries on its walls a cycle of figural paintings inspired by the Hebrew Bible. This discovery challenged many of the previously held theories about the role played by images in Judaism, and even posed the question of whether Christian art didn't have some foundation in a preceding Jewish art form.

There is no reason to think that China would be an exception to the custom of colorful illumination of the Book of Esther, since there was a very ancient Jewish community in the area of Kaifeng Fu.

We know a lot about that now extinct Chinese Jewish community because of the research of an Anglican missionary, Bishop White, sent out from Toronto to China at the turn of the century. Because of Bishop White's scholarship and the fact that his headquarters were in Kaifeng, we have a detailed description and a very large volume entitled *Chinese Jews*, in which he reported his findings about the Jews of China.

Bishop White found documentary evidence of the presence of a considerable number of Jewish settlers in China, as well as of earlier visits by wandering Jewish adventurers and enterprising merchants plying the ancient trade routes as early as the eighth century. At about that time, a group of some one thousand Persian or Indian Jews arrived in Kaifeng who were experts in the craft of dyeing and pattern-printing cotton fabrics. Some of these craftsmen and traders came at the invitation of the Emperor, who was anxious to develop this industry to meet the chronic silk shortage from which his country was suffering.

Archer-Executioner (Column 22) and Fish (Column 23) of the Chinese scroll of Esther from the Kaifeng Jewish Community, housed in the Museum of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Toronto.

The Kaifeng colony, the best-known and largest among a number of far flung Chinese Jewish communities, built its first synagogue more than 800 years ago in 1153. Enjoying considerable religious freedom and favored treatment, the Chinese Jews flourished and mixed freely with their neighbors. Gradually succumbing to assimilation, the community began to dwindle and disappear. During the terrible disaster of 1849, when the Yellow River overflowed its banks, hundreds of Jews lost their lives and the impoverished survivors were forced to sell the synagogue and their possessions, in order to stay alive.

As recently as the end of World War II, some 250 traceable descendants of the Jewish community still survived, but through inter-marriage they had lost their Jewish identity. It was from some of these last survivors that a number of biblical and liturgical Hebrew manuscripts were acquired.

Bishop White lived for 25 years in Kaifeng which was the home of the Jewish colony and became very close and friendly with the remaining living members of the Jewish community. He found stone inscriptions of the synagogue that remained, some Hebrew writings and many artifacts related to that Jewish community. Some of these are now housed in the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto and museums in England.

The Chinese Jews, according to Prof. Cecil Roth and other historians, greatly respected the memory of Queen Esther, and there are early 18th century accounts of this. One of these suggests that "the Jews of China have for this Princess, the most profound veneration. They call her always Issetha Mama, the great mother. Their reverence extends also to Mordechai, whom they call Moto-Kal. They regard them as the saviors of Israel." This is from a 1781 memoir.

It is not then far-fetched to allocate this particular megillah as coming from the Chinese Jewish community in Kaifeng. There is additional information about the importance of the Feast of Purim in Kaifeng and it is known that to celebrate this holiday properly it was obligatory to recite the Book of Esther from a traditionally written scroll.

Metro Toronto police document hate crimes

155 incidents in 1993

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The hate crimes division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force last week reported that 155 incidents "motivated by hate" occurred in Metro Toronto in 1993. Arrests were made in 31 cases.

The greatest number of the offences, 77, were racially-motivated, while 54 were attributable to religious bias. Of the 54 offences against religious groups, 48 were directed at "Semitic," or Jewish targets, the report stated.

In a breakdown of incidents by location, the report found that 19 incidents targetting religious groups occurred in 32 Division, an area of North York bounded by Dufferin and Bayview, Steeles and Lawrence. During Passover last year, the Clanton Park Synagogue was painted with anti-Semitic graffiti, as were other buildings nearby. No arrests were made, said Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave, head of the hate crimes unit. Similar incidents have occurred in the area around Earl Bales Park, he added.

Of the 31 arrests for hate incidents that were recorded in 1993, 26 were for assaults, one was for publishing hate propaganda (that case, involving Elisse Hategan, formerly of the white supremacist Heritage Front, is still before the courts), three were for mischief and one was in connection with a bomb threat.

Cotgreave said the report was compiled by "counting the occurrences that came in from field officers." He said police have been trained to recognize and identify incidents that may be motivated by hate and to report them to the unit.

Cotgreave said he believed the report was "fairly accurate" considering it was the first year Metro police have compiled such data.

Following a request in December 1992 by Deputy Chief David Boothby, the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board gave police the green light to gather statistics on groups targetted for hate crimes. The hate crimes unit, which went into operation on Jan. 1, 1993 as a subdivision of the intelligence section, was mandated to collect the data and to investigate incidents that were motivated by hate.

Cotgreave said the only other Canadian hate crimes unit collecting similar data is in Ottawa, where 176 incidents were reported.

Asked to explain the higher number of hate crimes in Ottawa, which is much smaller in population than Toronto, Cotgreave said that perhaps "Toronto has less hate. I don't know. This is new for everybody. I think that our population because of [their] cultures may not feel they can trust the police to report things."

He said another factor could be that not all police in Toronto are sufficiently sensitized to recognized incidents motivated by hate.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said, "The total numbers of hate crimes cannot be seen as anything other than a touchstone. You cannot reach any conclusion with regard to the enormity of the problem."

He said it is unclear from the report how the data were gathered and what definition was employed to determine whether hate was a motivating factor in an incident.

He was also critical of police for failing to discuss their data with the communities involved to see if it jibes with that of the targetted groups.

Farber pointed out that the report cites only three incidents of hate propaganda directed at groups defined by religion. But Congress alone reported four such incidents to police in 1993, he said.

Cotgreave said "I'm not in a position yet to explain the discrepancy. It could be we're out one or two or it may not have been considered a hate propaganda offence."

He said the unit was new to the task and perhaps had not ironed out all the bugs that come with a new assignment.

Farber was also critical of the designation "Semitic" to describe Jews as a targetted group. He suggested that this points to a lack of sophistication in the unit.

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UWO apology concerns Jews

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Holocaust," said Alain Goldschlager, a UWO professor and London representative for B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights. "Those posters poisoned the environment for many in the university and wider Jewish community."

London Jews have asked for clarification on Pedersen's apology, which stated in part that "there have been situations where there has been differential treatment." He apologized "for the treatment of and any hurt caused to the students and other members of the Arab/Palestinian community."

"Is [Pedersen] saying that it's now okay to use that poster?" asks Jay Papernick, chair of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, an organization of the JSU.

"There are two separate issues here," says Gerry Enchin, director of the London Jewish Federation." "The Jewish community fully supports the rights of all students not to be discriminated against, but we have

Gerry Enchin

a concern about President Pedersen implying that the apology covers something that was clearly anti-Semitic."

Pederson, who met recently with Medzon, Goldschlager and two other university staffers to discuss the issue, told *The CJN* he has not changed his initial opinion of the poster. "I still have strong personal feelings about those posters, but that is not what is at issue here. Any student has the right to complain about feeling discriminated against. This won't open [the door] any wider for any other ethnic group to come forward against the university."

Pedersen, whose tenure as president ends this year, stated that the timing of the agreement reflected an effort to get the issue resolved so that it wouldn't be left to the incoming president.

Laith Al-Soufi, president of CCME, said it is understandable why the poster would be distasteful to Jews. "As long as I'm here, this will be a thing of the past, and we will not use that poster. Most members of CCME are in support of the peace process and would rather work towards co-operation with other Jews."

Both Papernick and Al-Soufi stated that Arab-Jewish student relationships on campus are very good and open.

Canada-Israel Committee defends non-partisan role in Quebec

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish leaders affirm that there has been no shift in the community's traditional non-partisan approach to politics.

A front-page article in *Le Devoir* last week bore the headline "The Jewish lobby gets closer to the PQ (Parti Quebecois)." It left the impression in some readers' minds that, because a PQ victory seems inevitable in this year's provincial election, the organized Jewish community has been developing closer links with Quebec sovereigntists, and that this was a clear contrast to its nervousness about nationalism in the past.

The story was based on an "internal document" of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), which discussed the trip to Israel by nine prominent francophone Quebecers last April, sponsored by the Jewish community.

It is also noted that CIC Quebec chair Thomas Hecht, who led that trip, has agreed to serve on the honorary committee planning Quebec's Fete Nationale June 24.

Neither development is secret or new. Both the Israel trip and Hecht's acceptance of the committee appointment were reported in *The CJN* last year.

Among the participants in the Israel trip were leading advocates of Quebec independence, including Sylvain Simard, president of the Mouvement National des Quebecois, which organizes the Fete Nationale celebration, and former PQ leader and premier Pierre Marc Johnson, as well as federalists such as Montreal mayoralty candidate Claude Beauchamp and Ghislain Dufour, director of the largest employers' group in Quebec.

None of the participants held public office at the time.

The article in *Le Devoir* quotes Hecht as saying in an interview that sovereignty is "a legitimate option," but that the great majority of Quebec Jews remain federalists.

He is also said to have stressed that the four organizations the CIC represents (but actually is sponsored by), Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Canadian Zionist Federation, B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) and the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (CSQ), as well as that "all Jewish community leaders," support rapprochement with Quebec nationalists.

Michael Crelinsten, executive director of CJC Quebec region, said nothing has changed in the community's policy or approach. CJC has been engaged in dialogue with French-Quebecers (including nationalists) for many years. (Jean Dorion, president of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, was a guest speaker at the CJC Plenary Assembly in 1989.)

But he makes a distinction between this contact and that with the PQ, which is of many years' standing. "Our engagement with the PQ is not one of rapprochement but of political dialogue, which we carry on with parties across the spectrum."

He sees that as only normal for an organization that speaks for the Jewish community and must keep informed of political developments. "It should be self-evident that it is in the community's interest to maintain contact with both the government and the opposition," he said.

He stressed that CJC does not regard it as a foregone conclusion that the PQ will win the election. "There's still a long way to go."

Although the CIC's mandate is to explain Israel to the public, and not to speak for the community on local political matters, Crelinsten said he does not believe Hecht has overstepped the boundaries.

"Ideally, the spokespersons for each organization should confine themselves to their mandates, but it is recognized that, at times, there has to be flexibility. It is not always possible to demur from answering questions [from the media]," he said.

Crelinsten noted that Hecht is also a member of an inter-organizational committee that engages in bilateral relations with the PQ on behalf of the Jewish community. Representatives of CJC, CIC (Quebec), the CSQ and Federation CJA sit on that body.

Hecht could not be reached for comment by *The CJN*.

Steven Drysadale, executive vice-president of Federation CJA, echoed similar views to those of Crelinstein. "Our meetings with the PQ go back to the time when they were first in power (1976-81). We maintain relations with all parties in the province."

An "evolution" may have taken place over the years in the sense that community representatives are more comfortable in French and may be more involved in provincial politics.

"If there has been a change in attitude it is that we intend to stay and not pack up and leave if the PQ is elected," Drysdale said.

As for the CIC inviting influential Quebecers to Israel, Drysdale observed that this is what the CIC has been doing elsewhere in Canada for many years.

Yechiel Glustein, regional BBC executive director, said his organization's policy is to foster good relations with all provincial and national parties, while remaining non-partisan.

While the CIC's mandate is to promote understanding of Israel, Glustein is convinced that any remarks Hécht makes about Quebec politics are motivated by an "interest in the welfare of the Jewish community."

Ottawa adopts new prayer

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"I'm very pleased with the change. I think it means the House in its procedures is reflective of the reality of Canada," said Campbell. "It's not going to please everyone, but I don't think it can be said to exclude anyone. That's very important."

Campbell pointed out that, contrary to tradition, Monday's prayer was said publicly "so that people could hear it." The prayer has always been recited before the public was admitted to the House.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, expressed his praise for Milliken and his committee following adoption of the new prayer. Dimant and Gabriel Nachman, BBC president, had written to Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House, last week, asking Parliament to consider changing the prayer to reflect Canada's multiculturalism.

David Berger, Saint-Henri-Westmount MP, said he believes it is appropriate to change the prayer given the multicultural make-up of Canada and Parliament itself.

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Provincial and territorial governments across the country, with the exception of Newfoundland and Quebec, open their sessions with prayers, some Christian-oriented and others more general. The Quebec National Assembly observes a moment of silence.

British Columbia's Legislative Assembly appears to be the only provincial legislature which has ever had a Jewish prayer. They use a series of general prayers, and have had additional prayers offered on a rotating basis by members and clergy of different faiths, including Jewish, Sikh and Native Indian. Opening day prayers were once said by a rabbi, *The CJN* was told.

The Senate prayer, which was under consideration for the House of Commons, is a brief prayer addressed to "Almighty God" and similar in content to the new House of Commons prayer.

With files from Elias Levy in Montreal.

U.S. black radical speaks in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — American black radical Kwame Ture was one of the speakers invited to address the University of Manitoba's annual Celebration of Life and Learning recently.

According to Victor Vrsnik, program co-ordinator for the festival, the 1950s American student activist (then known as Stokely Carmichael) was invited to reflect on the student movement, its past and future. Vrsnik says he was aware of Ture's involvement in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panthers (of which he was "prime minister"), but he was not familiar with his anti-Zionism.

"He generated a lot of interest among our student population," Vrsnik says. "As many as 900 people heard him."

Ture's career is described in detail in a background paper made available by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada's Midwest region, which was sent to the festival organizing committee. According to the report, Carmichael moved to Africa in 1969, where he worked for Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana and Sekou Ture in Guinea, both dictators, and adopoted their names as his own in the early 1980s. He returned to the United States in the mid-1980s and became leader of the Washington-based All-African People's Revolutionary Party, an anti-Semitic radical group on the fringe of the American left. He tours college campuses making anti-Zionist, anti-American and racist speeches. Although his following is very limited, in some cases, his speeches have been followed by attacks against Jewish students on American campuses where he has spoken.

Michael Lazar, chair of the League for Human Rights Midwest region, reports that Ture did seem to make an effort at the University of Manitoba to separate his anti-Zionism from anti-Semitism. "His statements this time were not as anti-Semitic as in previous speeches," Lazar says. "Most of the time though, there is no difference between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism."

Lazar was not only critical of what Ture said but also of the speech as a whole. "In general, he is a bad speaker," Lazar says.

During the question and answer period, Lazar notes, a non-Jewish member of the audience praised Ture for his socialist values but asked him why he didn't join other Black leaders in condemning Dr. Louis Farrakhan and the recent incident involving one of his lieutenants who was roundly condemned for a blatantly racist speech. His response was that Farrakhan has a large following.

Ture also accused B'nai Brith of having spied on him since he was five years old and challenged the organization to a debate any time and anywhere.

Vrsnik describes Ture as a "dynamic speaker, resolute in what he says and unafraid to say it." He heard Ture's speech to the African Students Association but admits he missed most of his main presentation.

Although he says some students raised concerns about Ture's anti-Zionist comments, Vrsnik says he would invite the Black radical again if he were to do it over. "We don't censor anyone's comments," he says.

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Christian family gets reprieve

MONTREAL — Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi has granted a reprieve to the Christian family from the former Soviet Union who were facing deportation to Israel.

Richard St. Louis, a spokesman for the immigration department, said Marchi has issued a minister's permit to enable the Davidovs to apply to immigrate to Canada from outside the country and then remain here while their case is processed.

This means the family, which consists of Olga and Valery Davidov and their two sons aged 21 and 13, may go, for example, to the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo, N.Y., and then return to their home in Ste. Foy, in suburban Quebec City, until a decision is made on their case.

Olga Davidov, 42, works as an interpreter for the Russian players on the Quebec Nordiques hockey team and the family's plight has become a cause celebre in the Old Capital. Eight thousand names were collected on a petition asking that Canada allow the family to remain.

The Davidovs left their home in Tajikistan, an autonomous republic in central Asia, for Israel in late 1990 on the strength of false papers identifying Olga as Jewish by maternal descent.

Never intended to stay in Israel

Israel, it seems, was the quickest route out of Tajikistan, where Islamic fundamentalists are vying for control. The Davidovs have made it clear to the media here that they never intended to stay in Israel and were unhappy while they were there.

They came to Canada in February, 1992 as visitors and quickly claimed refugee status, which they were denied. In December, Federal Court refused to hear an appeal of the refugee board decision.

The Davidovs then asked to be allowed to apply to immigrate to Canada on humanitarian grounds, but were turned down by the immigration department.

In early February, they were served with a "conditional departure notice," requiring them to leave the country within 30 days, or be expelled.

While high-profile, the Davidov case is not unique. By the end of September, 1,653 persons coming from Israel claimed refugee status in Canada in 1993 — and most are originally from the former Soviet Union.

During that nine-month period, 116 were granted refugee status, 392 were denied it, and 226 abandoned their claims. Year-end statistics are due this month.

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Pamplet denying Holocaust surfaces

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The University of British Columbia (UBC) has been flooded with copies of the *Ball Report*, produced by John Ball and published by Samisdat Publishers Ltd. of Toronto

Samisdat also publishes *Holocaust on Trial — the Case of Ernst Zundel* and material by Fred Leuchter denying the existence of gas chambers at Auschwitz, Birkenau and Majdanek concentration camps. These publications are offered for a "minimum suggested donation " on the last page of the *Ball Report*.

The 16-page report consists of maps "drawn from World War II air photos" by Ball and his interpretation of those maps. Among his conclusions are:

- "it is unlikely even one [person] was gassed" at Birkenau;
- "Belzec alleged murder camp appears to have been a logging camp from 1940 to '44";
- the massacre of more than 30,000 Jews at Babi Yar, Ukraine in September 1941, and subsequent killings and mass burials of 70,000 more at the site are "dismissed as wartime propaganda."

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Pacific region director Erwin Nest recently received a copy of a letter to a UBC official from Christopher Friedrichs, associate professor of history at UBC, in which he states that Ball was "methodically placing a brochure on each desk" in his classroom. In his letter, Friedrichs describes the brochure as "a typical product of the Holocaust-denial movement, attempting to 'prove' that there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz, etc.

"When I asked him what he was doing," the letter continues, "he said that he had been speaking to a student in my class and had decided it would be useful for my students to have this material. I told him firmly that I as instructor decide what will be distributed to students in my history courses and that this material was not wanted and that he should gather up the brochures and leave. He promptly did so."

The professor said he was disturbed by what happened "because it was clear that by leaving the brochure on each desk, Ball was trying to create the illusion that this was an authorized course handout."

The *Ubyssey*, the university newspaper, headlined the story on page one of its Feb. 8 issue and reported further that over 1,700 copies of the report had been placed on car windshields across the campus. About 90 per cent of them had been taken off the cars by students from Hillel House.

A story about the incident in the community newspaper, the *Kitsilano News* [Feb. 9], says John Ball was the Richmond East Social Credit candidate in the 1991 provincial election but had to resign his candidacy after his connections to Zundel were revealed in the *Vancouver Sun*..

The UBC RCMP detachment said the publication has been referred to the regional Crown counsel for evaluation. The head of the detachment, Bern Jansen, said the brochure appeared to be carefully written to avoid possible charges.

Attempts by *The CJN* to contact Ball were unsuccessful.

BB guide takes aim at anti-Semitism

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Jewish students are advised to regard "JAP" jokes as a form of anti-Semitism that must be countered, in a guide published by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC).

"Racist stereotyping, even in the guise of humor, should always be challenged. If you laugh off a sexist or racist slur directed against Jews or any other group, you become an accomplice to racism," it is stated in the just-released *Anti-Semitism on Campus: A Handbook for Student Action.*

Jokes about the Jewish American Princess are a double whammy because they combine "the worst elements of sexism and anti-Semitism." Any "Jewish joke," even if it is told by a Jew, should be denounced because it is likely based on the stereotype of Jews as greedy, pushy or clannish, it says.

The handbook also says one of the most common forms of anti-Semitism at universities is "anti-Jewish stereotypes and misconceptions" among students.

The bilingual handbook was written by a team of students and researchers employed by the League. Copies are being mailed to Jewish student unions and B'nai Brith Hillel offices at Canadian campuses and to all university presidents.

The handbook also deals with hate propaganda, Holocaust denial, racist graffiti, anti-Semitic material in libraries and anti-Zionism. Instructions are given on what to do about anti-Semitic speakers, faculty, campus press articles and hate groups.

The more subtle issue of "inclusiveness" is also addressed.

Anti-Semitic classics like *Mein Kampf* and more recent Holocaust denial works have a legitimate place in university libraries as primary sources on anti-Semitism, for example, but they should not be filed under history or other disciplines that lend them credence, the handbook says.

Holocaust deniers speaking at campuses should be regarded as hate propagandists, it says elsewhere.

Defining the line between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism is more difficult, the League acknowledges, but certain expressions used in criticism of Israel may indicate racist motive.

According to the League, these include conspiracy theories and comparison of Israeli policies or Zionism to Nazism. "Be wary of extremely vitriolic attacks on Israel which seem to lack balance, depart from objective standards and demonize Israel."

When anti-Semitic speakers are invited, Jewish students should, above all, protest if their honorarium is coming out of student fees, directly or indirectly. They should make it publicly known, through the campus newspaper, for example, why they object to a speaker's presence. In "extreme cases," a peaceful demonstration against the speaker should be considered.

"Concerns about free speech have their place, but you also have the right to go to school without having to be the target of anti-Semitism," the handbook states.

If the problem is with a professor's views or insensitivity, the League urges students to speak up, privately and calmly. When that doesn't work, the student should go to the department head or all the way to the dean, if necessary.

"Silence solves nothing," the handbook concludes.

These guidelines are also applied when seeking respect for Jewish concerns, such as avoiding exams on holidays or obtaining kosher food in the cafeteria.

Beit HaLochem centre serves Israeli veterans

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TEL AVIV — The couples form a circle. The teacher goes over the dance steps. The music begins. It's a typical Israeli folkdancing lesson, with one difference. The men can't walk.

They are paraplegics, Israeli war veterans confined to wheelchairs.

This class is one of nearly a hundred activities offered at Beit HaLochem, a unique sports, cultural and social centre serving many of Israel's 40,000 disabled war veterans.

"A veteran who has to remove his prosthesis to go for a swim won't feel comfortable at the local country club. He doesn't want to feel different than everyone else," says Yoske Luttenberg, director of the Beit HaLochem branch in Tel Aviv. "We provide a solution for him."

At Beit HaLochem, disabled soldiers get much-needed physiotherapy, participate in a wide range of sports activities, and choose from first-rate adult education courses. There are also movies, art exhibits, and other cultural events, as well as a restaurant and billiard hall. All activities are voluntary and are open to veterans and their families.

Director Luttenberg is a disabled war veteran. He was wounded in 1948, and has undergone eight operations since then. He says it is important to involve family members.

"Since the family plays such an important role in rehabilitation we make sure to include them," he says.

Visitors see amazing sights at Beit HaLochem. Men without legs dive gracefully into the swimming pool. Wheelchairs whiz back and forth on the basketball court in fast-paced, aggressive games. The blind compete at goal ball. And the paraplegics dance.

"I never dreamed it would be possible to dance after my injury," says Albert Mitrani, who has been confined to a wheelchair since a training accident in Sinai in 1972. "But when I heard that Beit HaLochem was opening an Israeli folkdancing course for paraplegics, I decided to give it a try. It turned out that it really is possible."

Mitrani is a regular at the weekly dance course attended by some 25 couples. One partner in each pair — usually, the man — is paraplegic.

"The students learn a new choreography every lesson," says instructor Orly Ba'Or. "I try to keep the steps as close as possible to the original folkdance, but I add more hand movements for the men, and the women do steps around their partners' wheelchairs."

The dances are performed with surprising energy and flare. The result is not only aesthetic, but somewhat awe-inspiring.

"You have to be really healthy psychologically and spiritually to dare to dance in a wheelchair," admits Ba'Or.

Sammy Dahan, a charismatic man in his 30s, swivels his wheelchair around with ease, gracefully moving his muscular arms and torso. His disability does not cramp his style. "Dancing comes from the soul," he says. "I love any kind of dancing — ballroom, disco, you name it. And," he adds, "I have a lot of mobility. I can do anything from my waist up."

Ba'Or says the course gives paraplegics the confidence to dance in public. "At weddings and bar mitzvahs they are the first on the dance floor. It's become natural. They feel that dance belongs to them."

A few of the men bring their wives to the course. But the majority dance with a volunteer.

"Dancing with someone in a wheelchair is very strenuous. Not every wife has the energy or ability," says Ba'Or.

But there is no shortage of volunteer women. On the contrary, there is a waiting list.

The atmosphere in the dance class, as in Beit HaLochem on the whole, is light-hearted. There is nothing at Beit HaLochem reminiscent of a hospital or veterans' home, despite the abundance of wheelchairs and prostheses.

"We worked hard to build a healthy, optimistic environment," says Luttenberg, who helped establish Beit HaLochem nearly 20 years ago. "It took people a while to get used to wearing sports clothes and running shoes in the gym. Some of them argued that they couldn't tie shoelaces. So I demanded they bring a note from their doctor. It didn't take long until everyone began wearing proper attire. It was a small step, but an important one in taking care of this place and in taking care of themselves."

The Beit HaLochem staff of over 100 includes physiotherapists, physical education instructors, sports coaches and teachers of specialized subjects ranging from history to painting. But there are no psychologists or social workers. "We don't want it to resemble an 'institution' in any way," says Luttenberg. "This is a centre for healthy people who happen to be disabled."

The vast majority of disabled veterans do go on to lead normal lives, he says. Most marry, have children, and work for a living. He runs off a list of disabled veterans in every sector of Israeli society: Members of Knesset, police chiefs, artists, musicians, writers, engineers, scientists.

There are also a number of accomplished athletes, as demonstrated by the collection of sporting trophies on display at Beit HaLochem.

"A disability doesn't change your personality," says Luttenberg. "It just sharpens it. If you had a positive outlook before, you'll have a positive outlook after your injury."

Unfortunately, the number of disabled veterans in Israel continues to swell. A tour of Beit HaLochem is like a painful trek through Israeli history.

"The veterans of the War of Independence are now reaching retirement age," says Luttenberg. "You see them here almost every morning now that they have leisure time. We have had to start new activities to accommodate a whole generation of disabled pensioners."

At the other end of the spectrum are the youngest veterans, many of them victims of intifada violence. Danny Cohen, 25, is one of them. He was paralyzed from the waist down after a 30 kilogram cement block was hurled at his head during a patrol in Nablus. "I'm lucky," he maintains. "The same thing happened to another soldier a week later and he was killed."

In between the veterans of the War of Independence and the victims of the intifada are living reminders of every other war — the Sinai Campaign, the Six-Day War, the War of Attrition, the Yom Kippur War, the Lebanon War.

"After the war in Lebanon, we couldn't accommodate the huge influx of injured soldiers," Luttenberg says sadly. "We were forced to limit our membership to only the more severely disabled veterans."

When the Tel Aviv branch of Beit HaLochem was built in 1974, it was designed to serve 2,500 disabled veterans and their families. Today it accommodates more than double that number. "We have expanded as much as we can," says Luttenberg. The latest renovation — the covering of the centre's outdoor Olympic pool — is being financed by Canadian supporters of Beit HaLochem. "It will enable the pool to be used all year round," he says with satisfaction.

Another 2,600 veterans are members of Beit HaLochem in Haifa. The newest centre, now under construction in Jerusalem, will meet the needs of an additional 5,000 veterans and their families. It is due to open in June 1994 in the Malha neighborhood of the capital. Canadian donations will pay for all the equipment in the new centre, including physiotherapy and sports facilities, computers and furniture.

All Beit HaLochem centres serve the same purpose, says Luttenberg. "We prevent problems by providing veterans with a place where they feel at home."

Hamas kills pregnant Israeli woman

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TEL AVIV — Tzippora Sasson, a 33-year-old mother of two from Ariel in the West Bank, was killed last Friday when Hamas terrorists ambushed the car in which she was a passenger just a few kilometres from her home.

She was in her fifth month of pregnancy. Her husband Ronny and her two daughters, who were in the car with her, escaped uninjured.

The family were returning from dinner with Ronny Sasson's mother in Petah Tikvah.

As news of the murder spread, residents of Ariel and nearby settlements blocked roads and demonstrated against the government and its conduct of the peace process. Several protesters were arrested at Morasha junction.

Hundreds of mourners attended Sasson's funeral in Ashkelon, some chanting "Death to Arabs." Authorities detoured vehicles bearing the licence plates issued to Arab residents of the territories away from the city.

But the government rejected sealing off the territories, as a senior official had suggested on Saturday. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that, although terrorist attacks harmed people's confidence in the peace process, there was no alternative but to continue with it.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid had a blunt warning for PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. "I hope very much that Arafat understands this well — that if he and his people do not bring down the level of terrorism, terrorism will bring them down," Sarid said.

Sasson is the 23rd Israeli to die at the hands of terrorists since the peace accord was signed last September. Yuval Golan, 35, from Moshav Zitan near Lod, who was stabbed in a terror attack last December, died yesterday from his wounds at the Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

MEMORIAL FOR A CITY
A child in Lillehammer stands before five interlocking rings of lighted candles, a memorial for the victims of the seige of Sarajevo, the site of the 1984 Olympic Winter Games. [RNS photo/Reuters]

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CJN Exclusive Judy Mandleman

Judy Mandleman, recently elected national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, is something of a rarity in the Vancouver Jewish community, where many of the Jews come from "somewhere else." She was born here and grew up in Vancouver and from an early age was involved in Zionist groups. "Vancouver has always had a strong Zionist community."

Mandleman has been a member of Hadassah-WIZO for over 36 years and has held a variety of positions on the national executive.

Married, with two sons, she lives in a condominium near downtown Vancouver overlooking the mountains and the sea. She jogs as often as possible at nearby Kitsilano Beach but is somewhat concerned her responsibilities as national president may curtail this activity, because she'll be travelling a lot.

Before taking on the presidency, she served as executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) Pacific region for nine years and is on the board of the CZF.

Although Vancouver has a Federation to handle fundraising for the community's various agencies and Jewish schools, Hadassah-WIZO is "totally separate," says Mandleman and had always done its own fundraising, directing the funds for its many Israel projects through the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

She was interviewed in Vancouver just a couple of days after she returning from an Israeli conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO), by Maurice Lucow, The CJN's *Western correspondent.*

CJN: *Did you learn anything new about the peace process at the WIZO meeting?*

Mandleman: There were 28 countries represented at the WIZO plenary, including women from Argentina, Chile, from Europe, Eastern Europe — the Czech Republic and Hungary — as well as France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States, and of course myself, from Canada. So it was a really interesting gathering.

Yes, we heard about the peace process from three speakers: Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu; Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister; and from the Egyptian ambassador to Israel.

Beilin is the architect of the Declaration of Principles, the agreement signed by Rabin and Arafat, and he said the road to peace is there. "It's a fact, it's going to happen," he told us. He said that to those who ask him how can you do this and how can you do that, he has one answer: What's the alternative? He said Israel can't continue as a pariah state. The economy is booming and the country has become a member of the world states. Israel can't go in another way.

One of the most moving things Beilin told us was that when he was a kid growing up in Israel, he served 2½ years in the army and went to school six days a week. Today kids serve three years and go to school only five days a week, because the education budget has been cut to provide sufficient funds for the army. Beilin said he doesn't want his children punished because they have to continue building the military infrastructure, and he said it's morally bankrupting the country to be fighting wars all the time.

We asked Beilin what would happen to the settlements if Israel gives back the territories. His reply was that Labor started the settlements in the West Bank, not Likud, and built them in an area around Jerusalem. As far as he's concerned, those settlements will always be part of Israel. The other settlements built under the Likud should never have been built, in his opinion, but should not be destroyed as Yamit (in the Sinai) was. He said Jews and Arabs can live under the sovreignty of Israel and there's no reason that a person can't live under the sovreignty of another state and still be Jewish.

All in all, Beilin was very optimistic and said there's no turning back from the peace process.

Netanyahu is, of course, against the present peace process. He told us he's not against peace but he feels that the only road to peace is through the autonomy plan agreed on at Camp David. He said his biggest objection about the current negotiations was that although Arafat had agreed in principle to the recognition of Israel, he has not abrogated the PLO covenant and, in effect, the PLO still carry on their backs the destruction of the State of Israel. Arafat is talking nonsense, said Netanyahu, when he says he'll have problems with the Palestinians if he abrogates the covenant. If he's going to have such problems, he should have them now, before the peace deal is completed.

The Egyptian ambassador was very optimistic. I don't know where he gets his optimism but he said the peace accord with Arafat is definitely a step in the right direction and peace will happen.

The ambassador told us there has been an improvement in relations between Egypt and Israel and said if we had gone down the streets to the Dan Hotel we would have found a number of Egyptian businessmen there to arrange deals with Israelis.

One of the ladies asked him how come there are no tourists from Egypt in Israel and never have been. He said Egyptians don't travel anywhere — it's not only Israel. It was an interesting comment and wasn't one that I was aware of, but when I think about it, I don't see any Egyptians around, so I don't know.

CJN: *In a* Jerusalem Post *interview you were quoted as saying it's a challenge for Hadassah-WIZO to adjust to the changing realities of the woman of the '90s. What are some of your plans to accommodate the ones who work?*

Mandleman: There are a few ideas. First of all, we can no longer expect all women to be full-time volunteers, becuse so many are working full time. Today's reality is that the cost of living and cost of housing in major centres like Vancouver and Toronto often makes it necessary for the women to work. They require a second income. Education for their children is very expensive, so there's a different reality out there. Also, women feel that if they've gone to university and graduated as doctors, lawyers, accountants or whatever else, why shouldn't they practise their professions?

Of course they should first of all have a reason to belong to Hadassah-WIZO and I think that reason, still, is Zionism, and the connection to Israel as being central to the Jewish people. There is also the concern we all have about assimilation. One of the main things we can do to ensure our children stay within the family of the Jewish community is to get them to visit Israel, whether it's for a six- or eight-week summer program or to spend a year at a university. Many of the younger working women who have been to Israel have become committed Zionists so they want to belong to a Zionist organization and we have to find a way to accommodate them.

On a national level, I plan to encourage women to come on the national executive by keeping our officers' meetings shorter. We used to start on a Sunday morning and continue until Tuesday afternoon. I'm now going to recommend we conclude on Monday, and make meetings strictly a workshop and very business-like. I'm considering also to cut the length of our next national convention by a day.

We have to look also at job sharing. Perhaps we may no longer be able to have a single president — we may need a co-president, so that women can share responsibilities. We'll have to find ways.

CJN: *Will you have to cut down on your fundraising?*

Mandleman: No, because our fundraising is done at the local level. Certainly national gives members the inspiration, and funds come in through the national office. But shorter meetings doesn't mean less fundraising.

CJN: *With so many women working, will they have time to work for Hadassah?*

Mandleman: I've just been looking at the fundraising statistics from across the country and they're very intertesting. It's the centres that have events like bazaars or Chocolate Sundays, where many women are involved, that are our most successful centres. These are the centres that are producing and are viable. In the centres where women just write cheques — by that I mean they do strictly fundraising — they're not as vibrant and maybe not as enthusiastic. Most of our members want to be involved. What's the point of belonging to an organization if you're not involved with it?

CJN: *Chocolate Sunday in Victoria was very successful. About 6,000 attended.*

Mandleman: Yes, so I've heard. There's a prime example. I was involved with the beginning of the second chapter in Victoria, Today's Woman. The members, who were a younger group from the long-established Victoria chapter, wanted it to be strictly a public affairs chapter. They wanted to be able to react to adverse things about Israel and to be knowledgeable about Israel. But they didn't want to fundraise. Well, today they're the movers and shakers behind the Chocolate Sunday.

The chapter this year won our membership prize for increasing membership by over 34 per cent. This was due to Chocolate Sunday because the women are all involved and because it's a hands-on thing. It doesn't take away from public affairs or from the fact that they want to be a study group. Also, the involvement of Chocolate Sunday has put Victoria Hadassah-WIZO on the map in the city and has given women a focus in coming together and being involved.

CJN: *You mentioned recently that volunteerism is no longer a full-time job — that it can't be. Will you have to pay people for work normally done by volunteers?*

Mandleman: Absolutely not. In fact the strength of Hadassah-WIZO is that we really are a volunteer organization, and by that I mean that other organizations have paid directors in most of their centres. As you know, we have exactly one paid director, our national executive vice-president, in Montreal. We have offices in smaller centres but they're staffed mostly by secretarial people.

CJN: *You have talked about expanding your public affairs department to attract younger women. What do you classify as public affairs?*

Mandleman: Public affairs has been a priority for years but because we had to put so much effort into fundraising, public affairs has in a sense been short-changed. Public affairs means hasbarah, not just for Israel but also by making our women aware of issues relevant to being Jewish, such as anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial and all of these things that are going on.

I was public affairs chair for Hadassah-WIZO when Naomi Frankenburg was president and that was the last time we had a public affairs seminar — in Brantford, Ont. It was very successful and I want to re-establish that idea. We hope women who attend such seminars will take back the information to their own communities.

CJN: *Are the younger elements really interested in these issues?*

Mandleman: Definitely. It's a whole new generation who don't remember how the State of Israel began and don't know much about the Holocaust. Certainly the schools don't teach much about the Holocaust. Many of the textbooks I've seen cover World War II but the Holocaust isn't even mentioned. There are a lot of holes in the education system. So we have to keep our younger members informed.

CJN: *Will you have to scale back any of your projects in Israel because of the financial problems here?*

Mandleman: We won't scale back but at this time we can't afford to open any more day-care centres in Israel. Times are tough for many people and we can't expect to increase our fundraising significantly. Yet we have to increase just to keep up because our dollar is devalued and our projects are funded in American dollars. So our Canadian dollar is only worth 75 cents which means we have to increase funding by 25 per cent just to keep up with the devaluation. It would be nice for a new president to say "Gee, let's open another day-care centre in Ashkelon." But that's not realistic at this time.

CJN: *I guess if you can hold what you've got, you'll be satisfied.*

Mandleman: Right. The maintenance bills alone of our projects are high and we have to keep them up. One of our schools won a prize as being the best in Israel. So our projects are very important and must be maintained.

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דערפאלגרייכע אקציע צו פארזיכערן לימוד פון יידיש אין מאראנטער אוניווערסיטעט

שוין איבער 16 יאר, ווי יידיש ווערט געלערנט אין טאראנטער אוניווערסיטעט. אנגעהויבן האט זיך דער לימוד אויף דער איניציאטיוו פון קאמיטעט פאר יידיש מיט דער קאָאפּעראציע פון פראָפעסאר שאצמולער און פון דער אפטיילונג פון גערמאניש שפראכן בייס אוניווערסיטעט.

אין די ערשטע יארן האט פונקציאָנירט בלויז איין קלאס אין "אנהויב יידיש". איטשע שויבעט איז געווען דער ערשטער לערער. דער קלאס איז אין יענער צייט פינאנסירט געווארן פון אוניווערסיטעט.

מיט דער צייט איז געווארן נויטיק איינצושטעלן העכערע קורסן, כדי צו גיבן א מעגלעכקייט צו די גראדואנטן פון ערשטן קלאס און אנדערע סטודענטן פארויטערסירטע פארצושטעלן זייער שטוּדיום אין יידיש. אלס רעזולטאט זיינען איינגעשטעלט געווארן נאך צוויי קלאסן: מיטל-יידיש און יידישע ליטעראטור. אבער עס איז אנטשטאנען א פראבלעם פון פינאנסן. דער אוניווערסיטעט האט, צוליב אייגענע פינאנציעלע שוועריקייטן גע-מאלדן, אז די יידיש קלאסן וועלן מער נישט פינאנסירט ווערן פון אוניווערסיטעט. אין די לעצטע פאר יאר איז לימוד יידיש אין די דרי קלאסן פינאנסירט געווארן פון דער פרייוויליקער אונטערשטיצונג מצד ליבהאבער פון יידיש, צוזאמען מיטן קאמיטעט פאר יידיש און דער עקזעקוטיוו פון אנטאריא ראיאן פון קאנאדער יידישן קאנגרעס.

כדי צו פארזיכערן די עקזיסטענץ פון די יידיש קלאסן איז מיט א צייט צוריק ארגאניזירט געווארן א ספעציעלער "קאמיטעט פאר יידיש לימוד אין אוניווערסיטעט" ביי דער טאראנטער יידישער פעדעראציע. נאענטע קאָאפּע-ראציע איז איינגעשטעלט געווארן מיטן קאמיטעט פאר יידיש און די "פרייַנד פון יידיש". דער קאמיטעט האט זיך געשטעלט פאר אן אויפגאבע צו פארזיכערן די יידיש קלאסן און עוועניטועל צו שאפן די פינאנציעלע מעגלעכקייטן איינצושטעלן א פערמאנענטע יידיש קאטעדרע.

ביילע טשייקאף, גוט באקאנטע יידישע דערציערין און קולטור-טוערין איז פארזיצער פון קאמיטעט. במשך פון דער קורצער צייט פון זיין עקזיסטענץ האט דער קאמיטעט שוין באווירן דוכצופירן א דערפאלגרייַכע אקציע צו פארזיכערן די קלאסן פאר יידיש לימוד אין טאראנטער אוניווערסיטעט. די פינאנציעלע אקציע האט אויך גענאסן פון בריי־טהארציקע ביישטייַערונגען מצד א גרעסערער צאל אונטערשטיצער פון יידיש שפראך און קולטור.

א זייער געלונגענער מוזיקאליש און טעאטער אוונט איז פארגעקומען מיט א צייט צוריק אין דער היים פון העלען צוקערמאן, ביי וועלכן דער בייטדאג פון דער הימעל משפחה איז אנאנסירט געווארן.

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Shas to rejoin government

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The fervently Orthodox Sephardi Shas Party announced plans last week to rejoin Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government after Passover.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri said his party's return, after a five-month absence, was made possible by the government's decision to support the present ban on importing non-kosher meat, even after the industry is privatized.

A bill amending a quasi-constitutional law protecting occupational freedom easily passed its initial Knesset vote on Feb. 15 by a vote of 82-11, after the Labor Party threw its support behind it.

Labor's left-wing coalition partner, Meretz, strongly opposed the bill. It was supported by all the religious parties and many traditional or observant members of the Likud opposition.

Deri said the peace process was also a factor in Shas' decision to move slowly back into the coalition fold.

He said his party would rejoin the government after the Knesset's Passover recess "if nothing untoward happens in the peace talks till then."

But observers here expect many ups and downs and more political manoeuvering before Shas actually rejoins the government, if indeed it ever does.

Deri himself is barred from resuming his former position as interior minister, since he is currently facing criminal charges relating to bribery and abuse of his office.

Another Shas Knesset member, Raphael Pinhasi, is also banned from regaining his former post as deputy religious affairs minister because he is also under indictment on separate corruption charges.

Shas withdrew from the coalition following a High Court of Justice ruling last September that Deri and Pinhasi had to step down from their posts to face the charges against them.

Shas, whose spiritual leader is the politically moderate Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, has always been the favorite coalition partner among Labor's doves.

For Rabin, the news from Shas is welcome indeed. Since Shas left the coalition, Rabin has governed with a narrow 61-59 majority that relies on the support of two predominately Arab parties outside the coalition.

No Israeli government has ever included the Arab parties in its coalition. Rabin has been particularly loath to base crucial national decisions, such as possible territorial compromise with the Syrians, on Arab support.

At the same time, Rabin has been aware that recent talk of reaching out to right-wing parties to help broaden the coalition has brought opposition within Labor.

In recent days, the National Religious Party, the right-wing Tsomet party, and Yi'ud, a Tsomet breakaway, have sent out coalition feelers to Labor.

Observers here say fear of the coalition moving to the right prompted the recent controversial remarks by Knesset member Nissim Zvili, the Labor Party's dovish secretary-general.

Zvili sparked a political storm by daring to predict publicly that a Palestinian state would eventually emerge from the process begun last September, when Israel agreed to grant Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank.

Zvili also predicted aloud that Israel would eventually recognize Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

The secretary-general offered his prognoses in a speech to a group affiliated with the Mapam party, part of the Meretz bloc.

Zvili noted that Labor did not, as a matter of policy, favor the creation of a Palestinian state; rather it sought a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

But his assessment, he said, was that Labor's desire for such a joint entity would not ultimately carry the day.

An embarrassed prime minister quickly upbraided the over-dovish Zvili, while the Likud and other parties on the right made predictable hay of Labor's obvious discomfort.

But the storm of political controversy may have been deliberately seeded, according to some observers here. They Zvili made his remarks to scare away potential right-wing allies.

NAME GAME

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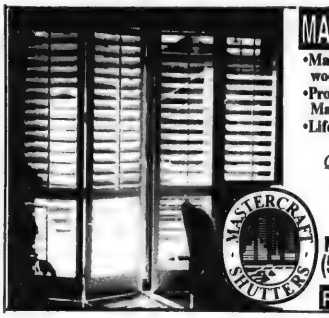
ZLOTNIK — GURARIE

Arie Zlotnick, a Montreal accountant, has asked me to find out the derivation of his family name.

Zlotnik is the Ukrainian word for goldsmith. It comes from the word zlota (gold). The same source yields the name Zlotkin, which is a matronymic name (after a female ancestor). Its English equivalent would be Golda or Goldie.

His given name is Aryeh, the Hebrew word for lion. The newly appointed House Leader in the Chretien government, Herbert Gray, was originally Gurarie (lion cub in Hebrew).



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JAFI names interim chairman

Dinitz indicted for fraud, breach of trust

Jewish Telegraphic Agency/Israel

JERUSALEM — Yehiel Leket, the head of Youth Aliyah at the Jewish Agency (JAFI), has won a major skirmish in his battle to replace Simcha Dinitz as chairman of the executive.

Following his indictment for fraud and breach of trust, Dinitz took a leave of absence last week, leaving frenzied back-room dealing and calculation in his wake.

After talks Sunday night between the chairman of the Agency's board of governors, Mendel Kaplan, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Leket was named interim executive chairman until June.

In a speech following the announcement of his temporary appointment, Leket spoke about instituting far-reaching changes to the Agency and projected a budget of $2.5 billion (US) and half a million new immigrants over the next five years.

Other candidates being mentioned for the permanent post include JAFI treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda, MK Avraham Burg and former president Yitzhak Navon. Shlomo "Chich" Lahat, until recently mayor of Tel Aviv, has also been spoken of as a leading contender.

The question of who will permanently run the $500-million-a-year Agency — the primary recipient of money raised for Israel by the United Jewish Appeal — responsible for bringing immigrants to Israel as well as providing other social and educational services, is complicated by the fact that the Agency is not organized simply along corporate lines.

Instead, it reflects two separate balances of power. One mirrors Israeli politics, with the Labor Party, which Dinitz formerly represented in the Knesset, currently wielding more power than Likud, which treasurer Ben-Yehuda represents.

Simcha Dinitz

The other is between leaders of the Diaspora fundraising organizations that pay the bills on the one hand, and the Israelis and their Diaspora Zionist allies, represented by the World Zionist Organization (WZO), who have an equal say in setting policy. The Jewish Agency chairman of the executive and other senior officials are chosen by the Israeli and Diaspora Zionists of the WZO, but must be ratified by the fundraisers.

It is likely, though not certain, that Dinitz will vacate the chairmanship before a permanent replacement is named. He has agreed to step down officially before the end of the year even if he is exonerated, or at the end of the year if his case is not completed. But he is expected to be pressed to resign earlier.

Leket, a Laborite, has the backing of the prime minister as well as of the WZO, including its Likud component. But Leket, who wants to use the position of acting chairman to build a base for his candidacy for the permanent post, is said to be fighting an uphill battle for the support of the Diaspora fundraisers.

Indeed, sources say Likud gave Leket its backing for acting chairman in the belief that the fundraisers would torpedo his candidacy for the permanent post.

Kaplan was said to be vehemently opposed to Leket's serving as chairman. Speculation was that he wanted a permanent appointment as soon as possible, with Ben-Yehuda presiding over Agency meetings in the interim, as provided in the by-laws.

Rabin's role in advancing the Leket candidacy was key. In the manoeuvering leading up to his appointment to the interim position, there was considerable speculation that Rabin would not want to push Leket hard enough to risk alienating Diaspora leaders at this sensitive time in the Middle East peace process.

On the other hand, the Diaspora leaders may have decided not to fight Rabin over what is only a temporary post.

Leket himself argued that allowing Ben-Yehuda to continue presiding over meetings instead of electing an acting chairman would violate the requirements for partnership between the Diaspora and the Zionists.

The chairman of the board of governors (the post presently held by Mendel Kaplan) is always a representative of the fundraisers, he pointed out, while the chairman of the Agency executive is always a representative of the WZO.

"If we don't elect an acting chairman (of the executive), there will be an imbalance," said Leket, "leaving only the chairman of the board with authority.

"We can't have a situation where there is no address for authority on the executive level.

"I am a candidate put forward very strongly by Rabin," Leket pointed out confidently. "If I have a chance to perform as acting chairman, I may win (the) respect and reputation" needed to secure the appointment of permanent chairman.

Young couples can't afford Jerusalem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Like many young couples, Elana and Joe Alexander want to buy an apartment here in the capital. But, like many young Jerusalem couples, they cannot afford one.

"The housing prices here are really shocking," said Elana, a travel agent in her late 20s. "First we looked in the centre, where my father lives, but found that three-bedroom apartments cost over $200,000, way beyond our means.

"We've just started looking in the suburbs — Pisgat Ze'ev, Givat Ze'ev — places we don't really want to live. Even Ramot (a once-affordable suburb of the city) has gotten expensive. It's very frustrating to want to put down roots in Jerusalem, and not be able to do so because of lack of money," she said.

The Alexanders are among an increasing number of young Jerusalemites who do not want to leave the capital but who cannot afford to stay.

A report just released by the city's department of strategic planning reveals what many already suspected: an unprecedented number of Jerusalemites are leaving the city, primarily because of skyrocketing housing prices and limited job opportunities.

The majority are young men and women with college degrees, many with families. A large percentage are non-religious.

Last year, 16,700 residents left the city, compared to 15,100 in 1992. In the past four years, some 59,000 Jerusalemites moved out of the capital, while only 39,000 moved in.

And yet, despite these statistics, the city's population of 565,000 is the highest ever. This is due to the high birth rate among Jerusalem residents — 23.5 births per 1,000 residents, compared to the nationwide rate of 14.2 — and can be attributed in large part to the fervently Orthodox Jewish communities and the Arab sector.

The high birth rate notwithstanding, it is clear that Jerusalem is losing the very people it wants to attract, said Sara Hershkovitz, author of the city report.

"Most are young, educated, with young children. If this trend continues, in the long run we will have a disproportionate number of older people and a low percentage of people of working age. We're losing the best and the brightest," she said.

In a statement to reporters, Mayor Ehud Olmert said, "It is essential to keep a demographic balance here. I hope the government ministries will work with me in doing whatever is necessary to put an end to this deteriorating situation."

According to municipal spokeswoman Ruth Jaffe, creating more housing and employment opportunities are at the top of the mayor's list of priorities.

New neighborhoods

In his election platform, Olmert proposed constructing new neighborhoods on the city's outskirts, especially on the "empty hills of eastern Jerusalem." These new areas would be serviced by a peripheral road that would circle the city.

The city's job market also needs to be overhauled, according Hershkovitz. "Jerusalem has very little industry," she pointed out.

"Just 11 per cent of the workforce is employed in industry, with another 10 per cent in business and finance services. A full 45 per cent work in public and community services" — the first jobs cut when a city is financially strapped, Hershkovitz said.

Like his predecessor Teddy Kollek, Olmert sees high-tech industry as one of the keys to Jerusalem's economic future. Low on pollution and high on brain power, high-tech firms would keep many of the city's highly educated graduates in the city.

One issue not mentioned in the city's report, but which crops up in many conversations with former Jerusalemites, is the "religion factor."

Many city dwellers, as well as those who have left, believe that Jerusalem is becoming progressively more religious in tone and sensibility.

Citing a number of riots initiated by the "black hat" community in the past few years, they worry that the capital will no longer be a welcome place for secular Jews, who don't want their streets closed on Shabbat, and who go to the few pubs and restaurants that operate on Friday night.

There is also growing concern among "traditional" Jews, who are neither secular nor fervently religious, that the new mayor will favor the Haredi community that helped vote him in.

"Olmert got elected because of the Haredim, so of course he will favor them when it comes to funds for education and housing," said a Jerusalem woman who identified herself only as Shira. "That's not fair to the rest of us."

One man, who did not wish to be identified, decided to leave Jerusalem two years ago because he found the religion stifling.

"Jerusalem is a very religious city, and I found it stifling after a while," he said in a telephone interview from his Tel Aviv apartment. "I love Jerusalem, but there's nothing to do on Shabbat. I don't have a car, and since there's no public transportation on Shabbat or the holidays, I felt stuck."

He said "in Tel Aviv I'm earning 30 per cent more than what I was earning in Jerusalem, performing the same kind of work. Professionally, there are a lot more job opportunities in Tel Aviv, and the pay is much higher."

But the clincher, he said, "was my growing desire to express who I really am. I'm gay, and there is a large gay community in Tel Aviv. There's also a small gay community in Jerusalem, but people in the city are much more judgmental. I feel freer in Tel Aviv, more able to be myself."

Yet many, like the Alexanders, say they are staying put. "We'll rent in the centre of Jerusalem for a while longer, and hope that more apartments will be built, and competition will bring the prices down a bit," said Elana. "There's no place like Jerusalem. This is what living in Israel is all about."

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Sarajevo Jews repay 'debt' to Muslim family

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MEVASSERET ZION, Israel — It has been 50 years since the Hardagas, a Muslim family from Sarajevo, saved the lives of their Jewish neighbors during the darkest days of the Holocaust.

Two weeks ago, some of that "debt" was repaid when Zajniba Hartaga-Susic, 76, and her family were evacuated from the war-torn Bosnian capital in a daring rescue operation spearheaded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Devout Muslims, the Hartagas provided refuge to three Jewish families during World War II. The Kabilios, who made aliyah in 1950, brought the Hartagas actions to the attention of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, which honored the family as Righteous Gentiles in 1985.

"It was then," says Zajniba, "that I fell in love with Israel."

Over the years, the Hartagas and Kabilios have maintained strong ties. In addition to the Jerusalem reunion nine years ago, the two families have corresponded whenever circumstances permitted.

Though the elder Kabilios are now deceased, Tova (Kabilio) Grinberg, who was a small child at the start of World War II, has a box full of treasured photographs and letters from the Hartagas that span more than half a century.

She is especially close to Zarfa, Zajniba's older daughter and a childhood friend, who is still in Sarajevo.

In 1992, at the start of the Yugoslav civil war, Tova invited the Hartagas to Israel for a second visit. Zarfa's daughter and grandchildren were able to leave Sarajevo, and flew to Israel for a three-month stay.

Such visits soon became impossible, however, as the civil war intensified. Sarajevo residents became virtual prisoners in their homes, due to sniper fire from warring factions surrounding the city. During the past two years, thousands have died from wounds, hunger and disease.

Despite the efforts of the United Nations and other relief organizations to gain safe passage for the neediest refugees, only a few thousand people have been rescued since the fighting began.

Evacuating the Hartagas proved to be especially difficult, says JDC field operator Eli Eliezri, because "it is very hard, and dangerous, to get Muslims through Serbian checkpoints."

But Eliezri, who has led nearly a dozen rescue operations in the former Yugoslavia, says, "we were determined to get the Hartagas safely out of Bosnia and to Israel. This was a special case because they are special people. It is a kind of payback for the assistance they gave Jews."

Join rescue convoy

Two weeks ago, the Hartagas learned that they would be among the 280 people traveling out of Sarajevo in the JDC's rescue convoy. They packed up a few belongings — photographs, an old clock, and some borrowed clothes — and bid farewell to their country.

"There is no going back," Aida, Zajniba's younger daughter, said on her arrival in Israel. "We don't intend to return to Bosnia, even if there is peace. Israel is our home now."

Aida spoke from her new home in the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre. Just a few days after arriving in Israel, the Hartagas — Zajniba, daughter Aida, Aida's Serbian husband Branumir, and 10-year-old granddaughter Stella — are already beginning to settle in.

Perched on a mountain a few miles outside Jerusalem, the sprawling centre, which is run by the Jewish Agency, houses 200 new immigrant families, including several from the former Yugoslavia.

Though their apartment and its furnishings are modest, the Hartagas call their new home "paradise." Having spent two years with virtually no electricity, it doesn't occur to them to turn on the lights as the sun goes down.

"I'm sorry. I forgot we have electricity," Aida tells a visitor, with an embarrassed smile. "We've gotten used to living without lights and heat. Firewood in Sarajevo is extremely scarce and expensive. To prepare our last meal, I burned a pair of shoes, and that provided enough fire to cook dinner."

Though the war has been difficult for everyone, Aida says, "it was especially hard for mother." Sitting next to her daughter on a donated sofa, Zajniba points to her right leg, which was amputated many years ago.

"I was afraid to take off my prosthesis, even when I went to sleep, for fear there would be a bomb and I would have to move around quickly," she says. "It hurt all the time."

Though she finds it difficult to get around, using a cane and sometimes a wheelchair, Zajniba, a tall, thin, woman with short gray hair, nonetheless insisted on visiting Yad Vashem on Monday, three days after arriving in Israel.

Sitting beside Tova Grinberg, in front of the tree that had been planted in the Hartagas' name nine years before, Zajniba smiled as an Israeli government representative presented her with a certificate of honorary citizenship.

The family will also receive a monthly stipend and favorable loan terms,

Will receive monthly stipend

things usually reserved for Jewish immigrants who have made aliyah under the Law of Return.

"Emotionally, leaving Sarajevo wasn't all that difficult," says Zajniba, back in her apartment following the ceremony. "I had been to Israel in 1985 and spent a month here. At the time I looked carefully at how the young people lived, at the customs of the country.

"When it came time to make a decision, I tried to do what was right for my daughter and her family. They are young and need a fresh start. I also have many friends here, and at my age, all I need is peace, nothing else."

Aida says that the family is eager to integrate quickly into Israeli society. "My husband and I plan to begin Hebrew ulpan classes next week, and we have enrolled Stella in the neighborhood school, where she will meet other Israelis and learn the language."

Asked why Stella, a Muslim, isn't attending school in the Arab sector, Aida says, "I am Muslim but my husband is Serb. Our lives go beyond religious and ethnic identities. Stella is our future, and she needs to be at the heart of Israeli society."

According to Shira Ozer, the director of the absorption centre, "All of the Yugoslav families are motivated to put down roots. They've been here less than a week and already want to plant flowers in the garden, to learn Hebrew and get jobs."

Unlike many of the families from Sarajevo, however, who have little or no knowledge of Judaism and Israel, "the Hartagas know a great deal about Jewish customs," Ozer says.

By way of example, Ozer relates how "a CBS-TV film crew arrived at the centre wishing to interview the family right before Shabbat. I went into the family's apartment and told them there was a film crew outside.

"Zajniba asked me to apologize to the crew, saying that she could not do the interview at that time because it would be disrespectful to her Jewish neighbors. She asked them to come back after Shabbat, and they did."

Ultimately, it was this inherent respect for others that led the Hartagas to save Jewish lives.

"It was normal," says Zajniba, who seems embarrassed by the media attention and overwhelming outpouring of affection by strangers. "In Sarajevo we have a saying: 'If your neighbor is a good person and needs help, you must help him.' What more is there to say?"

Her main concern now is "to find a way to repay everyone's kindness."

U.S. Jews blow shofar in support of Bosnians

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Dozens of Jews blew shofars outside the White House last Wednesday to call attention to the plight of the Bosnian people.

The event came less than two weeks after a particularly gruesome attack on the marketplace in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo left 68 people dead and sent shockwaves throughout the world.

"The shofar is a wakeup call that we use on the High Holy Days to arouse ourselves from spiritual slumber," said Michael Feuer, president of the Washington region of the American Jewish Congress, which organized the event.

Feuer said in an interview that his group "came to realize that we have to arouse the American people," including the government, from their "spiritual slumber" over the Bosnia issue.

Jewish groups, including AJCongress, have long been calling for stronger action from the Bush and Clinton administrations to combat the "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated primarily by Serbs against Muslims in the former Yugoslav republic.

Many in the Jewish community have seen echoes of the Holocaust in the events in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Under sunny skies, approximately 200 people gathered in snowy Lafayette Park across the street from the White House to participate in the event, which was cosponsored by numerous other Jewish organizations.

Meanwhile, Hillel groups across the country held programs to bring attention to the issue of Bosnia and raise humanitarian aid for the besieged country's citizens.

Contributions were to be sent to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which then would provide medical supplies, food and clothing for the Bosnians.

North of the border, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella called on the Canadian government to commence a consultation process on the situation in Bosnia.

"We applaud the valiant conduct of Canada's peacekeepers in the former Yugoslavia," Abella said. "However we feel the government must do something more. We condemn the wilful slaughter of innocent civilians and non-combatants and add our voice to the call for an immediate cessation of hostilities."

Turkey condemns anti-Semitism

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — After several Western countries refused to do so, Turkey has agreed to introduce a resolution condemning anti-Semitism before the UN Human Rights Commission.

The resolution to be introduced last week will be part of a broader statement condemning racism, discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

Turkey, a Muslim country, agreed to sponsor the resolution on anti-Semitism after representatives to the commission from the United States, Canada and the European Community declined, saying they had not received instructions from their governments, according to a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress.

The U.S. delegation to the commission in Geneva, headed by former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, had made women's issues and a resolution backing the peace initiatives in the Middle East its top priorities at the current session of the commission.

According to the WJC, several members of the U.S. delegation had argued that the potential defeat of a resolution on anti-Semitism would be harmful to the cause.

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Court Rules on Property Settlements

JERUSALEM — In a landmark decision, Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that rabbinical courts must apply civil, rather than religious, law to property settlements in divorce cases.

The decision overturns a ruling by the Supreme Rabbinical Court here, which had not recognized the rights of a divorcee, Chana Bavli, to half of all assets accumulated in her marriage.

The groundbreaking ruling is sending shock waves through the religious establishment, which views it as an unprecedented erosion of its traditional jurisdiction and has vowed to resist the measure.

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Gaza Photo Gets Award

AMSTERDAM — A black-and-white photograph of three Palestinian boys in the Gaza Strip won first prize in the World Press 1993 photo contest.

The photograph by Larry Towell, a Canadian photographer working for Magnum, shows the boys, about 12 years old, holding up their pistols against a wall covered with Arabic slogans.

The pictures were judged by an international panel of photographers in Amsterdam, where the award was announced.

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Israel-Namibia Establish Ties

UNITED NATIONS — Israel and the southwest African nation of Namibia have established full diplomatic relations.

At a recent ceremony in New York, diplomatic documents were signed by Israel's UN ambassador, Gad Yaacobi, and his Namibian counterpart, Tunguru Huaraka.

Namibia is the 12th country to establish diplomatic relations with Israel since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a Declaration of Principles last September.

The Namibian ambassador said his country saw "the famous handshake between (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin and (PLO Chair Yasser) Arafat as a brave act and a sign of Israel's willingness to solve the problems of the Middle East."

Yaacobi said the establishment of relations was "another step for Israel toward normalization and cooperation with all the African countries."

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Simcha Holzberg Dead At 70

TEL AVIV — Simcha Holzberg, affectionately known as the "father of the wounded" for his decades of volunteer work with Israeli veterans and families of victims of terrorism, died Feb. 14 after suffering a heart attack.

Holzberg, who was 70, died while attending a memorial ceremony for Israelis killed in a 1978 terrorist massacre on the coastal road.

Holzberg, a Holocaust survivor who lost his entire family at the hands of the Nazis, devoted his life here to aiding wounded veterans and the families of terrorist victims.

Despite his ever-cheerful appearance, he was said to live with memories of the Holocaust each day of his life. He used to tell people that in place of blood kin, he had the extended family of the Israel Defence Force and all its disabled veterans.

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Palestinians charged in Chicago fire

CHICAGO — Three Palestinians were charged with setting fire to a Torah academy in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood here.

The three were apparently "upset with the Jews for what they were doing to the Palestinians" in the Middle East, according to a local police commander.

The fire, which gutted a three-story classroom building at the Chicago Community Kollel Institute for Advanced Torah Studies, was one of five separate acts of vandalism and arson that took place Jan. 28. All the incidents involved Jewish institutions.

The three suspects, all of Palestinian descent and residents of the Chicago area, were each charged with one count each of arson and committing a hate crime.

After appearing in Cook County Circuit Court, where they pleaded not guilty, the three were ordered detained pending the posting of a $500,000 bond for each.

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Kotler's father dies

KELOWNA — The Okanagan Jewish community honored the memory of Saul Kotler, father of past president Mel Kotler, at a memorial meeting recently in the Jewish Community Centre.

Saul Kotler of Montreal died in December at the age of 83.

Active in the insurance business in Montreal for over 50 years, the senior Kotler became a friend and ex-officio member of the Okanagan Jewish Community over the past eight years, visiting here frequently and helping raise funds for the centre, which opened last year.

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Anti-Semitism Charges Investigated

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army is investigating charges that Jewish faculty members at an Army institute in Germany were confronted with anti-Semitism and religious discrimination.

The Anti-Defamation League had requested such an inquiry in a letter last month to Secretary of the Army Togo West Jr.

The case involves Lev and Irene Yudovich, faculty members at the U.S. Army Russian Institute in Garmisch, Germany, who were suddenly dismissed in 1991 for "incompetence" after 13 years on the job.

The Yudoviches, American citizens who emigrated from Russia, claim their dismissal came as a result of widespread discrimination at the institute against Jews and Russians.

A federal judge has already ruled in the Yudoviches' favor. In a suit brought by the couple in U.S. District Court in Virginia, Judge James Cacheris found the Army guilty of discrimination against them.

In his December 1993 opinion, Cacheris found that the institute "was permeated with an anti-Semitic and anti-Russian atmosphere."

The Army, which no longer owns the institute, said it was investigating the charges.

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Saudis To Buy U.S. Planes

WASHINGTON — Saudi Arabia has agreed to purchase $6 billion in commercial aircraft from U.S. companies, President Bill Clinton announced last week.

At a White House news conference, Clinton and Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the Saudis had decided to replace their civilian fleet of approximately 50 planes with aircraft made by Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp.

The Jewish community has long kept a watchful eye on purchases of American technology by Arab countries, especially those with military applications. In this case, where only commercial aircraft were involved, the major American Jewish watchdog groups had no comment on the sale.

Saudi Prince Bandar, appearing at the White House with Clinton and Brown, said the relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States was "very strong."

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Croation Leader Apologizes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Croatian President Franjo Tudjman apologized last week to the Jewish community for sections of a book he wrote that are widely viewed as anti-Semitic.

In a letter to B'nai B'rith president Kent Schiner, Tudjman promised the English-language version of the book, soon to be distributed in the United States, will not contain the offending sections.

In his letter, Tudjman said the negative reaction from Jews around the world to his book "has affected me deeply and has caused me to re-examine my statements and to re-evaluate those parts of the book in which I cited documents and personal views of some writer or participant."

His letter was presented to B'nai B'rith representatives by acting Croatian Ambassador Kresimir Cosic at the Croatian Embassy here.

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Vertigo Caused Fatal Crash

TEL AVIV — Pilot vertigo caused the helicopter crash which last month killed the military officer in charge of the West Bank, according to the findings of an investigating commission.

The crash killed Maj. Gen. Nechemia Tamari, the head of the Israel Defence Force's Central Command, his aide and two pilots.

Investigators said the pilots were disoriented as they sought to land at Central Command headquarters north of Jerusalem amid high winds and blinding low clouds.

The commission's findings were based on radio transmissions before the crash, a close inspection of the site of the accident and examination of the debris, as the Bell-206 helicopter has no "black box" logging in-flight activity.

Tamari, his aide and the pilots had been returning to their base after overseeing a search for reported Jordanian infiltrators in the Beit She'an Valley.

The crash has raised so-far unanswered questions about whether senior officers should fly around the country to inspect every report of an incursion or incident.

Rabbinical Reflections

Purim

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The Mishnah in Avos (Chapters of the Fathers 4:21) teaches us that pursuit of honor causes one to forfeit his life. One can interpret this to mean life in this world, or alternatively, life in the World to Come, or perhaps both. The Talmud (Eiruvin 13b) also teaches us that one who runs after honor and greatness will see that honor flee from him. Conversely, we are taught that one who runs away from honor, honor will indeed run after and pursue him. When we read the megillah with the commentary of the Talmud and the sages, these lessons become obvious.

Ahasverus, who ruled the world and had all the honor he wanted, was not satisfied. He had been an ordinary barber by profession but managed to usurp the throne and marry Vashti the granddaughter of Nebuchadnezzar. Marrying into royalty gave his monarchy some legitimacy but this fact gnawed away at him. He didn't want the throne on Vashti's merits he wanted it on his own merits. He therefore had to still the voices that reminded him of this and prove that he was above and superior to Vashti. So what does the King do to his beloved and beautiful wife in order to satisfy his desire for kovod, for honor? He demands that she show total subservience to him by parading herself immodestly before all of the nobles and princes of the land. That will show them who truly runs the monarchy.

Vashti for her part was no modest woman. According to the Talmud she would have willingly participated, together with all the women she had gathered at her party, in the lewdness and immorality which Ahasverus was trying to promote. But she had her own honor to defend. My husband, a commoner, a former barber, is going to tell me, the royal princess whose very veins flow with royal blood, what to do! Never! And she refused. The outcome of all of this was that Ahasverus lost his beautiful wife and his beautiful wife lost her life.

Nation bowed to Haman

Let's take a look at the other archvillain of the Megillah, Haman. The king elevated him to second in command. The entire nation had to bow down to him and did so. Could any one person ever attain such honor in his lifetime? But no, that was not enough. One single Jew, Mordechai, lo yichra velo yishtachaveh, would not bend the knee or bow to him. This so enraged him that he was willing to vent his wrath against the entire Jewish nation — men, women, and children, to such an extent that he wanted to totally destroy them. Why? For that brekele kovod, for that little piece of honor he was lacking. The megillah describes Haman's downfall and humiliation very vividly.

On the other hand, we have Mordechai the humble Jew seeking to distance himself from any honor. What happens to him? He is led through the streets of Shushan by none other than Haman himself who had to proclaim, "so shall be done to the man whom the king wishes to honor." And in the end, Mordechai was indeed greatly honored by the king. He was elevated to Haman's high position and became one of the heroes of the Purim story.

The Chofetz Chaim explains why one can forfeit his world by the pursuit of honor. Generally we have a rule that one cannot be fully paid with physical reward in this world for any mitzvah he performs. Performance of a mitzvah is so spiritual and so great that it can only be rewarded in a world of eternity (sechar mitzvah behai alma leka, Kiddushin 39b). But honor is not a physical reward, it is spiritual and intangible. You can't touch, smell, see, hear, or taste honor. Therefore one could be paid in this world with honor for performing mitzvot.

'Honor is like a Shabbos kugel'

The Chofetz Chaim once travelled to another city and, prior to his departure, sent word to his relatives but asked that no one be informed of his impending arrival. He didn't like the honor that was given to him by the thousands who thronged to greet him wherever he went. Word leaked out somehow and a crowd of people were at the station to greet him. It took all the available persuasive powers of his family to entice him to leave the train. When asked what was so terrible about a little honor that the people wanted to give him so willingly on their own, he responded:

"Honor is like a Shabbos kugel. If you eat it up before Shabbos, there is none left for Shabbos. Honor is reserved for a person in the World to Come. If one is truly deserving of honor, he will receive it in the true World of honor. But if one receives his honor in this world there will be no honor left for him later."

It's amazing that so many of us have not learned the above lessons. How easily one gets offended. How easily one feels slighted. How easily one feels he has not received the proper honor. He wasn't given the right aliyah (Torah honor). He wasn't honored with being the cantor. He wasn't given the seat at the head table or elsewhere befitting his stature. He wasn't recognized publicly. He didn't get the proper write-up in the newspaper. How one ruins his life, his marriage, his job, his position, his relationship with family and friends over a little bit of false pride and honor seeking!

But we should remember that what we may not seek for ourselves, we should nevertheless endeavor to do for others. Such is the case with many attributes. I should not pursue honor for myself. But I should do everything in my power to honor others. I should not be concerned with the respect that others give me but I should be concerned with respecting them. And ultimately, "ayzehu mechubad, hamechabed es habriyos — who is an honored person, one who honors others." (Avos 4:1)

There are times when one must demand honor. Never should a parent, for example, allow a child to get away with dishonoring him. To do so is tantamount to helping the child disobey the fifth commandment. But it is always wiser to remember that it is better to command honor from children than demand it. And so it is with others. Our Gedolim did not demand honor. They commanded it by honoring others, and the people readily gave true honor back to them, as in the case of the Chofetz Chaim above. At the same we must remember whenever and wherever possible to treat everyone, even young children, with respect. That's how they will learn to respect their elders and their peers, something which, unfortunately, is sorely lacking in our society today.

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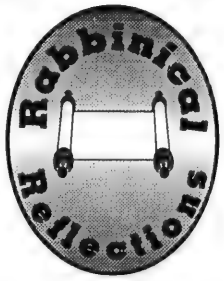

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

We are told that in the times of Mashiach all holidays will become extinct except for Purim. What lesson lies in Purim that makes its message eternal?

If we were to choose two words from the Megillah (the Book of Esther) that characterize the entire episode of Purim, they would be "venehafoch hu," the words in Verse one, Chapter 9 which reads: "... in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to rule over them — *and it was turned around*, the Jews ruled over their enemies."

A casual perusal of the Megillah reveals many places where one would think that the outcome would be one way, where events would seemingly predict one outcome — and yet just the opposite becomes true. For instance, it would seem Vashti would emerge as a powerful queen; but she was beheaded, and a Jewish woman (a member of the vile enemy of Haman and Ahasverus) actually became the beloved queen. We would predict that Haman would emerge as the powerful second in command to the ruler; his plans to destroy the Jews would be successful (there was no logical impediment to his plans which were sealed with the approval of the king himself). But Haman and his sons were hanged, the Jews ruled over their enemies and Mordechai emerged as the powerful second in command. And so on throughout the Megillah.

The Talmud tells us of Rabbi Yosef the son of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi who returned to this world and was asked by his father what he had seen in the other world. He responded: "Olom hafuch ra'eesee (I saw a topsy-turvy world) — elyonim lematah vetachtonim lemaalah (those who are held in great respect and have high positions over here were at the bottom over there, and those at the bottom over here were on top over there)." His father retorted, "My son you saw a clear world." (Pesachim 50a.)

Examine Jewish history throughout the ages and we shall see many periods where the Jews were at the bottom. We shall observe periods of history that do not make sense to us. Why is the chosen nation, if it is chosen, constantly being battered? Look what the Antiochuses, the Hamans, the Crusaders, the Torquemadas, the Chielmenickis, the Stalins, the Hitlers, the Husseins and the rest of them, have done to us!

Answers HaShem: "kee lo machshevosai machshevoseichem"(for My thoughts are unlike yours). You cannot comprehend all the cheshbonos (calculations and reckonings) that I have ordained for the world. You cannot visualize the steps that are necessary for the ultimate outcome. But there will come a time when all nations will believe in God. There will come a time when all will thirst for knowledge of God. There will come a time when the lion will pasture with the sheep, when nations will beat their weaponry into pruning utensils. It will be a venehafoch hu (a complete turnaround), and those who were downtrodden and at the bottom in the eyes of the world right now, will be tipped topsy-turvy, and turned for all to see as the esteemed ones, as the chosen ones.

We might think that this all makes for nice sermonizing but is it far from reality? Are there any of us who would have honestly predicted that the impregnable Iron Curtain would fall? Seventy years of tyranny and oppression. Seventy years of obliteration of any form of religion, especially the Jewish religion. Have we not witnessed with our very own eyes in modern times the crashing down of the curtain? Have we not seen the miracle of the open establishment of Torah learning and yeshivot in what was formerly Soviet Russia? And this is just the beginning.

If we remember to re-enact a few more words of the Megillah, keemu vekiblu, as the Talmud explains, keemu ma shekiblu kevar — that the Jews repented and reaffirmed what they had once accepted — to cherish and to observe the laws of the Holy Torah, then we will very speedily see the rest of the venehafoch hu.

So Purim eternally symbolizes the hope that, despite our witnessing the bleak events, ultimately all will lead to triumph, to justice, to a fulfilment of our destiny as the light unto the nations. We need this holiday even in times of Mashiach as a reminder to look back at history and see all the chains of events in this manner. To recognize that even the seemingly bad was ultimately only for the good. May that time quickly come, bimhera beyameinu, speedily in our days. Amen!

Vatican to commemorate the Shoah

Concert set for Yom Hashoah

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — The Vatican will hold a concert in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, a spokesman announced.

The concert will be held at the Vatican on Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, which this year falls on April 7.

A Vatican statement described the Holocaust as "a terrible abyss which has thrown a black light on the terrifying depth of human evil."

A concert, the statement said, would be the best way to commemorate the Shoah, since music is the best way of reaching people's souls.

"The intent of the concert is to unite the hearts of those who hear it in the memory of terrible events, which should never be forgotten so that they are never repeated," the statement said.

The announcement of the Vatican concert came just six weeks after the Vatican and Israel signed their historic agreement to establish full diplomatic relations.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee, was involved in planning the event. He said the concert demonstrates the pope's commitment to the furthering of Catholic-Jewish relations.

"It's one more sign of the enormous sea change that's taken place between Catholics and Jews," Rabbi Rudin said.

The concert, to be held in the Vatican's modern Paul VI auditorium, will be attended by Pope John Paul II, Rome's chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, and other senior religious officials.

It will include *Kol Nidre* by Max Bruch, the adagio of *Beethoven's Ninth Symphony*, and Psalm 92 as arranged by Franz Schubert for the 1826 inauguration of a Viennese synagogue.

Concluding the concert will be selections from Leonard Bernstein's *Kaddish Symphony*, which includes the recitation of the Jewish prayer for the dead, and two of his *Chichester Psalms*, which also contain passages in Hebrew.

The concert will be performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra in conjunction with the Vatican's Cappella Giulia Choir.

Leading the orchestra will be Gilbert Levine, an American conductor who has spent more than three years attempting to arrange such a concert.

Originally, he had hoped to be able to have it outdoors, in Rome's historic Jewish ghetto.

Front Line

Rabin-Peres differences are subdued but still alive

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The timetable for the implementation of the agreement concluded in September is very much behind its initial schedule. This is not too surprising because the document dealt with principles. The same is true of the recent Shimon Peres-Yasser Arafat talks in Cairo, where a number of serious hurdles were eliminated, leaving many details to be finalized by the parties.

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This means more weeks of hard bargaining, before implementation can hopefully begin. There was more serenity and rapprochement between the parties in Cairo than on earlier occasions. At the same time their constituencies are getting increasingly sceptical and impatient and this poses serious problems. Agreements are reached by concessions, these stimulate internal opposition and when oppositions are appeased, things go sour again.

It would serve no practical purpose to go into the issues that are still to be tackled. There are so many and they are complex. More important is to look at the state of mind of the negotiators, who represent the diametrically opposed expectations of their respective constituencies and must bring them closer to what reality dictates. This is not a task for which politicians anywhere like to volunteer.

While Israeli leaders try nevertheless to maintain the momentum of peacemaking — the Palestinian leadership is not even in place and can hardly influence the public mood in the streets of Gaza or Nablus by remote control from Tunis. These conditions cannot go on for much longer without threatening the process, however advanced it may already appear to be.

In Israel there is bitterness now over the flare-up of Hamas terror. In the territories, where the vague hope for peace is obscured by the ongoing security operations and by their costs in human lives, the mood is much bleaker. While the leaders on both sides become more realistic and even more understanding of the other side's real dilemmas, they sense that significant sectors of their own publics regard the whole process as not being advantageous to their interests. Mutual distrust at the grassroots is much stronger than the aspired increase in confidence, that the Oslo agreement was meant to promote. The tension in the territories is high and will surely grow if terror goes on and will force the authorities to seal them off once again.

If this is the complex atmosphere that accompanies the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, a meaningful exchange with Syria has not even started. The ambiguous results of the Bill Clinton-Hafez al-Assad meeting have yet to be followed by upgraded Syrian-Israeli negotiations. Nothing seems to be moving.

Both sides know exactly what the costs and the rewards of an agreement must be; neither volunteers to make the first step. Lebanon will not act without Syrian approval and in the meantime Assad allows Hezbollah to act against Israel in the south, as if to show his hand. And the advance draft of a peace treaty with Jordan will not surface before serious progress can be proven on the other fronts. King Hussein cannot be expected to act otherwise.

At the Cairo meeting with Arafat, Peres managed to get the best possible deal on some pressing security issues in the Gaza Strip and in the Jericho area. In return, Arafat obtained a number of political concessions in the form of symbols of Palestinian identity and self-rule, which he considers all-important and likely to lead, in due course, to statehood or something like it.

But the agreement got a mixed reaction here and a gloomy reception by the Arab community in the territories, who regard Arafat's concessions as excessive and humiliating. The two main features of the agreement were: the recognition of Israeli primacy in the control of the borders of the two Palestinian self-rule enclaves with Jordan and Egypt; and the security arrangements in the Gaza Strip designed to protect all the Israeli settlements there. This concerns not only the two settlement clusters at the edges of the narrow Strip but also the isolated one of Netzarim, inhabited by only 28 families, whose security will have to be provided by an elaborate and very costly defence system. Only if the minute details are finalized and after formal ratification by Yitzhak Rabin and Arafat, who may have to meet, shall the new arrangements be made on the ground. Meanwhile Rabin, who praised the agreement, seems to be in no hurry to rush things and Arafat, worried by rising internal criticism, shows some hesitation and may even back off again. It's a long way to go.

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Without underrating the objective and psychological difficulties of the peace process and without underestimating the very bizarre, often maddening style of decision making in the Palestinian camp, one must admit that Israel holds nearly all the cards and wonders why Rabin, if really convicted that peace can at all be promoted at this point in time, does not play them more vigorously.

The narrow margin of his government's majority in the Knesset is only part of the answer, because he should know that his image as a trusted and very security-minded leader is intact and that he can, if need be, carry the support of the majority of Israel's citizens. Or does he doubt it? At the moment the official Likud opposition is divided, unconvincing and loosing terrain and the noisy manifestations of the rightist extremists are too obscene to be effective.

What else then? The conduct of the peace process by Israel is in the experienced hands of Rabin and Peres and although Peres generally calls the shots and takes most initiatives, Rabin, as prime minister, is the one, who by his support takes the ultimate responsibility for decisions. The two are, on the face of it, co-operating better now than ever after nearly a lifetime of rivalry and mutual distrust, but it seems that their reactions to emerging situations are very different.

It is impossible to say at this point whose long term approach is the right one. The very existence of their tactical differences, which are as regularly settled between them as they are leaked by their entourages, can not be ignored, even if denied by the two protagonists themselves. They are both irreplaceable as a team but their uneasy personal relationship has a damaging effect on Israel's bargaining posture in the peace process to which both of them are so strongly committed.

Japan shifts resources as Mideast picture changes

By DEBORAH KALB

Within the American Jewish community here, Japan has never been viewed as a positive force in Middle East affairs.

But now, especially in the wake of the historic Israel-PLO accord, there is a sense among American Jewish and Israeli officials that Japan is beginning to play a useful role in the region.

"There really has been a flurry of activity" which "all points to a real front and centre role for Japan," said Dan Mariaschin, director of international, governmental, and Israel affairs for B'nai B'rith, who recently returned from a trip to Japan sponsored by the Japanese government.

In the past, Japan was best known in pro-Israel circles for its adherence to the Arab economic boycott of Israel and for the public fascination with anti-Semitic literature.

However, in recent years, especially since the 1991 Gulf War, Japan has been seeking a prominent role in the Middle East.

"We tried to make, where possible, contributions in international conflicts," said Hideo Sato, first secretary in the political section of the Japanese Embassy in Washington.

"The Middle East was one area where we thought we could play a positive role because of our good relations with Arab countries," Sato said.

And to play that role, the Japanese government had to upgrade its relations with Israel, Sato noted.

The Japanese are now talking about being more "evenhanded" in their dealings with the Middle East, Jewish leaders say.

To most American Jews, the term "evenhanded" when used in connection with the Middle East has a negative connotation.

But Mariaschin said that in this case the term should be construed positively.

Japanese and Israeli officials have been exchanging visits, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his new Japanese counterpart, Morihiro Hosokawa, are expected to host each other on reciprocal visits this coming year.

On the economic side, where Japan is a global powerhouse, the two countries have increased their trade relations fourfold since 1986, according to Mariaschin.

In 1992, Sato said, trade between Israel and Japan totalled $1.7 billion, and Japan is now Israel's second-largest trading partner after the United States.

Japanese officials have started speaking out against the Arab boycott, and most big Japanese companies are now dealing with Israel.

This contrasts sharply with the many years when Japan adhered strongly to the boycott, which negatively affects both Israel and companies doing business with Israel.

An island nation, Japan has been heavily dependent on Arab oil over the years.

As befits an economic superpower, Japan pledged $200 million over two years at the recent donors conference held in Washington to raise money for Palestinian development projects.

Israel, which sees the importance of Palestinian economic development in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, strongly backed the idea of the donors conference.

But Japan's involvement in the peace process has gone beyond its traditional financial role.

Japan has spearheaded talks on the environment between Israel, Arab participants and others, as part of the multilateral phase of the peace process. Two rounds of those talks were held in Tokyo.

And Japan, which has an economic relationship with Iran, recently tried to encourage Teheran to support the Israeli-Palestinian declaration of principles.

"Usually our policy is not to isolate any country," said Sato.

"We are trying to persuade the Iranians to take more moderate measures," including curbing its opposition to the peace process and exerting its influence on rejectionist groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon, he said.

Jewish leaders here have said such activity is useful and should continue.

Still, Jewish and Israeli officials also have said there are some areas in which they are hoping for further changes in Japanese behavior.

"There is more to be done," said Mariaschin. "I'm not saying the millennium is here."

They would like Japan to take stronger measures against the Arab boycott.

"To a great extent, the Arab boycott as has been practiced in Japan has been downsized," said Neil Sandberg, the director of the Los Angeles-based Pacific Rim Institute of the American Jewish Committee, which was founded in 1988 in response to the upsurge of anti-Semitic literature in Japan.

"But there are still some residues of caution and even fear on the part of some Japanese companies," Sandberg said.

In addition, it would be an important sign if Japan were to open a trade office in Israel, as it has done in Egypt and the Persian Gulf, Jewish leaders said.

Such a move would "send a very important message to Israelis and Jewish businessmen that it's OK to engage in trade with Israel," Mariaschin said.

Japan is still holding back on opening an office because of "budgetary problems," said Sato, laughing as he explained that even Japan has problems with its budget.

But he said such an office was a future possibility, considering the robust trade relationship between the two countries.

In addition to progress on these economic issues, both Israeli and American Jewish leaders think much more needs to be done to curb the spread of anti-Semitic literature in Japan.

Anti-Semitism in Japan is a strange phenomenon, because most Japanese do not come in contact with Jews or know very much about Jewish traditions.

The Jewish population in Japan numbers 1,000 at most, Sandberg said. But many Japanese are fascinated by anti-Semitic books, which sell at newsstands and kiosks, and people buy them in large quantities, including versions of *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the Czarist-era anti-Semitic forgery.

Sato said he has discussed with American Jewish organizations the idea of establishing an information center in Japan that would promote understanding of Jewish issues. — *(JTA)*

Modern Orthodox share the military burden

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

While the ultra-Orthodox continue to shirk military service, the modern Orthodox now bear their share of Israel's defence burden.

This reflects a change in the value system of the modern Orthodox, as can be seen at a farming village of observant families midway between Tel Aviv and the Gaza Strip. Some of of the founding fathers, men now in their 50s, managed to avoid military service altogether. And those who did serve — with just two exceptions — either worked as clerks in behind-the-lines units or checked up on the kashrut of army kitchens and presided over Passover seders within the framework of the Israel Defence Force rabbinate.

Their sons, in contrast, volunteer for the toughest assignments the army can offer. Indeed, at the present time, a half-dozen of the young men are in crack commando units, while most of the rest are in other front-line outfits. Not a single one is in the military rabbinate.

These religious boys are readily accepted by the secular youngsters with whom they serve, which might not have been the case some years ago. When, for example, yeshiva-trained Yochanan and Shmulik arrived at the training centre of a prestigious commando formation in the early 1980s, it quickly became clear that the commander — a tough kibbutznik with little use for the Orthodox — was not pleased to see the new recruits. And he didn't hide his disgust when army regulations forced him to bestow "privileges" on them, like the right to go on weekend leave in time to get home before the onset of the Sabbath.

No concessions were made in other spheres. Thus Yochanan and Shmulik had to get up a half hour before their fellow soldiers in order to say their morning prayers and put on their phylacteries — no small sacrifice in view of the fact that "sleeping time" was usually three or four hours a night.

The willingness of the two young men to forego a precious 30 minutes of sleep because of their religious convictions and their gung ho performance in exercises gradually won over the non-observant members of their platoon. Also contributing to their acceptance was the fact that every Friday, when the unit was within driving distance, Yochanan's mother would send the soldiers home-baked challahs for their Sabbath meals.

The non-religious soldiers showed their respect for Yochanan and Shmulik by being careful to separate utensils for meat and milk, a distinction to which they would otherwise have paid scant attention. And when all the young men went out together for an evening meal, it was always to a kosher restaurant.

Influence ran in both directions, with the two Orthodox soldiers also learning to respect — though not to accept — the values and attitudes of their secularist comrades.

Some religious boys prefer to join "yeshivot hesder" and thus to serve in special units made up entirely of observant soldiers, units where they feel more at home and where it is easier to maintain religious practices. Yochanan has no objection to "yeshivot hesder," but says that observant soldiers can readily hold their own in a predominantly secular environment "if they receive proper spiritual preparation before being called up."

The issue of mixed or separate units continues to be debated among the modern Orthodox. But all are proud to see the increasingly important role being played by their young men in the defence of Israel.

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Bulgaria's record

Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was expressing the Jewish teaching about hakarat tovah (gratitude) when he celebrated the virtues of one nation — Bulgaria — that had been instrumental in saving Jews during the Holocaust.

Because of the alchemy of history and the sad fate of peoples under communism, it had been difficult in the past to officially recognize the exertions of Bulgaria on behalf of its Jews during World War II. Yet Bulgaria, like Denmark, stands out among European nations for the heroic role it played in succoring Jews.

The prime minister paid homage to Bulgaria during the visit of its president, Zhelyn Zhelco, to the Knesset in December 1993. Said Rabin: "If we did not have the opportunity until now to tell you and your people, we do so now. In the name of the Jewish people, the citizens of Israel, we extol your courage and generosity in difficult times and say to you from the bottom of our hearts — thank you."

In responding to Rabin's words, the Bulgarian president quoted from secret German documents sent by Berlin's ambassador to Sofia in the 1940s, in which the German envoy complained about Sofia's efforts to block the rounding up of Jews.

It is not easy to explain why Bulgarians went out of their way to save Jews. Historians and ethicists of the future would do well to examine the psychological and moral ingredients which produced such a response to tyranny.

It is most appropriate, in view of its remarkable record, that Israel should view Bulgaria as a favored nation in Israeli eyes and that the relationship is being translated into solid economic cooperation.

The visit of Bulgarian President Zhelco was the occasion for a series of memoranda which will lead to co-operation between Israel and Bulgaria in tourism, shipping, agriculture, veterinary science and environmental matters. It is hoped that Bulgarian-Israeli relations will grow from strength to strength.

A major appointment

Last month, a politically significant appointment was announced by Israel's Foreign Ministry. Yussuf Haj-Yihya, a retired judge from the town of Taiba, was named Israel's ambassador to Finland. Ordinarily, such announcements pass unnoticed, since Israel constantly juggles its growing diplomatic corps. But the fact that an Israeli Arab, the first, will fill an ambassadorial post is truly newsworthy. It is to be hoped that this appointment is indicative of the government's interest in and commitment to fully integrating Arab citizens into the Israeli mainstream.

Israeli Arabs, whether Muslims, Christians or Druze, comprise 18 per cent of Israel's population. They are largely the descendants of approximately 160,000 Palestinian Arabs who did not leave the newly-born Jewish state during the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli war. Under Israel's Declaration of Independence, the Arabs of Israel are guaranteed absolute equality with Jews.

In practice, however, the picture is quite different. There are glaring inequities in the allocation of municipal funds, with the result that unpaved roads and poor sewage systems are a blight on Arab towns. Arab schools are lamentably underfunded, with a shortage of classrooms, libraries and laboratory equipment. Unemployment among Arab high school and university graduates is far higher than among Jews. Israeli corporations, particularly those in the defence sector, rarely hire Arabs. And although Israeli Arabs are a sizeable minority, no Arab has yet been appointed a full cabinet minister. All too often, Israeli Arabs feel like second-class citizens. As a World Zionist Organization pamphlet euphemistically puts it, "The integration of Israeli Arabs into the national society is far from complete."

However, there has been progress. Military rule in Arab villages and towns was abolished in 1966. In comparison to Arab countries, Israel's Arab community has attained a reasonable standard of living. Illiteracy and mortality rates have fallen drastically. The number of Arabs attending post-secondary educational institutes has increased markedly.

More recently, the Israeli government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has, among other promises, pledged to close municipal budgetary gaps; to eliminate disparties in education; and to absorb Arab university graduates into the civil service. And in important gestures, two Israeli Arabs have been the recipients of deputy ministerships.

The appointment of Yussuf Haj-Yihya to an ambassadorship caps these incremental developments. And though it would be unrealistic to believe that Israeli Arabs can attain all their rights while the Arab-Israeli dispute remains unresolved, the naming of an Israeli Arab ambassador is surely a sign that Israel's present government regards the issue with the seriousness it deserves.

IT MUST BE A RECORD

In what must be a Jewish world record, eight brothers (and their nephew) entered the covenant of Abraham virtually simultaneously when all the siblings — plus one — were circumcised in one morning. The parents came on aliyah just three months ago from St. Petersburg with their 12 children. Dr. Cyril Fine, a family doctor and mohel from Petach Tikvah was the architect of this feat of religious surgery. [Israni photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

SARAJEVO ACTION GIVES HOPE

I was very pleased to see the headline on the front page of *The CJN* on Feb. 10, "JDC-led convoy evacuates 296 out of Sarajevo." It gives me some reassurance, despite the pain and frustration I feel, that people actually care about the current situation.

Even though many organizations are doing their best in trying to save lives, unfortunately many lives are still lost every day, by acts of insanity, resembling those of World War II in which almost 20 million people lost their lives.

I, as a 16-year-old, cannot stand this any longer. This war has been raging on for more than a year and a half now. How long will it take for the world to intervene and stop the monstrosities that are happening?

My main objective is to make people aware of what is happening and to stress the gravity of the problem. I write to newspapers and to known political figures hoping that they will take my letters to heart and consider the situation as if they were actually in it.

Michael Grubsztajn
Montreal

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BEILIN'S VIEWS DANGEROUS

Re: Rabin backs fundraising *The CJN* Feb. 3.

Whether Rabin called Yossi Beilin's remarks "idiotic" as you reported, or "moronic" as was reported in another Toronto paper (the *Toronto Star*, Feb. 6) the fact is that Beilin remains "the most important and influential shaper of policy in the current Rabin administration" (*Jerusalem Report*, Dec. '93).

The damage done to Israel-Diaspora relations will be repaired, as Diaspora Jews will not turn their backs on Israel because of Beilin's destructive words. However, the damage he can still do to the future security of Israel by his influential role in the peace process is of far greater concern.

Joseph Winter
Toronto

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INTERFAITH ACTION

The Feb. 3 article on Montreal Jews and Catholics by Janice Arnold stated that "interfaith dialogue has largely taken place between Christian clergy and Jewish lay people." The article cites one notable rabbinic exception.

Montreal can be proud of dialogue which began 50 years ago with Rabbi Harry Joshua Stern of blessed memory and continues in the dialogue and study taking place under the aegis of the James D. Raymond Interfaith Institute of Clergy at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

The next meeting on April 15 reflects the work of Rabbi Leigh Lerner in maintaining the Institute and in Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal, where he serves as a vice-president.

Howard Echenberg
President
Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom
Montreal

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LOST MUSIC CANTOR

It is a great pity you did not mention my esteemed colleague Cantor David Lefkowitz in your article on the film on composer David Nowakowsky. Cantor Lefkowitz has labored almost 15 years restoring and editing the music, and it was he, not I, who was responsible for its rediscovery in the basement of Hebrew Union College.

The concert date has been changed to Wednesday, June 8.

Cantor Ronald E. Graner
Toronto

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JEWS POSTED TO MUSLIM JOBS

The [Jewish Telegraphic Agency] article titled "Jewish lawyer to assume diplomatic post in Morocco," (*The CJN*, Jan. 13) can at best be described as misinformed. The author, Hillel Kuttler, presents the posting of an American Jew as ambassador to an Arab country as something of an anomaly.

In his article, Kuttler writes that the United States State Department could not verify whether Marc Ginsberg is the first Jewish U.S. ambassador to an Arab country. Had the author continued in his attempt to research American Jewish history he would have been surprised to discover that a number of Jewish Americans have represented the United States in Arab and Muslim countries. Two examples are Mordecai Manuel Noah, who served as consul general in Tunis during the Madison administration, and Oscar Straus, who represented the United States in Istanbul (although the Ottoman Empire was ruled by Turks, many of its citizens were Arabs).

This pattern of appointing Jewish ambassadors to predominantly Muslim countries is not limited to the United States. Many Western European countries have also sent a disproportionately large number of Jewish ambassadors to Arab and predominantly Muslim countries.

The leaders of these nations believed that Jews would relate and interact better with the Arab or Muslim population than their fellow Christian citizens for two reasons. Firstly, they reasoned that the friction between Christian states and Muslim states would be less salient if a Jew were to represent the Christian nation. Secondly, the role of the Court Jew (as advisor and purveyor) factored into their decision. The leaders of the Christian nations believed that a special rapport would be more likely to develop between the Court Jew and a Jewish ambassador.

Had the journalist been more than perfunctory in his investigation he would have surely stumbled across the information I have adumbrated in this letter.

Kuttler makes reference to an enigmatic group of "Middle East analysts here [who] believe his appointment probably would have been inconceivable but for strides in the peace process." I find this sentence extremely difficult to accept. Why are the analysts' identities not revealed? And what is meant by "here?" This sentence is an example of poor journalism. It implies (with no factual basis) that we owe a Jew being appointed ambassador to an Arab country to the recent strides in the peace process.

Daniel Sternthal
Montreal

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DON'T NEGLECT CULTURE

Every time I open *The CJN* I come across articles and writings about new ways and new schemes on how to raise additional funds. Is that what Judaism is all about?

My friends and acquaintances are beginning to ask each other what the various organizations have been doing with all the billions in funds they have been collecting over the past 45 years.

How much of campaign funds are being used for Jewish culture? And especially for the promotion of our rich and beloved Yiddish culture, including music, song and dance, literature, etc.?

Our men and women of culture are starving for attention. They need moral and financial support. Much is demanded of them from the Jewish community and from the non-Jewish world, but they lack encouragement and inspiration. No wonder our young people are losing heart and assimilating.

The time has come to reintroduce the study of Yiddish language and culture in our school curriculum, if we are truly concerned about our Jewish identity, and lately much in the news, Jewish continuity. . .

Shoshana Lipschutz
Glace Bay, N.S.

I have rediscovered travel by train

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have recently rediscovered train travel, and must say that it was a pleasant, even invigorating experience. My wife and I wanted to visit our children and grandchildren in the Detroit area over the winter holidays and — with snowstorms looming — we decided to go by train. We had recently tried it when travelling to Montreal and we had liked it.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

For those of us with long memories, train travel was the preferred mode of going from one place to a distant second. My first acquaintance with North America came via the rails when my friends and I travelled from New York to Cincinnati, where I was slated to go to Hebrew Union College.

When my wife and I took up our first rabbinical post in Chicago, we travelled by train. We would have probably driven there if we had had a car. But that luxury item was still in the future and we had not yet joined this continent's love affair with the automobile.

People sometimes make good-humored fun of me because of my penchant for punctuality, something that was drummed into me by my parents and, I suppose, by the European rail system. Trains left the station on the minute and were expected to arrive exactly when scheduled. Swiss trains especially had a reputation for being punctual to the very second. It was the kind of reliability that was part of the olden days.

Eventually we became automobile owners, with all the vagaries that such ownership implies: there is never an exact time one leaves for a trip and no precise time when one arrives. A little earlier, a little later — it makes no difference.

Then came plane travel, with time hazards all its own. Quite amazingly, planes leave and depart more or less when scheduled, but weather, overcrowding, or other developments often interfere seriously with one's schedule. Before you leave home it is better to call up and find out whether you will indeed take off on time, and then you go, hoping that what you heard was the truth.

In Toronto, they open the train for boarding 20 minutes before departure, and the long line in old Union Station seemed forbidding. But not for long. As we found out, a kind of camaraderie prevails amongst the travellers. They talk with each other, are helpful with luggage, and generally create the type of atmosphere that is quite absent in plane travel. The hours we spent travelling to Windsor and back again flew by. I had my computer with me, my wife was ensconced in her own work, and there were conversations with others. It was snowing and we were glad we had chosen the train instead of committing ourselves to the hazards of the road.

As I look back on it, I think it was not only pleasure and relaxation but also nostalgia which left its mark on the experience. I remember how on my first visit to Israel (in 1935 it was still Palestine), I travelled from Haifa to Tel Aviv. It was a slow ride but safe and pleasurable.

I also found out that some of my friends have felt that way for some time, and while for long distances, we are committed to the plane, there is that undefinable intermediate space where the train fits in.

Since our last journey I have become acquainted with all sorts of new information.

I did not know, for instance, that there is a National Association of Railroad Passengers, that there is a publication called *Transport 2000 Canada*, which features such articles as: Are auto-free cities possible?; How can car dependence be cut?; The auto's legacy of death; and the like. These publications stress the environmental benefits of rail transportation, as well as its economic advantages. Trains transport more people at lower costs than other means of locomotion, and if you have to travel overnight you may be able to buy sleeping accommodations on the train at special prices unavailable at ticket offices.

There is much talk now about high-speed "bullet" trains, the kind I experienced in Japan. They travel at greater speeds than automobiles; and with less hassle at the train station than at an airport, middle distances may prove to be the preferred target of this new development.

In any case, I am a committed supporter of public transit. Canada was held together by rail transportation in its early days, and if it is not too late for people like me to rediscover the charm and possibility of train travel, maybe it is not too late for the country either.

Oh yes, as on planes, first class travel is more luxurious. But I for one found ordinary seats in smoke-free wagons a pleasurable way to go from here to there. I think I will try it again.

Fate of Israel's Druze intertwined with state

By CARL ALPERT

There are over one million Druze in the world today, most of them living in Lebanon and Syria. About 80,000 reside in Israel. Though their language is Arabic, they firmly insist they are not Arabs, and keep their identity quite separate.

Neither are they Muslims. They are identifiable as a separate ethnic group which, about a thousand years ago, developed a religion which may have been an offshoot of Islam, but is quite unlike it today. Their faith is kept a close secret, and details are known only to the inner circle. It is purely monotheistic. One principle of their beliefs is the sanctity of the truth, unless survival is at stake. Hospitality is a genuine mitzvah with them, not just an expression of politeness.

Druze believe in reincarnation. When one dies the spirit enters the body of a new-born. Since one cannot be converted to the Druze religion, their numbers increase slowly.

A revealing survey of the status of the Druze in Israel was presented at Haifa University not long ago with the participation of both Jewish and Druze Israelis. Prof. Yosef Ginat, head of the Jewish-Arab Centre at the university, made it clear at the outset that, though the venue was academic and the level would be scholarly, the discussion would not confine itself to abstract or historic matters but would deal with what is known in Hebrew as "actualia."

Participants included a Druze member of the Knesset, a Druze general in the army, a cadi (mayor) of a Druze town, a Druze university lecturer and others. The locale was appropriate, for Haifa University has more Druze students than any other university in Israel.

The traditional kiss of greeting between two Druze. [IPPA photo]

There were indeed many problems presented, and at times emotions ran high as Druze spokesmen gave vent to their frustrations and disappointments. Among the subjects discussed was military service. Druze youth have been subject to compulsory military service since 1956, but were angry that, despite this apparent recognition of equality, they were for many years kept in separate Druze units. It has only been in the last few years that they have also been afforded an opportunity to serve in mixed units with Jewish soldiers. This has enabled the two groups to become better acquainted, for as one participant in the seminar noted, soldiers who sleep in the same tents together for eight months or more, truly get to know each other.

The Druze economy was once purely agricultural, but more and more Druze men now find employment away from their villages, largely in defence-related occupations, ranging from the regular army and border guards to the prison service. Some concern was expressed as to what would happen to them if true peace came, the military was reduced, and their services were no longer required to the same degree.

Druze soldiers who return to their villages after completing their tour of duty do not get the same help as Jewish ex-servicemen, it was charged. They see vast amounts being spent by the government for the absorption of new immigrants in development towns, while Druze villages struggle along with inadequate funds.

Another complaint was that government personnel assigned to serve their villages, including teachers, school principals and even clerks handling contacts with government bodies, are not always of top calibre.

Changing circumstances are also creating problems. The rural complexion of Druze life is changing. How can they keep their youth down on the farm after their army service and after they have seen Tel Aviv?

Druze women, who under their faith have a remarkable degree of equality, are now also being exposed to the outside world through TV and the press. More and more women are also taking up outside employment as an economic necessity, and their patterns of life are affected accordingly.

Throughout the flow of complaints there was never a hint of disloyalty. On the contrary, their tune was that precisely because they feel themselves an integral part of the state, their disappointment is the greater at the raw deal they feel they are getting.

To tourists, the Druze are a friendly, exotic part of the landscape. To the military, they are a loyal, fearless and reliable element. Undoubtedly more attention should be given to meeting their needs and helping them attain a higher standard of living. Israel owes it to them to treat the Druze as full equals, but also to recognize they have their own dignity, their own history and culture. They are a people whose fate, at least here, is intertwined with that of the state. Their situation is not made any easier by the fact that all of them have close ties with kinsmen in Lebanon and Syria.

February — the month dedicated to love

By JACK CHISVIN

Some time ago, prior to the initial occupancy of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the residents were assembled for a briefing, to prepare them for the trauma associated with moving from an older building to a modern high rise structure.

Jack Chisvin

Because it was presumed that I was fluent in Yiddish, the lingua franca of most of the residents, I was invited to participate in the assembly to explain the technology of the building in terms that they would understand. How do you translate "an automatically controlled thermal environment?" — *Sie vill nit kenen offen da vinda.* Without doubt, I created more confusion than understanding.

During the question period, one gentleman asked why March 17 was picked as the moving date. The late Walter Lyons, executive director of the Home, chair of the briefing, replied with his usual good humor, "To celebrate St. Patrick's day," to which the gentleman quipped, "I didn't know that St. Patrick was Jewish."

Saints may not be part of the Jewish tradition, but sooner or later, in our secular existence we all cross paths with saints. I make a public confession that there was a time when I actually worshipped a saint — a non-sectarian saint, but a saint nevertheless — Saint Valentine.

Most people would probably pick February as the month they could best do without. My own choice would be November, a month without virtue. In November many living things wind down or vanish. Its dark, damp, joyless days must be endured until we are ensconced in the lights of Chanukah and distracted by the time warp that inevitably happens at the end of the year.

February, on the other hand, has a lot going for it. It is of course the shortest month of the year and because there is less of it, it runs its course the quickest. It is the month in which I finally remember to insert the correct year on my cheques and correspondence. Since it is symmetrical, containing precisely four weeks (except for leap year), I can guess with some certainty the day on which a specific date in March will fall. In February the days become visibly longer, exposing the backside of winter, and skiing is at its best. But most important, it is the month of Valentine's Day and love.

The elementary school I attended engaged only female teachers. At the beginning of each school year it was my fate to fall hopelessly and shamelessly in love with my teacher. Day after agonizing day I would sit in class trying to somehow discreetly signal my affection and command her attention. Days dragged into weeks and weeks into months, yet my love remained unrequited, until February arrived and we exchanged valentine cards with the teacher and I could pour it all out. The valentines which I designed, composed and constructed were pure inspiration — sensuous and revealing. It was as if I apprenticed at the knee of King Solomon as he was writing his love song. If the card which I received in return revealed less passion than I had hoped for, at least she was no longer unaware of my love for her.

It wasn't until I reached junior high school and encountered a male teacher that my succession of love affairs with teachers was broken. I learned that love is not a crush on the teacher nor the sentimental nonsense of Valentine's Day, that the experience of love includes much more. I began to understand that love brings all levels of the human being into play, intuition, emotions, and logic of mind, as well as sentiment of heart.

The Bible is replete with love stories, beginning with Adam and Eve, and since then much has been written about it. My favorite, a beautiful story exploring the many facets of love is Paul Gallico's *The Snow Goose*. It tells a haunting tale, simple and moving, of how a disfigured man's lasting love for nature, for country and for a woman was imperishable, surviving his brutal and senseless destruction by the inhumanity of war. Although written many years ago it remains a timely story.

I read a quote from a poet that "love is a process, delicate, violent, often terrifying." Somerset Maugham wrote that the line between love and hate is as thin as a razor's edge. But unlike hate, love is an inner private emotion and we are often more anxious to hide our love than our hatred. Yet it is love that brings to life whatever is dying around us — it is a regenerative force. Everyone has at some time sought that fanciful day when, as in the Garden of Eden, they hope to find love free and without care. But that day never comes because love is never free; it must be earned. Whenever I have occasion to revisit the Jewish Home for the Aged, I am reminded in many ways how rewarding love can be for those who have earned it.

Kol Israel's unlikely correspondent

Reporting from Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner interviews Kol Israel's unlikely correspondent in Russia.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Curled up on his bed, a telephone receiver held to one ear, Dmitri Prokofiev was breathlessly dictating his latest report to Kol Israel in Jerusalem.

His Hebrew was fluent, assured and idiomatic, as befits an Israel Radio correspondent. But Kol Israel's man in Moscow is neither an Israeli nor a Jew. He is a Russian who once beamed anti-Israeli broadcasts to Israel.

It's a curious turn of events, but in this topsy-turvy world, nothing seems outlandish.

Prokofiev, 42, has been a Kol Israel reporter since 1990. Before his appointment, he was a researcher for the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party and a translator/broadcaster for Radio Moscow's Hebrew service.

A philologist by training, Prokofiev is also one of the editors of a new Russian-Hebrew, Hebrew-Russian dictionary jointly published by Israeli and Russian publishers.

The son of a Moscow State University history professor, he began studying Hebrew in 1973 after learning Arabic in a Middle East studies program. Hebrew attracted him for two reasons. There was already a surfeit of Arabic speakers in Moscow, given the Soviet Union's extensive ties with Arab regimes. And Prokofiev's curiosity was piqued by Israel, the butt of Soviet propaganda barrages.

He mastered Hebrew independently, buttressing his vocabulary and refining his accent by listening to Kol Israel's overseas channel. By the early 1980s, he was proficient in Hebrew.

In the meantime, he earned a living as a researcher for the Central Committee, translating articles in the Egyptian press and writing analyses. These were passed on to the KGB and other government agencies.

When his knowledge of Hebrew became known, Prokofiev was assigned to the Israeli press.

All the while, he continued his academic studies. Prokofiev's field, esoteric though it may have been in Moscow, was 20th century Hebrew theatre, a subject in which he holds a doctorate degree. "I fell in love with modern Israeli writers and poets, Amos Oz, Yehuda Amichai, A.B. Yeshoshua, Uri Greenberg," he said.

In 1982, he joined Radio Moscow as a Hebrew translator and broadcaster, replacing an Israeli woman — a communist — who had been on staff for years. More often than not, Radio Moscow's broadcasts were anti-Israel. "That was the line of Soviet propaganda," said Prokofiev, who belonged to the Communist party from 1977 until 1989.

He joined the party to advance his career. "I never believed in communism," he said. Nor, he added, was he ever personally hostile to Israel. "I was pro-Israel from the Six Day War. Before, I didn't know of Israel's existence."

While working at Radio Moscow, Prokofiev honed his Hebrew by serving as an interpreter for left-wing Israeli political delegations visiting Moscow. The Soviet Union severed diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six Day War and did not fully renew them until 1991.

As a result of his work at Radio Moscow, Prokofiev came to the attention of Kol Israel's Russian department. In 1990, he began sending Kol Israel Russian-language reports on Jewish affairs and Israeli personalities passing through the Soviet Union.

Shortly afterward, he was sacked by Radio Moscow because he had transmitted a report on Boris Yeltsin to Kol Israel and Radio Liberty that Radio Moscow had rejected.

After the 1991 Gulf War, Prokofiev started to submit regular reports, in Hebrew, to Kol Israel. Today, he files six dispatches per week, each four to five minutes in length. They usually deal with the political and economic situation in Russia and the rest of the former Soviet Union. He was particularly busy during the constitutional crisis in Moscow in September and October.

In addition to his work for Israel Radio, Prokofiev freelances for a Tel Aviv daily, *Ha'aretz*. (He wrote for *Hadashot*, another Israeli newspaper, until its demise last December.)

Prokofiev's involvement in the Russian-Hebrew, Hebrew-Russian dictionary stems from a meeting in 1990 with Israeli publisher Amos Rolnik in Moscow. The Soviet Union published a Hebrew-Russian dictionary in 1963, but it was long out of print by the late 1980s, when Soviet aliyah on a massive scale got under way.

Rolnik, sensing a captive market, rushed to fill the gap. The dictionary has done well, having sold 70,000 copies in Israel.

Prokofiev visited Israel for the first time in April 1992 on a promotional trip. He returned again in December of that year. He liked the country. "I felt at home, especially in Tel Aviv and the Galilee."

Prokofiev's second wife, Natasha, who's of Russian and Armenian ancestry, accompanied him to Israel. A blonde, bouncy, ebullient woman, Natashsa translates Hebrew prose and poetry into Russian. Her translation of Yehuda Sobol's play, *A Jewish Soul*, was staged in Moscow about two years ago.

Natasha's Hebrew teacher was Prokofiev. Why was she drawn to Hebrew, her only foreign tongue? "Because it seemed so interesting." She obviously values Hebrew.

While I waited for her husband to finish his broadcast, Natasha, sporting a necklace with a Star of David motif, chatted happily in Hebrew, and spontaneously broke into a Hebrew song by Nomi Shemer.

The whole family is Hebrew-oriented. Nina, Prokofiev's 16-year-old daughter from a previous marriage, is currently studying Hebrew. Her teacher? Prokofiev, of course.

The Prokofievs live modestly, in a typically tiny flat in southwestern Moscow. Prokofiev's office is in his crowded library. On one shelf was a dog-eared weekend edition of *Yediot Achronot*, the Israeli daily. Close by was a photograph showing Prokofiev with Simcha Dinitz, the chairman of the Jewish Agency.

A harried man ruled by constant deadlines, Prokofiev still finds time for projects outside the bounds of journalism. He has translated a Hebrew text about the first and second aliyah into Russian. And now he is working on a book, in Hebrew, about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union during perestroika (1985-1991).

Dmitri Prokofiev and his wife, Natasha. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel is a Jewish state, but not all its citizens are Jewish. Indeed, almost one-fifth of Israelis are Arabs, whether they be Muslims, Christians or Druze.

It's probably fair to say that their status and their problems as a significant minority are underplayed in North America's Anglo-Jewish press. To the vast majority of readers, the Arab sector is simply terra incognita.

But if you read David Grossman's *Conversations with Palestinians in Israel: Sleeping on a Wire* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $22 U.S.) and Michael Gorkin's *Days of Honey, Days of Onion: The Story of a Palestinian Family in Israel* (University of California Press, no price listed), your understanding and appreciation of Israeli Arabs is bound to increase.

Grossman, a respected journalist and author, compares Israeli Arabs to an acrobat who stands still on a tightrope. As he succinctly puts it: "He has come to terms with Israel's existence but still does not feel part of it."

Citing official government statistics, Grossman maintains that the typical Arab in Israel faces a host of inequities.

Arab villages receive 6 percent of development funds available to rural local authorities, although they represent 30 percent of the population in such settlements. The water allocated for Arab agriculture is proportionately far less than that given to Jewish farmers. The ministry of labor and welfare has established only one institution for developmentally disabled Arab children. In the ministry of justice, only three out of 1,000 employees are Arabs. Fifty five percent of Israeli families below the poverty line are Arabs.

Arabs, Grossman writes, feel there are definite limits to their advancement. As an Arab teacher and a writer tells her pupils, "There are things that you can never be in Israel. Not a member of the cabinet or director-general of a ministry or a pilot, nothing that is really important to Israeli society."

The Arabs of Israel

Elsewhere, an Arab physician observes that Israeli Arabs find themselves between citizenship and subjection. "The doors are only half open to them in all areas of life, and there are areas in which the gaps are getting larger."

If Israel does not do more to ameliorate the lot of Israeli Arabs, Grossman warns, there could be trouble. "...Israel is missing its chance to rescue itself from a horrible mistake. It is creating for itself the enemy it will run up against after its other enemies have made their peace with it."

In *Days of Honey, Days of Onion*, Gorkin — a clinical psychologist — draws a profile of the Abu Ahmad family of Kufr Qara, a Muslim village of 9,000 inhabitants east of Caesarea. Under the 1947 UN Palestine partition plan, Kufr Qara was allotted to the Palestinian state. But as part of Jordan's armistice agreement with Israel in 1949, Kufr Qara and 14 other Arab villages were turned over to Israel.

The Abu Ahmads comprise three generations: Abu Ahmad and his wife, Umm; their nine children; and their 26 grandchildren. Abu Ahmad is a retired farmer of 70 who lost the bulk of his land during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. As a pragmatist, he has made his peace with Israel.

Gorkin draws a fascinating portrait of life in an Arab village. He describes the routines and trials of Arab farmers like Abu Ahmad and his son, Hassan. He elaborates on Arab customs, folkways and traditions, as well as Arab resentments. And his chapter of a mixed marriage, involving a Muslim doctor and a Jewish woman from Argentina, is a case study of assimilation.

Like Grossman, Gorkin is acutely aware of the discrimination Israeli Arabs face. Hassan recalls a humiliating incident in a men's store in Hadera, while Abu Ahmad speaks of the censorship in schools that prevailed when Arab villages were under military rule until 1966.

"Our children were made to study subjects as if they were Jews. They hardly learned anything about Arab history and literature... They were not even taught that they were Palestinians. It was forbidden to even use the word Palestine in class."

The situation has improved since then. But, judging by these illuminating books under review, Israeli Arabs still have a long way to go.

Chassidim flock to Uman

By JED SUNDEN

Following a tradition that dates back to the beginning of the last century, thousands of Chassidic pilgrims made their way to Uman, the small Ukrainian city lying halfway between Kiev and Odessa, to visit the grave of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav during Rosh Hashanah.

Uman today looks like a typical post-Soviet-era city. The square in the centre of town still has a huge statue of Lenin, alongside of which dozens of private entrepreneurs sell produce or consumer products brought over the border from Poland. On the outskirts of Uman, factories, smokestacks and rows of gray Soviet-style apartment buildings are piled next to old, little cottages.

If it were not for the grave of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav and the thousands of Jews who have come to his grave wearing their best black hats and caftans, there would be nothing to distinguish Uman from the hundreds of other small Ukrainian cities.

Born in 1772, Rabbi Nachman became famous for his teachings and mystical interpretations of Jewish texts. A great-grandson of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism, Rabbi Nachman emerged as one of the leading figures of the burgeoning Chassidic movement.

Suffering from tuberculosis, Rabbi Nachman moved to Uman to be near the mass grave of the Jews of Uman, who were forced to choose between conversion or death during the Chmielnicki revolt and massacres of 1648-49.

According to his wishes, when he died, Rabbi Nachman was buried amid the 20,000 martyrs of the Haidamak persecutions in the 18th century, which were more limited in scope than the Chmielnicki massacres, but even more terrible in their cruelty.

On his death bed, he promised his followers that he would personally intercede on behalf of anyone who visited him, saying that he would lift them out of hell by their peyos (earlocks). Since then, his followers have returned to Uman every year on Rosh Hashanah to pray, sing and dance at his grave.

He remains the only leader, or rebbe, that the Bratslav Chassidim have ever had. After the Russian revolution, the Communist government tried to stop the gatherings by forbidding Jews from Poland to enter the country and by closing in 1937 the last synagogue in the city, turning it into a metalworks factory. During World War II, Uman and its graveyard became the scene of intensive fighting between the Soviet and German armies.

Returning to the site after the war, the Jews of Uman discovered the cemetery had been devastated and the gravesite had been demolished by a hand grenade. Soon after the war, the Soviet government announced plans to build housing units on the site.

The sole remaining Bratslav Chasid living in Uman, a convert to Judaism named Reb Daniel, quickly bought the land. The precise site of the grave was found, and Reb Daniel built a house near it. The wall of the house was placed flush against the grave with a window above it to prevent extensions and insure that nothing else would ever be built over the site, thus protecting the sanctity of the grave.

Before he left for Israel, Reb Daniel sold the house to Yakob, a now-elderly Ukrainian who still lives there today. Though the site was preserved, the grave remained off limits to Jews. It was not until 1988 that the Soviet government, then experiencing the first awakenings of perestroika, allowed the first group of 250 Jews to visit the grave.

Since then, the number of Jews visiting the site has grown every year. Air Ukraine has added extra flights on its Kiev-New York route for what is known as "Uman week," and dozens of charters come in from Israel.

Many local residents are able to make the equivalent of several months' salary during the course of the week. This year, the main kitchen had over 100 Israelis as well as 20 Ukrainians working there preparing kosher meals. In contrast to past years, most of the food was not flown in from Israel but came from Ukraine. A shochet, or ritual slaughterer, had been slaughtering meat for a month in advance.

Perhaps most impressively, an entire synagogue — the first to be built in Ukraine since before the Bolshevik Revolution — was put up in just three-and-a-half weeks by a local contracting company working overtime. In addition, several mikvahs, or ritual baths, were built and were operating during the week. — (JTA)

Israel Bonds Women report banner year

Hamilton group third strongest in Canada

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Hamilton's Bonds women's division is the third strongest in Canada, Israel Bonds executive vice-president told a small group of women here.

Charles Diamond said 1993 was the best ever for Hamilton Bond sales, putting the city ahead of Toronto and Vancouver. Only Montreal and Ottawa had greater sales.

It was another feather in the cap for the organization's hard working executive and members, who gathered at Adas Israel Synagogue one recent morning to pay tribute to outgoing co-chairs Sylvia Klein and Cheryl Greenbaum. Klein and Greenbaum are mother and daughter.

Bonds sales totalled $325,000 in 1993 against $250,000 in 1992.

After a brief review of the year's highlights, Greenbaum paid tribute to Bonds office manager Barbara Balonjan and introduced incoming chair Stephanie McLean, one of the Hamilton women's division "ever-widening circle of friends that we can count on."

A woman's division member for many years, McLean said she looks forward to the many challenges ahead and is satisfied with the women's division progress.

The women's division has become very visible and its events "are definitely on the calendar," she said.

Klein meanwhile promised to continue "to do anything you want me to, go in the kitchen, peel potatoes...

"You're not going to put me out to pasture yet," she said amid laughter.

Diamond thanked campaign chair Al Rams for a job well done. Last year was the best ever for Bonds throughout Canada.

This year's goal, he said, is to raise $2 billion. He wants to introduce women to the women's division and encourage them to buy units, especially at Pesach time.

Diamond presented Klein and Greenbaum with the Israel Bonds Absorption Award, while Balonjan distributed photograph albums from last year's gala luncheon to honorees Pearl Enkin, Sandra Fuss, Marcia Halpren and Rita Shapiro.

Incoming women's division vice-chair Flora Rams thanked Diamond.

Young Judaea revived in Atlantic Canada

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — After too long a hiatus, Young Judaea programming is being revived in Atlantic Canada.

With last September's arrival of Gali Salamon, a 24-year-old shaliach from Israel, Jews in Eastern Canada hoped for renewed interest in Jewish issues and Jewish programming among the young. And so far, they have not been disappointed.

"I've had good reaction from parents," said Salamon. "Some of them even called me after programs and told me the kids enjoyed them and said their children asked when the next program would be."

The young people, ages six to 18, have also expressed enthusiasm.

"At the beginning in Halifax, we had five or six kids for each program, but the last time [in January], we had 15 for each group," Salamon said. "And they were all asking for the date of the next program. For me, that is a big accomplishment, if the kids ask when is the next program before they leave the room. It is encouraging."

So far, the renewed Young Judaea program has been strongest in Halifax, because Gali is based in the region's largest Jewish community.

But her trips to Moncton, Fredericton, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are also expected to be fruitful.

"When I went to Moncton for the first time, I told them (madrichim) what was expected when I'm not here. But if they don't get full support from me as their guide, there is difficulty getting programs going. Most of the leaders went to Camp Kadimah and have gone through the counsellor-in-training program and this will help them lead. I do the research, prepare information, and present it to the leaders to give to the kids. Then I give them the responsibility to do programs with the younger age groups."

Early programming is on the establishment of the State of Israel and on the life of David Ben Gurion. Salamon is preparing light, interesting and enjoyable programs for the smaller children, to hold their attention. She said the 10- and 11-year-olds are enthusiastic and want to learn more.

"The 12- to 14-year-olds are at a tough age," she said. "They don't want to be involved. They are very busy with their own lives. We tried to do something light and without commitment and didn't get a good turnout. Attracting them will be a big challenge for me."

School year request made

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — British Columbia school boards have been asked to make "a special effort" to accommodate Jewish students and teachers who will likely skip the first two days of the new school year because they fall on Rosh Hashanah.

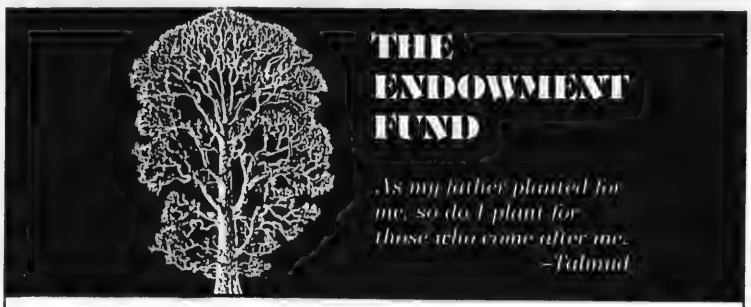
The request has been made by letter from the Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, to provincial Minister of Education Art Charbonneau.

A similar request has been made to Dan Miller, the minister of skills and training, whose ministry covers universities and vocational schools.

"This clash of dates will place many of your students, faculty and staff in the distressing situation of trying to deal with the needs of their faith and their obligation to the university or college," says the letter to Miller. "We urge you to make flexible arrangements for those who will be absent."

The letter to Charbonneau asks that school boards make a special effort to accommodate students starting elementary or high school. "The first two days are vital to such students' orientation in a new educational environment."

Congress has enclosed a schedule of Jewish holidays up to the year 2000.



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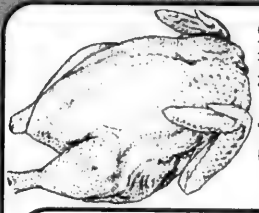

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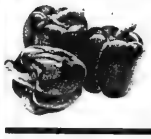

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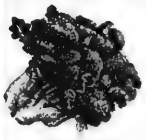

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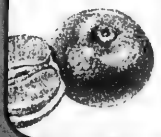

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Community seeks action on defaced cemetery

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special To The CJN

TORONTO — "There was a breakdown in communications."

With these words, cemetery custodian Benjamin Hamburger acknowledged he was not aware that swastikas daubed on the outside wall of the Jones Avenue cemetery during the 1992 High Holidays were still visible months later.

"In future, I'll see that our staff are more vigilant in doing the work immediately after such an occurrence," Hamburger assured a gathering of about 25 concerned citizens assembled in a Riverdale public school to discuss the problem.

Dr. Philip Berger, who organized the meeting, said the cemetery caretaker had immediately covered the original black swastikas with white paint, but in such a way that the shapes were plainly visible.

Berger described his increasing frustration at trying to find an official within the Jewish community to repaint the wall. Finally, three months and one broken promise later, he and some friends "went like teenagers" to the cemetery with a bucket of paint and obscured the white images.

"If the Jews can't respect their own cemetery, how do you expect anyone else to do it?" asked Berger. "If this happened in Richmond Hill, I can't believe that the community would tolerate bright white swastikas for three months."

He suggested Jewish community officials had been slow to act because of Riverdale's sparse Jewish population, which he estimated at 500.

Tucked away behind an old wall in Toronto's east end, the cemetery on Jones Avenue was established as the city's second Jewish burial ground in 1883. Like its older counterpart on Pape Avenue, which dates from 1849, the Jones Avenue site may be particularly vulnerable to attack because of the many neo-Nazis who live in the neighborhood.

Barbed wire installed

In recent years the caretaker at Pape has installed barbed wire around the perimeter fence to discourage malicious intruders.

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said followers of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege may have been responsible.

"The vandalism is not being done by the adults. They give messages which lead their young followers to do this kind of thing. They're trying to strike fear in the heart of the Jewish community.

"But this kind of episode doesn't scare the Jewish community. We're not an easily frightened community. What it does is, it makes us angry."

Police Const. Kevin Grant of 55 Division recalled that he was walking his Riverdale beat when a lady told him of the graffiti. "There were slogans painted in black spray paint," he told the gathering. "I thought, 'Wow, this is pretty bad.' Certain things were sprayed on the wall that I'm not even going to repeat in this meeting here."

Hamburger, general manager of the Amalgamated Dawes Road Trustees, told the assembly that his office was responsible for maintenance at Jones Avenue, which still receives two or three burials each year. He said the cemetery is owned by two parties, the Beth Tzedek Synagogue and the (Toronto) Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society).

He denied Riverdale was less of a priority since it was geographically out of the mainstream of the Jewish community. "At Roselawn cemetery, there's still more than 100 monuments on the ground from an act of vandalism years ago," he said.

Members of the audience were vociferous in their conviction that Jewish communal authorities were not living up to their responsibilities. "Beth Tzedek should be ashamed," declared Berger, saying he found it "an embarrassment as a Jew to drive down Jones Avenue."

Other persons delivered similar messages. "As a property manager," said one, "I know that to discourage vandalism you cover over the graffiti as soon as it happens, and you keep doing it until the vandals get discouraged."

"The problem of swastikas is not something that can be tolerated," said another. "If swastikas or the remains of swastikas are permitted to linger, then that's a victory for the Nazis. It's a question of whether we're going to allow Nazis to flourish in this city or whether we're going to stomp them out now."

Hate crimes reported

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Cotgreave said that prior reports referred to "anti-Semitic" incidents and that the prefix "anti" was dropped for the current report. He said future reports will use the word Jews or Jewish.

Asked why only one of the 10 reported incidents of hate propaganda has led to criminal charges, Cotgreave said some were still being investigated, while there may be no suspect in other cases. Police may have found in other incidents that the materials were not illegal under the Criminal Code, he added.

Meanwhile, Farber renewed his call for a "dedicated unit" whose sole task is countering hate crimes. While the report was "a good first effort. . . the reason the report is so weak is that it's a part-time report from a part-time unit," he said.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, which has been compiling statistics on reports of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada for over 12 years, expressed its support for the continued gathering of hate crimes statistics and the strengthening of the Hate Crimes Unit of the Metro Police Force.

"Long-term trends cannot be established from one year of record-keeping, yet this is an important first step in Metro's ongoing commitment to combatting hate," said Rochelle Winter, Ontario chair of the League.

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Organizations and People

Ben Nobleman devoted 25 years to York politics

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ben Nobleman, for 25 years an alderman in the City of York, died last week at Mount Sinai Hospital after suffering a second stroke. He was 69.

Phil White, former mayor of the City of York and a long-time political colleague, described Nobleman as a unique individual.

"Few, if any, aldermen have given as much of themselves. He was always there for his constituents, helping and supporting them."

Outspoken and forthright, according to White, "he believed in every word he said."

Nobleman was the catalyst for legislation being passed to give a modest pension to municipal politicians, White said. "He walked where others feared to tread."

He was known for always having a joke to tell. "And he laughed louder than anyone else at his own jokes."

Nobleman's wife, Norma, said that her husband "fell into politics, because he liked to do things for people. He was a crusader."

He fought for causes he held dear, she explained, such as the need to have Canadian talent at the Canadian National Exhibition, and he founded the Society for Recognition of Canadian Talent. He believed that able-bodied people on welfare should be put to work helping the disabled and the elderly.

Ben Nobleman

An alderman from 1966-1991, he "loved a good fight," Norma Nobleman said, adding that "he always fought fair and hard."

He "considered himself an ombudsman," she said. "He was always getting phone calls from constituents, and he helped them as best he could."

Nobleman was born in Russia, son of a Hebrew teacher.

His father, Moishe, came to Niagara Falls, where he was a teacher and general clergyman, even performing marriages, Norma Nobleman said.

The family soon came to be with him. Later, the Noblemans moved to Toronto, where Moishe Nobleman was a teacher at Eitz Chaim Schools.

Ben Nobleman maintained a tie with Eitz Chaim, and for many years presented an award to a member of the graduating class.

He was active in other Jewish organizations as well, including B'nai Brith Upper Canada Lodge and League for Human Rights. He was on the executive and council of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, as well as the region's world Jewry and international affairs and Israel affairs committees.

From 1979 to 1984 he was on the executive committee of what was then Toronto Jewish Congress.

He was known for his love of the entertainment world, White calling him a "frustrated actor" and wife Norma remembering how he always wanted to attend Lorne Greene's acting school when it was in Toronto.

Involved in public relations before entering politics (he handled publicity for a visit here by Coretta Scott King shortly after the murder of her civil rights husband), he especially enjoyed working with show business celebrities, such as Danny Kaye and Elvis Presley.

He had some minor acting roles, including *Wojeck* and *Quentin Durgens* and was a long-time member of ACTRA.

One of the joys of his life was having a parkette on Eglinton Ave. W. named after him, Norma Nobleman said.

Nobleman is survived by his wife Norma and son Mark.

Nurturing children's identity said responsibility of women

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — While juggling work and other family obligations, Jewish women have the added burden of nurturing Jewish identity in their children, something many Jewish males fail to understand, a sociologist told a Halifax conference recently.

Speaking to about 15 university students, Prof. Sheva Medjuck, professor of sociology and anthropology at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, and a vice president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said men's roles have changed dramatically compared to earlier generations.

"In the early part of this century, men were expected to educate the children. Not any more. When you talk of continuity, you talk of the importance of the family; yet the family is geared to the woman's leadership. Men don't take part.

"As the woman's role in the work force increases in responsibility, why don't men take a greater role in Jewish continuity?"

Medjuck said men and women have to question the Jewish establishment about women's issues. "I'm cautiously optimistic that as long as we convey the struggle to younger women, a solution will be found.

"But if that doesn't occur, we'll lose very fine, well-educated young women as they get tired of Judaism not speaking to the reality of their lives."

The conference, Young Women and Judaism, was the first of three being sponsored nationally by the Jewish Students' Network Canada. The Halifax session was co-ordinated by the Atlantic Jewish Council.

"The attendance was a bit disappointing," said Gali Salamon, Atlantic Canada shaliach. "We expected between 20 and 30 young women but many students said they were not interested in feminism issues."

The students who did attend, she said, "told me they were happy they came and they learned a lot."

The program also included a discussion on Women and Judaism led by Andrea Silverstone of Toronto, national chair of Network, and Natalie Blitt of Montreal, gender issues officer for Network.

Devorah Grafstein, wife of new Halifax orthodox rabbi, Shlomo Grafstein, spoke about women and spirituality.

Scholarship winner named

TORONTO — Betty Shore of Montreal is the winner of the 1993 Dennis Waldman Scholarship.

The Waldman Scholarship, awarded yearly to a graduating secondary school student, is given in memory of teacher, Dennis Waldman.

Shore is currently studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A graduate of Hillel Academy of Ottawa and Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal, Shore also attended Marianopolis, a Quebec CEGEP. She intends to enrol at Queen's University following her year of study in Jerusalem.

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CJC region, Federation send aid to Sarajevo, Soviets

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the third time in the past year, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto have coordinated a campaign to send pharmaceuticals and clothing to those in need in Sarajevo and the former Soviet Union.

Articles valued at about $50,000 were dispatched recently to Eastern Europe following a two-month-long effort to "put it all together," said Daniel Fine, a staff associate at Congress. The response to the joint project was "surprisingly swift and wonderfully generous," said Gerda Frieberg, Ontario chair of Congress and federation president Bernard Ghert.

The pharmaceuticals have already arrived in the Croatian coastal city of Split, en route to Sarajevo, Fine said, while the clothing is destined for St. Petersburg, Russia.

Both will be allocated under the auspices of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to anyone in need, he said.

The articles collected include women's coats and boots, winter socks, thermal underwear, cartons of clothing as well as stocks of medicine.

A number of corporations contributed to the relief effort, including Town Shoes, Cotton Casuals, Design One, McGregor Hosiery, Mac Mor Sportswear, Grand National Trousers, Dylex, Budd's Department Store, Arthur's Bargain Centre, ICZ International, Novopharm and Apotex.

A number of synagogues also participated in the project, including Beth Tzedec, Darchei Noam, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, Shaarei Haim, Shaarei Tefillah, Solel Congregation and Temple Har Zion.

Because of export regulations, all the clothing sent abroad was new, meaning that congregation members had to purchase the garments and could not send along second-hand materials, Fine said.

"From the start, the community and individuals at large had a sense of helplessness" when viewing events unfold in Eastern Europe, he said. While "they felt they couldn't change the situation to help the innocents, they believed that this is a tangible way for the Jewish community to help those in need who are suffering there."

About 300 to 350 Jews remain in Sarajevo, the besieged Bosnian capital. Most of them are elderly and unable to leave. On Feb. 6, the JDC organized a rescue mision to evacuate several hundred men, women and children — Jews and non-Jews alike — after a mortar attack killed 65 in the city's market area.

AFFIXING THE MEZUZAH
Rabbi Baruch Friedman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation (left) and Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple (right) join St. Paul's MP Barry Campbell in affixing a mezuzah last week at Campbell's constituency office. The MP was recently elected chair of the Greater Toronto federal Liberal caucus. [Alron photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Feb. 24 is deadline for March 10 issue and March 3 is deadline for March 17 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax number, 424-1886.

Thursday, Feb. 24

PURIMANIA

The whole family is invited to Anshei Minsk Synagogue's annual Purim Party, 10 St. Andrew St. in the heart of Kensington. Megillah reading, 6:30 p.m., prizes for best costume, refreshments and hamantaschen. Party all night to the sounds of the King of Jewish Reggae, **Ronnie Wiseman**. Suggested admission for adults, $5, children, free. For more information, call the synagogue, 595-5723.

PURIM AT AISH HATORAH

Megillah will be read at all four Aish Hatorah locations: The Village Shul, The Uptown Shul (Wilson Ave.), The Thornhill Centre and the Country Shul (Richmond Hill). Maariv, 6:15 p.m., Megillah, 6:30 p.m. Stay for the fun following the Megillah at a family costume party from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at each location. For information, call 636-7530.

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Saturday, Feb. 26

PURIM DANCE

Court Ahavas Achem is holding a Purim dessert and dance, 8 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets, $8 members, $10 non-members. Call **Eva**, 636-8323 for information.

COMEDY NIGHT

The Sephardic Educational Centre presents a comedy night, for 18-year-olds and over, 8:30 p.m., Petah Tikva Congregation, 20 Danby Ave., $10 per person at the door. For information call **Jeff**, 636-5460.

EVENING AT YUK YUK'S

Women's Canadian ORT is sponsoring an evening at Yuk Yuk's in conjunction with Temple Har Zion. Tickets, $15 per person. Call the ORT office, 787-0297 for tickets.

JEWISH FAMILIES OF DURHAM

Jewish families from such places as Ajax, Pickering, Whitby and Oshawa will be having a Purim party, 2-5 p.m., Don Beer Arena, Dillingham Rd., Pickering. Arts and crafts, songs, stories, a costume parade and refreshments. $15 non-members.

PURIM MASQUERADE BALL

Dance to a live band, participate in a costume parade and enjoy a special Purim program at Hashomer Hatzair's annual Purim Masquerade Ball, 9 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W. Raffle tickets available for a grand prize of a trip to Israel. For information and to purchase tickets, call 736-1339.

Sunday, Feb. 27

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

Bring a veteran friend to the next Sunday morning general membership meeting of the General Wingate Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion, 968 Eglinton Ave. W. Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Meeting, 10 a.m.

ISRAELI AUTHOR IS GUEST SPEAKER

New Leadership, Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, hosts Israeli journalist and author, **Yossi Melman**, who will talk on Security and the Israel-PLO Accord: Will it Work? 11 a.m., Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst. Tickets, $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Proceeds help equip new Jerusalem rehab centre. For tickets, call 488-7649.

PURIM AT CUMMER LODGE

A Purim party for residents of Cummer Lodge, organized by the Mitzvah Volunteers, will be held at 2 p.m. in the auditorium, 205 Cummer Ave. Hamantaschen, Purim story, songs and instrumental music.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

Camp Moshava is holding an open house, Summer in the City, 2-4 p.m., at Ulpanat Orot School, 45 Canyon Ave. Parents and children welcome. For more information, call the office, 630-7578.

PARENTING FAIR

The fourth annual Etobicoke Parenting Fair will be held 12:30-4 p.m., Martingrove Collegiate, 50 Winterton Drive. Workshops for parents and children and entertainment by **Jack Grunsky** at 3 p.m. Refreshments and special characters for the kids. Free admission.

PNAI HOLDS POST-PURIM BASH

Toronto chapter, Parents of North American Israelis, is holding a post-Purim bash, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Parents and families of Toronto Israelis are invited.

JEWISH FEMINIST COMMUNITY

A Purim celebration with the Jewish Feminist Community will be held, 7:30 p.m., in the party room, 55 Prince Arthur. Bring refreshments and dress-up clothes. Suggested donation, $2 to cover costs. Call 322-0377 for information.

JCC NORTH Y PURIM CARNIVAL

The annual Purim carnival and masquerade extravaganza is at the Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. $5 per child includes mishloach manot basket, lunch and Purim toy loot bag. Free for parents, bubbies and zaidies. Adult lunches sold for $3. Advance tickets available from **Rosanne**, 631-5658 or the North Y front registration desk.

PURIM PARTY AT BLOOR Y

Join the JCC, Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., at a carnival, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Games, booths, face painting. Admission, $3 per child, $1 per adult. Stay afterwards for the Magic Mike Show, 2 p.m. Tickets, $6 or $3 with admission to the carnival. For information, call 924-6211.

Monday, Feb. 28

ANCIENT JEWISH SECTS

The continuing education committees, Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, continue the Winter Study Program featuring **Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum**, 8-9 p.m., Beth David Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Topic is The Dead Sea Scrolls, Discovery and Content — Recent Controversies.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

General meeting of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., features writer **Nomi Berger**, who will speak on Author, Author — The Agony and the Ecstasy. General admission, $3; members, $2. Hostess, **Linda Gotlieb**.

Tuesday, March 1

LA FRATERNITE

B'nai Brith French lodge, La Fraternite, is holding its monthly meeting, 8:15 p.m., 15 Hove St. Topic, in French, is L'honneur d'etre Juifs. Guests welcome. For information, call 255-6086.

HADASSAH-WIZO HAMILTON

Breath of Spring '94, a gala fashion preview is at 7:30 p.m., Royal Connaught Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel. Tickets, $36 with a $25 tax receipt. Includes wine and cheese, door prizes. For tickets and information, call the office, (905) 522-5537.

BODY MIND CONNECTION

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood general meeting, 8 p.m. sharp at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., features a panel discussion about shiatsu, reflexology, Rubenfeld synergy method and acupuncture. Presentation will be followed by a brief demonstration and questions. Members, $3; non-members, $5.

Wednesday, March 2

SPRINGTIDE

Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario's first spring fashion festival is at 6:30 p.m., Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Simpsons Tower, 8th floor. Tickets, $65 includes refreshments. All proceeds go to the Association. For information and tickets, call 422-5644.

JEWS AND ARABS

Arie (Lova) Eliav, a candidate for president of Israel in the last election will speak on Peace Between Jews and Arabs - Is it Really Possible?, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

READ AND RESPOND

Rabbi Mark Charendoff, director, Institute for Jewish Learning, will discuss Continuing Education for Adults, 7-8 p.m., 89 St. George St. (across from Robarts Library). Read and Respond groups are comprised of adult Jewish and Christian students, staff, alumni, residents, workers and worshippers in and around U of T. For information, call **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Jewish Students' Union, 923-9861.

COLLECTION PREMIERE

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Sisterhood presents Collection Premiere, a runway extravaganza of designer fashions, at the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Boutiques, 7 p.m.; fashion show, 8 p.m.; boutiques, 9 p.m. Couvert, $20. For tickets, call 771-6711.

PASSOVER DEMONSTRATION

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood presents a Passover demonstration with **Rose Reisman**, at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Philip Smith Congregational Hall. Admission, $10 non-members, $8 members, includes recipes, tasting, tea and coffee. For reservations, call **Olivia**, temple office, 789-3291.

LAST JEWS OF SPAIN

Rabbi Barry Schneider, continues the lecture series about The Last Jews of Spain with a talk about The Marranos: Who, When, How? Jew, Gentile, Traitor? 8-9:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Sponsored by Beth Emeth continuing education committee.

Thursday, March 3

RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN

Beth Tzedec adult education committee presents the David and Lois Buckstein Endowed Lecture, featuring **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**, who will talk about the Modern Jew's Search for Faith, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Public welcome, no admission charge.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Volunteers are needed to act as canvassers, team leaders and tag day participants for the Kidney Foundation of Canada's March campaign. Call the Foundation office, 445-0373.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE

The Canada Israel Gesher Foundation presents The Young People's Theatre premiere showing of *The Short Tree and the Bird that Could not Sing*, Sunday, March 6, Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E. Performance, 1:45-3 p.m., reception, 3-4 p.m. Benefactor, $500; Patron, $250; Sponsor, $180; Friend, $72. Price includes two tickets to the premiere and reception, plus tax receipt. Additional children's tickets, $15. For information call 256-7211.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

Passover is approaching; the Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto are seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

VOLUNTEER ART INSTRUCTORS

People able to instruct a basic ceramics skills class, who are available for three hours, one day a week from March to May, are needed by the Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto to lead a 10-week course in the art of ceramics at the Lyndhurst Spinal Cord Centre in the Eglinton/Bayview area. Call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

PHOTOS OF JEWISH SPAIN

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Sephardic Studies Program, Yeshiva University invite the public, Sunday, March 6, Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Ave., to a gala opening of Tracing My Heritage, an exhibit of photographs of Jewish Spain, by **Victor Laredo**. Viewing, 7 p.m.; opening ceremonies, 8 p.m. A talk by Laredo and a Sephardic music program follows. Admission free. RSVP, **Helen** in the synagogue office, 789-3213.

DER YIDDISHER MIKADO

The Canadian premiere of *Der Yiddisher Mikado*, a comedic operetta in Yiddish and English will be staged Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Harbord Collegiate Auditorium, 286 Harbord St. Tickets, $18, are available at Ticketmaster, 872-1111. All proceeds to support Friends of Yiddish. Tickets

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RUSSIAN RELATIVES

Film maker Cayle Chernin (right) gets together with Ruthie Zalonz, co-chair, World Jewry and international affairs committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region after the preview of her production, Russian Relatives. The Congress committee sponsored this presentation of the film, tracing Chernin's family from White Russia to Canada to Israel.

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for the opening night gala, including show and reception, are $50, with all proceeds to the Yiddish Studies Program, University of Toronto. Call 635-2883, ext. 700.

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES

The Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada presents **Rabbi John Moscowitz** Holy Blossom Temple, who will speak on Homosexual Marriages: Should Rabbis Perform Them and Judaism Sanctify Them, Friday, March 4, 12 noon, Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Rd. Couvert for luncheon, $20, student, $10. Kashruth observed. RSVP, **Slavia**, 594-1812.

VOLUNTEER AT BAYCREST

Does your work schedule keep you from volunteering? Good news! Volunteer opportunities at Baycrest Centre await those with busy days. The Volunteer Office is now open Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Monday-Thursday until 8 p.m. For an evening or Sunday interview call 785-2850 or after 5 p.m. and Sundays, 789-5131.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Jewish Information Service invites homeowners with vacant rooms, basement apartments or apartments to share, to register with the JIS Accommodation Registry. Most rooms and apartments are located near Bathurst St. in North York or Thornhill. Call 635-5600 to register for this free community service.

FESTIVAL OF STORYTELLERS

The 16th annual Toronto Festival of Storytellers will be held at North York Central Library and Memorial Hall, Sat. Feb. 26, 8 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 27, 1 p.m. More than 50 storytellers and musicians including **Justin Lewis** and **Leslie Robbins** will perform for adults and families. Tickets, $12, adults; $4.50 children; $15 family. For tickets and information call 924-8625.

INCOME TAX WORKSHOP

A representative from Revenue Canada will answer questions and assist individuals with their 1993 income tax returns, Wednesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., Dufferin-Clark Library. Pre-register by calling 660-0374.

SUPPORT FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds free, weekly, confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family and Child Services, Wednesdays, Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University. Call **Claire**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

A six-week series for engaged or recently married couples, beginning March 3, discusses the impact of interfaith backgrounds on relationships, relationships with families, raising children, celebrating holidays and belonging to a community. For registration and information, call **Pat Lieberman, Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.**

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service groups include: Adult Children Loosing a Parent (begins April 11); For Women Only (begins March 23); Looking Ahead, about separation and divorce (begins March 8). For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

Separation and Divorce series, March 3, March 10 and March 17 features **Lorne Wolfson** who will discuss Alternate Dispute Resolution; **Rabbi Mordechai Ochs**, who will talk about the Get; social worker **Elinor Gertner** on the impact of separation and divorce on children. For information regarding fees and registration, call **Heidi Shuster**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

JUNIOR JUG BAND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am families committee presents Junior Jug Band, Sunday, March 6, 1:30 p.m., at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Foot stomping fun for the whole family. Tickets, $7 in advance, $10 at the door, are available at the Beth David office or by calling 633-5500 to charge it to VISA.

FEMINIST SEDER

Women in Interfaith Dialogue presents The Legacy of Miriam, a Feminist Seder, Wednesday, March 9, B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Registration, 7:30 p.m., program 8 p.m. Tickets, $5. Space is limited, reserve before March 2 by calling 633-6224. Dietary laws observed.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Learn about the sources of stress, its effect on the body, the antidotes to stress and how to practise relaxation techniques, Wednsdays, March 2 and March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Armour Heights Library, 2140 Avenue Rd. Call 395-5430 to register.

MAZON CANADA

Office volunteers for a half a day a week are needed by Mazon Canada, a Jewish Response to Hunger. Each member of the team provides a variety of back-up services including answering the phone, responding to requests and typing labels. Call **Marilyn Aarons-Guttman**, 783-7554.

NAHON CONVENTION '94

High school students from across Canada will unite to exchange ideas and views on issues that affect Jewish students today, March 3-6, in Kingston. Call the Nahon office, 783-1165 or **Josh**, 223-8677 and become a part of the most exhilarating youth event of the year.

WOMEN'S ORT BOOK SALE

Toronto Women's ORT, Chai Chapter, is holding a book sale, Feb. 22-Feb. 25, North York City Hall, Main Floor, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Books, tapes, CDs and many other great gift items. For more information, call **Fran**, 787-0297.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Solel's annual Purim party is on Thursday, Feb. 24, following services at 6:45 p.m. Games, prizes and refreshments will be available for $2 per person or $8 per family. Sunday, Feb. 27, the brotherhood is sponsoring a breakfast and discussion led by **Dr. Ed Keystone** who will talk about What's New in the Treatment of MS, Diabetes and Rheumatoid Arthritis? Fee, $5.

BBYO ADVISORS NEEDED

B'nai Brith Youth Organization is looking for volunteer advisors. Call **Yael**, BBYO office, 635-9411.

at the JCC

Come and try Israeli dancing, Monday evenings, 8 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., featuring beginner and intermediate levels with instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben Shimon**. For more information phone **Luni**, 924-6211 or **Marco**, (905) 771-0363.

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants is offering an income tax clinic every Tuesday afternoon in March. This is available free of charge to seniors with an income up to $15,000, no dependents or $22,500 with dependents. By appointment only. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch presents **Carol Gold** from the Ontario Science Centre who will talk on How to Stop Worrying and Learn to Love Science, Tuesday, March 1, 1 p.m. Admission free. For more information, call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Institute for Jewish Learning is offering the following courses: Feb. 28, Current Events in the Middle East with **Professor Alexander Bligh**; Feb. 28, Sinners and Saints with **Rabbi Mark Dratch**; March 2, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Reflections of a Jewish Indiana Jones with **Ted Kosoy**; March, The Jews in Medieval Spain with **Eric Lawee**. All courses take place at the North Y branch. For more information, to register or receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

March Break Fun Days are supervised programs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., designed for children in senior kindergarten to grade 6. Activities include sports, crafts, music, swim, gym and a specialty workshop. Fees, $27 per day or $125 per week. Call 636-1880 for information.

for seniors

Association for Jewish Seniors. General meeting will be held March 3, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Features a talk by reflexologist, **Rachel Wilson**. For information, call **Goldie Leibman**, 635-2860.

Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre announces a Holocaust Survivors' Group which will provide an opportunity for seniors who are Nazi war victims to discuss common issues and concerns in a supportive environment. Led by **Paula David**, supervisor of social work, social, cultural and educational department. Call 789-5131, ext. 2271 for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's Purim party and dance, featuring live band, hamantaschen, and other refreshments, is on Sunday, Feb. 27. $6 members, $7 non-members. The next movie, *Molly and Me*, is on March 2, 2 p.m. in the clubhouse. Ballroom dancing with instruction every Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m. in clubhouse. Next dance is on Sunday, March 6 in the community centre. There are still some seats for the Atlantic City trip, April 18-21. Phone office, 395-7881 for details.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. has finalized its trip to the Catskills, July 3-11. A Western Canada trip is in the planning for late August. Reservations for theatre outings are being taken now. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). There will be a movie on Feb. 24. On Saturday, Feb. 26 the group is holding a Purim party and dance with food and lots of fun. Members $7, non-members, $8.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. North, Hamilton, features the Hamilton Men's Teachers Choir, 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 1.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural Club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Healthy Cooking series continues on March 1 and 8, 2-3 p.m. in the cultural room. Admission free. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Centre.

Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own meets every other Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for refreshments and 3:30 for a program. Feb. 24 is a Purim celebration with entertainment by **Andre Fuss**. Fee, $2. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

LIGHT COOKING

Rose Reisman Brings Home Light Cooking, written by **Rose Reisman** and published by MacMillan Canada, was a major fundraising project for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and thanks to the generous support of the public, the Foundation has raised over $170,000 through the sales of the cookbook.

Reisman is a self-published Canadian cookbook author, whose trademark is the ability to create delicious recipes, low in cholesterol, sugar and fats. In this cookbook, recipes are complemented by nutritional analyses, advice on healthy cooking and eating and recommendations on food substitutes, special equipment and cooking techniques.

Known for her promotions at women's clubs, book clubs and charitable fundraisers, Reisman is associated with the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) as a contributor to its cookbook, *Just the Best*. She holds Master of Fine Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from York University.

DER YIDDISHER MIKADO

The three little maids in Der Yiddisher Mikado are part of the cast from Long Island, N.Y. appearing at Harbord Collegiate March 5-6. In the Yiddish version, Yum-yum is Tsipe-Tsviele, Pitti-Sing is Yentele and Peep-Bo is Rifkele.

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Organizations and People

A Purim treat — hamantaschen stuffed with yummy fillings. [David Young-Wolf photo]

Hamantaschen — a Purim treat

By LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

Hamantaschen, triangle shaped fruit-filled cookies, are traditionally served for Purim. They fulfill the holiday's admonition to mock Haman, the villain who wanted to murder all the Jews in the town of Shushan, in ancient Persia, since they are shaped like his three-cornered hat.

In East Europe, hamantaschen were considered special treats, shared with friends and family as Shlach Mones. They were also supposed to help use up all the flour in time for Passover, four weeks later.

Hamantaschen are filled with poppy seeds, mohn in Yiddish, a pun on the sound of Haman's name. They also are filled with cooked prunes (lekvar), other dried fruits, and nuts in consideration of Queen Esther's vegetarianism when she lived at the court of King Ahasverus.

In the East European baking style, housewives made their pastries light by using either eggs or yeast. Once in the United States, Jewish housewives didn't have time to let yeast dough rise to make hamantaschen. Instead, they took advantage of baking powder. They began making hamantaschen from cookie doughs that used double-acting, fast-rising baking powder. But they filled their hamantaschen as they always had, with poppy seeds or cooked prunes.

As modern Jewish homemakers, we have the best of both worlds. We can prepare hamantaschen made from cookie dough, like our grandmothers did. We also can make the most traditional East European yeast dough hamantaschen without having to spend all day in the kitchen thanks to electric and electronic bread machines. All we have to do is put in the ingredients, set the machine on manual, wait for the beep, and come back and shape the dough just like our great-great-grandmothers did.

BREAD MACHINE HAMANTASCHEN DOUGH

1 packet yeast
4½ cups flour
1 tsp. salt
½ cup sugar
1 egg (or ¼ cup no-fat egg substitute)
½ cup margarine, cut in pieces
1½ cups milk, orange juice or water

Place all ingredients in machine. Set at "sweet bread" "manual." Let machine mix and raise the dough. After the beep, when the initial processes are complete, punch down. Shape and bake.

Enough dough for about 65 cookies.

HAMANTASCHEN FILLINGS

Poppyseed Filling (Mohn)

2 cups poppyseeds
1 cup orange juice or water
½ cup honey
¼ cup sugar
Dash salt
¼ cup sliced almonds
½ cup raisins
1 tbsp. grated orange or lemon rind

Combine poppyseeds, orange juice (or water), honey, sugar and salt in a saucepan. Cover and cook over moderate heat until thick, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. When the mixture is thick, remove from heat. Place the cooked mixture and remaining ingredients in bowl of food processor. Process until smooth.

Makes 2 cups filling for about 60 cookies.

Prune Filling (Lekvar)

1½ lbs. pitted prunes
1 whole orange, sliced
Water to cover
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup almonds

Place prunes and orange slices in a medium saucepan. Cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook, covered, until the prunes are soft and the water has been absorbed. Remove from heat and cool.

Place sugar, cinnamon, and almonds in bowl of food processor and process long enough to chop the nuts coarsely. Add the cooled mixture. Continue processing until smooth.

Makes about 5 cups, enough to fill about 100 cookies.

Fast and Easy Uncooked Fruit Filling

1 lb. uncooked pitted prunes
½ cup chopped almonds
½ cup seedless raisins
¼ cup dried apricots
½ cup sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup fresh lemon juice

Place all ingredients in food processor. Process until mixture becomes smooth and thick.

Makes about 4 cups, enough to fill about 80 cookies.

Prune Chocolate Filling

½ cup almonds
1 lb. uncooked pitted prunes
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
½ cup sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup non-fat milk

In a small non-stick fry pan, toast the almonds over medium heat. Once the almonds start to brown, keep the pan moving so the nuts do not burn.

Place all ingredients in the bowl of your food processor. Process until smooth.

Makes about 3 cups, enough to fill about 60 cookies.

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Jews for Judaism head outlines best defences against missionaries

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — The scenarios are troublesome.

Jewish children making candlesticks for Shabbat while wearing a hat printed with Yeshua (Jesus). A "rabbi" encouraging audiences to embrace Jesus. A haymishe band singing "I'm waiting for Yeshua."

But a strong Jewish identity is the key to resisting cults and missionaries, according to one expert.

Julius Ciss is the director of Jews for Judaism, a Toronto-based countermissionary group. He was in London recently to address an audience of Jewish teens as part of a co-operative program hosted by rabbis from the three streams of Judaism.

Ciss said the best defence against mind-control is developing a solid grounding in Jewish identity. Telling a Christian missionary " 'I love being Jewish' ... is the most difficult barrier for missionaries to overcome. Alternatively, assimilation has made the missionaries job much easier."

In discussing cults, Ciss estimated that there are 500 groups in Canada which control the minds of their members. He said cults like the Branch Davidians exist in smaller cities, and Hare Krishna followers now wear business suits instead of flowing saffron robes to appeal to new members.

On the topic of Hebrew-Christians, or Messianic Jews, Ciss said their numbers are growing. He said there are 36 missionary groups operating in southern Ontario, with a Missionary Church in London.

Missionaries target Jews on campuses, in school yards, Jewish neighborhoods, hospitals, nursing homes and malls, said Ciss.

He said Hebrew-Christians have targeted Jews based on their understanding of the Christian Bible's Book of Romans. If a Jews for Jesus missionary approaches, Ciss insisted "never enter into a dialogue with them. They are dedicated to their cause and have a lot of detailed information targeted to confuse you."

When asked what to do if a friend or relative becomes part of a missionary group, Ciss suggested maintaining the relationship because "it is relationships that have attracted them to the missionary group and relationships that may help in getting them out." He also suggested contacting Jews for Judaism for more information at (416) 789-2851.

CJC Pacific region urges Ottawa to fight racism, hate crimes

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The head of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region wants the federal government to "honor its commitment in the recent throne speech to enact more effective measures to combat racism and hate crime."

In a statement issued two weeks ago, Renee Switzer Bellas said Canadian Human Rights Comission prodecures don't work well enough.

She cited the case of the Canadian Liberty Net (CLN), which along with promoter Tony McAleer was found in breach of section 13 (1) of the Human Rights Act two years ago for broadcasting phone messages which fostered hatred and contempt for Jews, non-white immigrants and others.

The Human Rights tribunal ordered CLN to stop the phone messages but the order was appealed. Another tribunal recently ordered McAleer, CLN and associates "anywhere in Canada" to stop distributing phone messages exposing gays to hatred or contempt (*CJN*, Feb. 10). Switzer Bellas said she expects that decision will also be appealed.

Bellas said despite being found in breach of the Human Rights Act by two different tribunals, "the Canadian Liberty Net continues to broadcast.

"Racism is a growing concern in our society. Until the laws enacted to protect people from discrimination can do more than simply ask promoters of hatred and contempt to stop their activities, the government is not utilizing its power to encourage understanding and harmony between all Canadians, regardless of their race, sex, religion or sexual orientation."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A Singles Dance. Saturday, Feb. 26 Cassino Place, 72 Steeles Ave. West of Yonge 8pm-1am. Hot DJ 50s to 90s music. Dress code. Free parking, tea & coffee etc. Prizes. $10. **2 for 1 before 8:30.** (905)273-9137 & (905)886-2810.

A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults 22-35) presents "A Rockin' Good Time" at the Loose Moose (220 Adelaide St. W.) Sunday March 6th. 8 p.m. $10 cover. Proceeds to Bikur Cholim. Infoline 760-4149.

Atideynu Lodge (20s &30s) Membership brunch on Feb. 27th at 15 Hove St. 11-2. Please join us for some refreshments, info about our lodge and lots of mingling. Sally 669-5920

Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having our next singles party Saturday Feb.26. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

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VIEWPOINTS meets **Wednesday Mar. 9** 7:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec. Speaker/ round-table discussion. Refreshments $5.00 Call 781-9245

Who said bringing singles out is like pulling teeth? The Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee--35+ (Bathurst and Wilson) invites the singles community to a Sunday "Buffet" brunch, March 6th--11:30 a.m. The programme is on "The Latest Innovations in Dentistry for the 21st Century", with Dr. Joel Dimitry and a panel of experts. This novel programme will cover the new revolution taking place in dental care. Limited to 100 people. $10.00 pre-paid registration(s) only at the Synagogue office 635-5340 Rabbi Sheldon Korn **Deadline** is Thursday, March 3 at 5:00p.m. VISA accepted.

Young Israel of Flatbush Orthodox Singles presents Pesach in Miami Beach Florida at the Versailles Hotel. For info Call Hymie evenings, (718)859-5213

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Montreal businessman gets Maccabi post

MONTREAL — Montreal businessman Gordon Schwartz has been appointed national fundraising chair for Maccabi Canada, announced Roy Salomon, national president of Maccabi Canada.

Schwartz's fundraising savvy (he chaired Montreal's 1990 Operation Exodus and Combined Jewish Appeal) will be used on behalf of Maccabi Canada over the next four years as it gears up for the 1997 Maccabiah in Israel.

"As national fundraising chair I will help co-ordinate, and be supportive of each of our regional fundraising chairs," he says. "Each regional chair will be responsible for developing an energetic program that will raise the required dollars to go into the national pool."

In addition to traditional fundraising events and strategies, Schwartz hopes to receive more corporate support. To this end, Jonathan Wener of Canderel will set up the corporate sponsorship program.

All funds raised are used to cover expenses for the 1997 contingent of young athletes including travel, ground transportation, room and board, equipment, uniforms, medical supplies and administrative expenses.

Schwartz became involved with Maccabi Canada in 1975 when close friend and athlete Gary Ulrich approached him to help build the organization. "He sold me on my three greatest loves — kids, amateur sports and Israel," says Schwartz.

"Canada's participation in the Maccabiah Games not only heightens the feeling of Jewishness within our kids, but brings an incredible understanding of the strong ties that Jews of the Diaspora feel for Israel."

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Holocaust Awareness Week held at Guelph

'Even though it's upsetting to remember, it is important that we do'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish Student Organization (JSO) at the University of Guelph put heart and soul into its first-ever Holocaust Awareness Week, an event which probably touched more non-Jewish students than Jewish ones.

"We wanted it to be an educational event for the entire community," said fourth-year student Russell Bondurianskey, who served on the organizing committee for the recent event.

A talk by Holocaust survivor Robert Engel drew well over 100 people, only about 30 of whom were thought to be Jewish. The program, originally scheduled to be held in a room with 40 seats, was hastily moved to an alternate location.

Engel told the students of his experiences as a child in Nazi Germany and his work for the Dutch underground before he was sent to a concentration camp. Engel advised the audience that they could prevent another Holocaust by refusing to put up with racism.

"You can be proud that you live here in a country that gave me my life," he concluded, referring to his liberation by Canadian soldiers in 1945. "If you have a grandfather who fought in the war, thank him for me. Give him a hug and say I haven't forgotten him."

Engel told *The CJN* he found the experience of speaking in Guelph "really heartwarming." His session ran overtime, reflecting the interest shown by students of varied backgrounds during a question-and-answer session following his talk.

"Even though it's upsetting to remember, it is important that we do," says JSO co-president Jordana Bester, a second-year student. "If you're not upset, if you don't let it affect you, the importance will be lost and God forbid something can happen again."

Other Holocaust Awareness Week events included a slide presentation on the March of the Living program by Michael Sobol, University of Guelph professor and JSO staff adviser; and a discussion group on current implications of the Holocaust. Visual displays were supplied by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee through the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's community services department, and by the Israeli consulate.

University of Guelph student newspaper the *Ontarian* featured a section of Holocaust-related articles.

The week concluded with a memorial service at Beth Isaiah Synagogue. At one point the power went out, leaving six yahrzeit candles and the shul's Ner Tamid (eternal light) as the only light sources. "It struck me as quite symbolic," noted Bester's co-president Saul Cohen.

Cohen and Bester have been instrumental in revitalizing the JSO in the past year. Cohen, now in his third year at Guelph, was inspired to take an active role when he attended a Network Canada convention in December 1992. (Network is the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students.)

On hearing about Jewish student activities on other campuses, Cohen decided that he would become involved in JSO instead of "just ignoring" it.

JSO activities have been stepped up this year, in comparison with recent years. In addition to twice-monthly lunches, many of which are tied in to Jewish holidays, the students have added weekly discussion groups and a Shabbaton to their agenda. Toronto educator Gary Levine spoke recently on Intermarriage, and Glen Eker of Guelph was scheduled to speak this week on Jewish genealogy.

The idea for Holocaust Awareness Week followed media reports of an American survey indicating that a high percentage of young people believed the Holocaust didn't happen.

Cohen and Bester downplayed any suggestion of anti-Semitism on the Guelph campus, where Jewish students number only 200 out of a total student population of 15,000. "I think everyone in the JSO has their stories of ignorant anti-Semitism," said Cohen. "There haven't really been any major incidents. No one has been in jeopardy."

Bester noted that problems of anti-Semitism have been, for the most part "anonymous things in the night," such as graffiti. "The majority of the university population is open and open-minded," she said.

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Federation provides resource for new parents

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With little fanfare, a fledgling, volunteer-run project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has provided a practical resource to the parents of over 400 newborns, since it was inaugurated last April.

If you live or shop along the Bathurst corridor, you may have seen a Welcome to Our World display inviting parents to send for a complimentary information kit. The display features the project's cheery logo — a teddy bear with an Israeli flag planted in one paw and a Canadian flag in the other.

The kit for parents includes a colorful plastic-backed terrycloth feeding bib with the Welcome to Our World logo, an attractive certificate welcoming the new baby to the Jewish community, and a guidebook of Jewish resources such as babysitting and day care. The guide also has information on Jewish ceremonies and holidays, as well as on the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and its affiliate agencies.

"We find that even people who've lived in Toronto for a long time need this information," says Asya Vit, an employment counsellor at Jewish Vocational Service who staffs the Welcome to Our World project as a resource person. Vit is working toward her Master of Social Work degree at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work; the Federation project is a field placement for her.

Welcome to Our World was modelled on a similar program run by Baltimore's Jewish Federation, Vit told *The CJN*. A second Canadian program is now running in Montreal.

"There was a definite understanding in the Jewish Federation that a lot of [Jewish] people are not involved in the Jewish community," Vit said. The birth of a baby provides a good opportunity for outreach, she believes. "That's where it starts. It's a crucial moment.

"Our goal is to educate the community about the Jewish Federation and to help them use the services that are available," Vit said.

Susan Fenwick, who chairs the Welcome to Our World committee, says that for her, "It's a real feel-good project.

"We are educating people and making them feel they are part of the Jewish community and that the Jewish community knows and cares about them." Fenwick has been actively involved in the Jewish community as a volunteer for the past dozen years.

Future plans for Welcome to Our World include a get-together for the new parents.

The project is funded by the Bequest and Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Parents of newborns who would like to obtain a kit should call (416) 635-2883, ext. 137 or write to Welcome to Our World, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale M2R 3V2.

First Negev Dinner planned for Kelowna

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — The first-ever Negev Dinner in Kelowna will be held on May 10 in the Capri Hotel, and will honor Cliff and Lois Serwa.

Proceeds of the dinner will go towards developing an Okanagan grove in the British Columbia Peace Forest in Israel. Guest speaker at the event will be Israel ambassador Itzhak Shelef.

Longtime MLA for Okanagan West, Cliff Serwa is the Social Credit House leader in the B.C. legislature and critic for the ministries of Education, Environment, Lands and Parks and Attorney-General. Members of the Jewish community regard him as very approachable, and have found him helpful in raising funds for the new Okanagan Jewish Community Centre in Kelowna.

Lois Serwa was Kelowna's Woman of the Year in 1989 and was nominated for the Royal Bank Citizen Award for Canada in 1992. She is a tireless fundraiser for various charities, especially the General Hospital and is the founding director of Crimestoppers in Kelowna and of Childfind.

Prominent Kelowna businessman Walter Grey, who operates a network of four radio stations in the West Kootenays, will be master of ceremonies.

Cliff and Lois Serwa

The dinner is sponsored by the Okanagan Jewish Community. Tickets are $75 per person. For more information contact Alvin Lander at 604-868-3580 or Mel Kotler, 604-860-6866, or any member of the Oakangan Jewish Community.

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Large Agenda for JWF President

Glennie Lindenberg

Glennie Lindenberg wants to make more women comfortable with Jewish community organizations. She wants to see more women holding senior leadership positions, and she'd like the Jewish Women's Federation to tackle more issues of the day.

That should keep Glennie Lindenberg busy not only for her incoming term as JWF President, but also for several years beyond.

Thinking big is not one of Glennie's problems. The Toronto lawyer has been an active volunteer for 13 years, beginning with what was then UJA's embryonic Business & Professional Women's Network.

"There was a certain excitement about getting involved in something new," she recalls. Today, there are 1500 women on the B&P mailing list.

Inclusion is a priority for Glennie. She's planning strengthened communication between JWF and its 50 affiliated organizations, and more aggressive outreach to community newcomers.

By the time Glennie's term is over, she hopes to share the spotlight with other women who have been promoted to upper leadership ranks in the community. She would like her legacy to be cracking those "glass ceilings" with which women are confronted, trying to get ahead.

Barbara Bank eyes the North

Barbara Bank

The largest Jewish population growth in the Metro Toronto area is north of Steeles. That's an important centre of attention for urban planning specialist Barbara Bank, the incoming head of UJA's Women's Campaign.

"There's a real lack of involvement in the north," she says. The exploding population means more difficulty finding the unaffiliated and the uninvolved. So, under Barbara's direction, canvassers this year will be concentrating more strongly on Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Markham and outlying neighbourhoods.

Last year, 10,000 women's cards were canvassed overall, which is an awesome accomplishment, but represents only a fraction of Jewish women in the Metro region.

Barbara and Jewish Women's Federation President Glennie Lindenberg agree that responding to social concerns, such as women whose husbands refuse them a "get", is one way to attract more campaign participants. Barbara believes women's issues and successfully soliciting tzedaka are closely linked.

"Women are very intelligent with their giving and much more selective. If you don't provide something meaningful, money will go elsewhere."

We extend our best wishes to Glennie, Barbara and their entire team as they assume their new leadership roles. Thanks to the Toronto Jewish Community for their support and commitment. It has been a privilege to work with you in strengthening our community.

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For the fifth consecutive year, Marsha Slavens and Susan Goldberg are seeking Canadian families who will welcome newly arrived Russians at their seder table. Last year, 150 families acted as hosts and Marsha is hoping to have "at least that many this year."

Susan and Marsha are volunteers with the UJA funded Community Integration Program, jointly sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre.

Passover family matchmaking is more complex than it sounds. Susan, Marsha and Roseanne Zarnett, program director of the JCC's northern branch, try to create compatibility in several categories - language, numbers of children and religious observance.

The Russian guests are thoroughly briefed before Passover, so they know what to expect when they knock on the door.

"It's overwhelming for them," says Marsha, "to learn about the holiday, how to dress and what to give as presents."

The evaluations from both sides have been enthusiastic. For many families, friendships have endured well beyond Passover. As Susan sums it up: "I can't say that we've had any bad experiences."

This year's seders, by the way, are Saturday night March 26 and Sunday, March 27.

If you would like to offer your home, please call the Seder Hotline at 631-5680.

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Looking for Parenting Tips? Coloroso's Coming

Barbara Coloroso

One of North America's most highly regarded experts on parenting will be offering Torontonians her recipe for humane discipline this spring. She's Barbara Coloroso, with a husband, three children and a masters degree in special education. She'll be delivering her lecture on **April 11, 7 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne.**

Mrs. Coloroso suggests transmitting to children six fundamental messages: "I believe in you. I trust you. I know you can handle it. You are listened to. You are cared for. You are very important to me." These, she says, are starting points for success in life. She also makes a strong distinction between punishing children and disciplining them, with punishment set aside for adults and discipline for kids.

Barbara Coloroso's presentation, *Winning at Parenting*, is being sponsored by the **UJA Women's Campaign, the Business & Professional Women's Network, the Jewish Women's Federation and the Board of Jewish Education.**

Jewish Women's Federation, a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is the umbrella organization for 50 Jewish women's volunteer organizations in Toronto. JWF brings together women from a broad spectrum of ideological backgrounds to network, to develop leadership skills, to address important social and political action issues and to help integrate new Canadians into the Jewish community.

JWF is open to all Jewish women's organizations which provide services to the local Jewish community and/or Israel, have been in existence for two years, manifest a clear organizational structure and support the United Jewish Appeal Campaign. If your organization would like to join the JWF "umbrella," please call Lisa Morrison at 631-5704.

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Jewish Community is Providing More Support for Abused Women

by Lori Dennis

The Jewish community has stepped up its efforts in the past few years to support abused women, says Rayna Knobler, Supervisor of Women's Abuse Programs at Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

"I can't say whether there is a greater incidence of abuse now or whether it's that women are feeling more comfortable talking about their problems, but since 1988, when our support services began, there has been an increase in demand and an increase in the number of therapy groups offered. In 1988, 5% of our caseload was about wife abuse. Today that figure has risen to between 10 and 15%." In 1992 women abuse was a factor in 300 cases and the number grew last year.

Several support groups are offered at JF&CS. For the first time last spring there was an incest survivors' group. A second twelve-week session is now being planned. There are groups for women who experience sexual assault and date rape, therapy for women in abusive relationships (which includes physical, psychological, and verbal abuse) and groups for men who are abusers.

"My opinion," says Knobler, "is that the Jewish community is doing a good job in supporting abused women. But we can always do more... We need to do more outreach, particularly to those – such as Israeli and Soviet Jews – who can't access us because of language or cultural barriers."

The first sign of abuse to look for is an excessive amount of control being wielded by the husband or partner. When the spouse is controlling his wife through money, other rights, or physical constraints, it's time to look at the situation and explore other options, Knobler advises.

If you need support, contact one of the following:

- Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) at (416) 638-7800 – for protective shelter, education, and counselling services. For after-hours emergencies or for immediate assistance, call JF&CS at (416) 614-4114.
- Your synagogue or temple for a support group. Organize one if one doesn't exist.
- Ontario Women's Directorate (416) 314-0300 – advocacy agency of the Ontario Government promoting economic, legal and social equality for the women of Ontario.
- Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC) (416) 392-3135
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AIDS ... is a Jewish Issue

by Mara Koven, Freelance Journalist and Former Senior Planning Associate of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Contrary to popular belief, Jews do contract AIDS and do become infected with HIV. In fact, Jews contract AIDS in the same proportion as the general community. There are approximately 80 Jews living with AIDS in Toronto and three times as many infected with HIV.

The Holy Blossom Temple Committee for AIDS and the AIDS Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto emphasize that AIDS is a cause for real concern in our community; and if we wish to address the issue we must overcome our denial and discomfort.

AIDS is everyone's disease. Heterosexual women in North America are the number one group on the rise for contracting AIDS. Recent studies indicate that those who received blood transfusions prior to blood screening in 1985 may be at risk. Anyone who has not been in a monogamous relationship since the 1980's may have cause for concern. But for now, gay men are living with AIDS more than any other group.

The Jewish community has not voiced consensus on the subject of homosexuality; however, we must agree on the importance of health and caring. As members of the Jewish people, we are taught that each Jew is responsible for every Jew. Similarly, in the spirit of Jewish tradition, we are to fulfill the command of *bikur cholim* - offering care and comfort to the sick.

A combined effort of positive action and change in attitude is required to address AIDS in the Jewish community.

Action:

- As a board member, or as a concerned individual, lobby for a support program at your temple or synagogue. Address the issue with your Rabbi and the board.
- If you are a board member of a Jewish pedagogical institution, or a concerned individual, advocate for the incorporation of material which has been developed for AIDS education from a Jewish perspective. Search out members of the community who are willing to talk about this topic to our children.
- Become a volunteer for the Holy Blossom AIDS Assist Program - (416) 789-1187.
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ZERO TOLERANCE of Violence Against Women

Highlights of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women

Last summer, the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women presented its long-awaited report, including the National Action Plan, which calls for a government policy of zero tolerance of violence against women. It also appeals for legal changes and increased bureaucratic structures to oversee the policy. What follows are highlights of this important study.

Sexual Abuse of Girls (age 16 and under):

- 54% of the women had experienced some form of unwanted or intrusive sexual experience before reaching the age of 16. Almost half of these entailed forced or attempted forced sexual intercourse.
- 43% reported at least one experience of incest and/or extra-familial sexual abuse before age 16.
- 96% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse were men.

Sexual Abuse of Women (age 16 and over):

- 51% of women have been the victim of rape or attempted rape.
- 40% reported at least one experience of rape.
- Using the criminal code definition of sexual assault two out of three women have experienced what is legally recognized to be sexual assault.
- 81% of sexual assault cases at the level of rape or attempted rape reported by women were perpetrated by men who were known to the women.

Physical Assault in Intimate Relationships:

- 27% of women have experienced a physical assault in an intimate relationship.
- In 25% of the cases, women who were physically assaulted reported that their partners explicitly threatened to kill them. (An earlier survey showed that in 1989, 57% of all women murdered in Canada died as a result of domestic violence.)
- All of the physical assaults on women were perpetrated by male intimates.

Organizations and People

B.C. premier denounces discrimination

Harcourt praises Multiculturalism Act

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Racism and discrimination based on a person's cultural heritage is unacceptable in British Columbia, said Premier Mike Harcourt as he officially opened the province's Multicultural Week, Feb. 13-19.

Speaking at a reception arranged by the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of B.C. (AMSSA), of which Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region is a member, Harcourt said Multiculturalism Week "is an opportunity for all of us to promote a better understanding of multiculturalism and its contribution to community building. My government recognizes the importance of multiculturalism in this province."

The premier pointed out that "for the first time in our province's history we have established a Multiculturalism Act. This Act helps advance cross-cultural understanding . . . and a society free from racism and racial discrimination." (The Act was passed by the Legislature at its last session in 1993.)

Harcourt said the Act recognizes the inherent right of each British Columbian to be treated with dignity. It also fosters good citizenship because "people respect the law when the law respects them."

Later in the week Multiculturalism and Human Rights Minister Moe Sihota hosted an open house at the Multiculturalism B.C. offices in Vancouver. He told the large attendance that "this week-long celebration recognizes and celebrates the cultural diversity that contributes so much to the enrichment of our province. It's also an opportunity to look at ways of encouraging everyone's full and effective participation in society."

Multicultural events were held throughout the province. One of them was the opening night of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, arranged by the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society with Carousel Theatre of Vancouver. It was announced also that the Carousel Theatre and Vancouver Holocaust Centre are co-operating in the production of a play for young people, *Goodbye Marianne*, by survivor Irene Kirsten Watts, which tells the story of a young girl fleeing the horrors of Nazi Germany to freedom and a new life in Canada. The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society and Carousel have each received a grant of $10,000 from Multiculturalism B.C., a government agency, to help finance the production. The play, which premieres in November, will tour the province.

In Victoria, public tours of Victoria cultural sites were held during the week. These were designed "to familiarize people with the history and contributions of several of the cultural groups in the city. One of the places visited was Congregation Emanu-El, the 130-year-old synagogue.

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Soldiers Association completes pledge for summer camp

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Rami Dotan presents Mrs. Baratz with a picture of the camp site.

Toronto's pledge of $350,000.00 to finance a summer camp for widows and orphans of fallen Israeli soldiers was recently completed in Israel by Mrs. Carol Baratz, Chanukah Campaign Chair for the Association for the Soldiers of Israel, Toronto Branch.

During a recent visit to Israel, Mrs. Baratz presented a cheque completing Toronto's pledge to the Association Chairman, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Rami Dotan.

Dotan expressed appreciation to Mrs. Baratz and all Canadian supporters for helping the widows and orphans of fallen soldiers to carry on living with dignity and hope.

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Israeli vice-consul explains the importance of peace

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Agreements on hard-core issues like Jerusalem and the settlements stand a far better chance of success if they are negotiated in an atmosphere of good will, an Israeli diplomat told a Rotary Club meeting here.

"Let's take what we agreed upon at this point in time and start by changing people's lives now," said vice-consul Haim Waxman.

Waxman was addressing 45 members of the Hamilton East-Wentworth Rotary Club at a luncheon meeting. It was his second area address in recent weeks and he is planning a third.

Waxman said Israel knew from the beginning that if negotiations on Jerusalem and the settlements were started now, they could continue "for the next 10 years without getting even close to an agreement."

The audience listened attentively as Waxman discussed the current peace talks and the reasons behind Israel's insistence on first tackling "issues that affect people's lives" rather than territorial questions.

Money and resources now being poured into the arms race, he said, could be diverted to transportation, communications, energy and tourism after a comprehensive regional peace agreement.

Waxman said "we must also fight those who use violence to kill peace treaty," and called upon friends in the international community" to help make people realize that peace can help solve the area's "real problems."

Waxman sent out dozens of letters to Rotary clubs in September offering to give talks. He told *The CJN* that he was "shocked" by the number of replies. Between 10 to 15 replies came the first week. Waxman has spoken to Rotary clubs in Toronto, London and Brantford. He plans to visit as many clubs as he can.

It is the first time such a project has been undertaken.

The response to his talks, he said, has been "very, very positive. People are very interested to hear more than they learn through the media."

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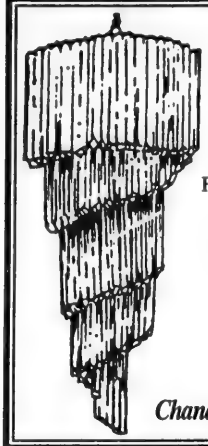

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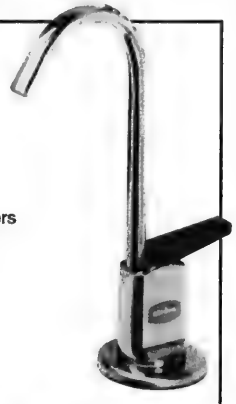

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The houses, ranging in price from $166,900 to $209,900 and in size from 1,380 to 2,200 square feet, are designed by architects Lorne Rose and Richard Wengle at Richard Wengle Architects "are spectacular. Special selling features include direct vent gas fireplaces, a five-piece appliance package and a mortgage financed at 6.9 per cent for 5 years for which 80 to 90 per cent of the purchasers are opting. We also allow purchasers to put down a 5 per cent deposit insured by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation," says Silverberg.

Jeff Silverberg

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Ascot Mansion's luxury suites

Shane Baghai is still building many of the large luxury homes that made him famous. Although there is a smaller market for luxury homes, it has not totally disappeared. Baghai is currently building several custom homes in the $700,000 to $800,000 range.

Baghai will build on a client's property to the client's specifications; he will also buy a lot, build a home on it and offer it for sale. He builds anywhere in the Toronto area, whether in Rosedale, Forest Hill, Edwards Gardens, York Mills or the Bayview corridor.

For the fine touches that distinguish his mansions from his competitors', he has always given credit to his loyal stable of finishing craftsmen. Although most of his new projects are for buyers who are not in the luxury market, he employs the same craft workers for these projects as he does for homes of several thousand square feet.

These craftsmen will be working at Ascot Mansions, a medium-rise condominium apartment complex Baghai will be building at the northwest corner of Leslie and John Street in Thornhill. These are one-, two- or three-bedroom suites ranging in size from 700 to 1,510 square feet, with prices ranging from $118,300 to $267, 270. There is one five storey and one six storey residential wing with a shared lobby. The north wing has 16 different floor plans, the south 14.

The decrease in space does not entail a compromise in quality. Baghai takes pride in his reputation, and intends to maintain it. Each suite has a whirlpool bath, marble and ceramic flooring, marble windowsills, wood-framed doorways and 4 1/2-inch baseboards. In a Baghai home, these finishing touches are expected. In the kitchen, bath and laundry, there are top-line appliances.

Ascot Mansions is Baghai's third condominium project. The first, designed by architect Arthur Erickson, was Watergarden at Bayview and Finch Avenue . This project, where prices ran up to $1,200,000, is 80 per cent sold. His second project, York Mills Mansions, consisted of 56 units cut into a hillside in Hogg's Hollow. This site, where prices exceeded $300,000, is nearly sold out. The architectural firm Raphael & Bigauskas, which designed York Mills Mansions, also designed Ascot Mansions.

Because many condo buyers are security conscious, Baghai will be installing the latest security features at Ascot Mansions. These include cameras in the underground garage, and vestibules with two-way communications between residents and the 24-hour security staff in the lobby.

Bridlepath is handling sales at Ascot Mansions, and has a sales office on the site. Associate broker Carolyn Feldman, who also handles Mr. Baghai's custom homes, as well as the condominiums. More information is available at 905-889-5194 or call the office at 416-449-0090.

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Kirsch suggests people get rid of poorly designed kitchens, clumsily arranged bathrooms, inefficient closets and dark, low basements cluttered by old furnaces and poor layout. When they do, their homes seem almost 50 per cent larger.

Kirsch and his partner Mark Cowan also find that many homes lack a sense of open airy space. People should open up their homes when remodelling, renovating or decorating to capture the sunlight and feeling for the environment.

Kirsch heads up Kirsch Construction, a renovation, construction and project management company that integrates home and natural environment. He grew up in Toronto, and now resides here, but his design and construction sense was forged in the American South West — La Jolla, California; Sedona, Arizona; and Rosarita, Mexico.

There he learned the secrets of blending light, landscape, textures, materials and colors to create a warm, natural feeling that can make a home a happier place. Cowan also grew up in Toronto and comes from a fashion background which enables him to bring a superb sense of style to bear upon colors, textures, fabrics and decor.

As Kirsch and Cowan remark, "When we look at a home, we look not only at the inside but at the outside as well — the view, the sources of light. We consider how to blend the two to maximize the whole environment." In a sense it is the Santa Fe feeling adapted to the specific opportunities of Toronto.

Torontonians now have a greater range of affordable materials from which to choose and Kirsch and Cowan select quality materials to give a warm, rich feeling to a home. Each home is "contextualized" — to give the right harmonious feel.

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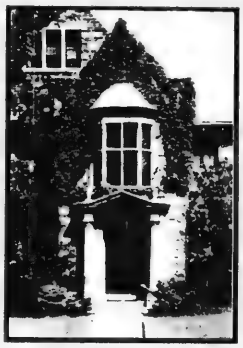

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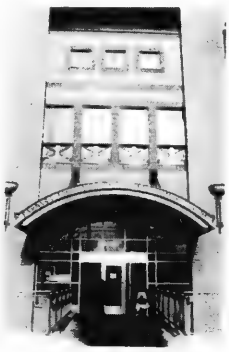

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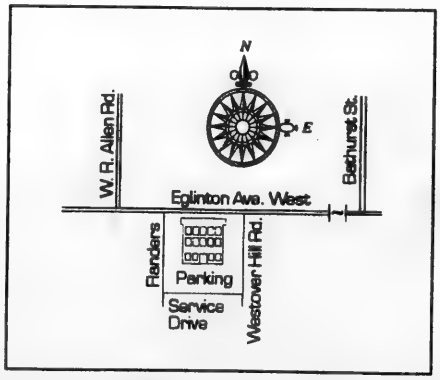

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Mrs. Klein a nerve-tingling drama

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whether you're a Freudian, or believe psychoanalysis is a waste of time and money, you'll find solace in *Mrs. Klein*, a nerve-tingling drama playing at The Tarragon Theatre until March 20.

British author Nicholas Wright cleverly plays both sides of the street in this play about the Jewish Viennese psychoanalyst Melanie Klein her daughter and professional rival, Melitta, and another Jewish analyst, Paula, who wants to become a patient-surrogate daughter to Melanie.

Though the action all takes place in London, England, on a day in 1934 when Melanie learns that her only son has been killed in a climbing accident, echoes abound from the Vienna which the Kleins left in 1926.

"It won't get any better," Melanie says when Paula tells her of the discrimination against Jews which forced her to leave Vienna in 1934. At another point, while trying to explain mother-daughter rivalry, Melanie declares: "I am a product of a boring, central European Jewish mother." Once she speaks disapprovingly of a "five course Jewish meal," and screams "drek, won't drek,drek," at her daughter's pronouncements.

Of more than passing interest is that director Glynis Leyshon has cast the real mother-and-daughter team of Janis and Sarah Orenstein to play the Kleins and they do a superb job, as does Donna Goodhand as Paula.

Mrs. Klein has all the elements of a whodunit and the enjoyable suspense that goes with it, as mother and daughter argue over whether Melanie's son died in an accident, or whether, as Melitta contends, he killed himself because he felt inadequate in his mother's eyes.

The cast of Mrs. Klein (from left) Donna Goodhand, Joan Orenstein and Sarah Orenstein.

The witty script exposes a chilling professional ruthlessness on the part of Melanie Klein, so much so that anti-Freudians will take comfort. An author's note in the program explains that the elder Klein believed that infants developed anger and jealousy against their parents even before recognizing them, a view opposed by her daughter.

Far from being a passive observer of the scene, Paula's character is integral to understanding why Melitta hates her mother so much and why Melanie, though a dominating figure on the academic scene, was a skinflint who locked the liquor cabinet and nickel-and-dimed her staff.

Woody Allen has made a mint poking fun at his own expensive psychoanalysis. Despite its solid underpinning, *Mrs. Klein* will provide further grist for his mill.

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

In case you were wondering, you don't have to be fluent in Yiddish to enjoy the Canadian premiere of *Der Yiddisher Mikado*, set for March 5 and 6 at Toronto's Harbord Collegiate.

It is highly appropriate that *Der Yiddisher Mikado* is coming to Harbord, whose halls resounded with Gilbert and Sullivan and other theatrical productions half a century ago and more. Among the performers of these early shows were such "Harbordites" as comedians Frank Shuster and the late Johnny Wayne; maestro Victor Feldbrill; Polygram Pictures president Gordon Stulberg; composer John Weinzweig; Judge Phil Givens, former mayor of Toronto; and restauranteurs Sam Shopsowitz and his brother Izzie Shopsowitz.

Tickets for the three performances are $18, available at Ticketmaster (872-1111) or at Israel's Judaica or Lasting Impressions (635-0720). Tickets for the opening night gala are $50. Proceeds support the Yiddish Studies Program at the University of Toronto. Phone 635-2883 ext. 700 for further information.

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Thornhill artist Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis, who teaches drawing and painting privately and color theory at Seneca College, is a gifted watercolorist whose latest canvases are on view at the Leah Posluns Theatre to March 20.

The series of paintings and collages on display was heavily influenced by Clarfield-Gitalis's latest trip to Israel last August. Flowers bursting with color are a favourite theme of the artist's, who explains the intensity of the colors reflects both her warm feelings for the country as well as the vibrant light and intense heat of summer. Other subjects include the Western Wall and Jerusalem sunsets.

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In Search of Joy is a half-hour documentary that offers various people's definitions of and perspectives on joy. The award-winning film, which aired on CBC, became intensely personal for filmmakers Isabel Fryszberg and Tracy Thomson, who both lost their fathers during production. Unintentionally, they became part of the film as they discovered through their loss that one cannot experience true joy without responding honestly to pain.

Fryszberg, a child of Holocaust survivors, expects to attend a screening at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Monday March 7, at 8 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Generation to Generation subcommittee of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. Admission is $2.

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Artist Mayer Kirshenblatt displays his acrylic on canvas at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., North York, during the month of March. Pick up a copy of North York Public Library's Art Exhibits 1993-94 brochure for information on artists and exhibits at other branches. Works are available for purchase by contacting the artists directly.

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A new book released this month by Fawcett Columbine tells a wrenching tale of self-discovery set on an Israeli kibbutz. *It's Crossing the Border: An Erotic Journey* is by Berkeley, Calif., resident Kim Chernin. Chernin has written numerous books about women over the past decade.

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Narrated by Abba Eban, the five-part video documentary *Israel: A Nation Is Born* tells the story of the founding of the Jewish state and all subsequent martial conflicts. The film, an emotional journey through 50 years of history, takes an unbiased look at events of the past decade and includes rare archival footage.

Videoshoppers World of Ottawa is touting the five-part package as "the perfect bar-bat mitzvah gift" and an "essential textbook" for teachers. The firm is marketing the set for $149.95 plus shipping and handling. For more information, write to the company at 2181 Carling Ave., Ottawa K2B 7E8, or phone (toll-free) 1-800-565-FIND.

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Arts

New children's entertainers delight kids, parents

Judy and David

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Two of Canada's newest children's entertainers, Judy and David, kept children and parents clapping and singing at a Sunday afternoon fundraising concert at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Sponsored by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University New Leadership Division, the concert was co-chaired by Michael Dodick and Lorne Persiko. The New Leadership Division, which welcomes individuals between the ages of 25 and 40 years, was formed in 1985 to develop awareness in Toronto of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and its importance to the State of Israel, and to raise funds for specific academic projects at the university.

Judy and David, who live in Richmond Hill, have known each other for five years and have been married for two years. The duo recently released their first recording *Jumpin' Up and Down*, which they describe as a labor of love. The success of this recording led to a recording contract, and the couple produced four cassettes, which are sold together, titled, *My Little Yellow Bus* and creatively packaged in a wooden bus.

Classic songs

At the concert, Judy and David performed some of the songs from their tapes. They play both original and classic songs adding their own spirited interpretations. Their eclectic program which is geared to children age two to seven, included, *I'm a Little Teapot, Choo Choo Train* and *Rock n' Roll Matzah Ball.*

The overnight sensation say their philosophy is to make kids happy and present music that encourages audience participation.

"Our philosophy is to be ourselves," said David, who handles the business end. Judy, a music teacher for the North York Board of Education, looks after the music. The three-member Altogether Band appears with Judy and David at concerts.

And now the couple is going global. Within the next few months, their children's songs will begin to appear in 12 different languages in 28 countries around the world. Judy says Ontario audiences have been so appreciative that "we hope to keep doing regular appearances here as long as possible."

Finjan gets Juno nomination

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Finjan, the acclaimed Winnipeg-based klezmer band, has started 1994 on some freilache notes. Now in its twelfth year, the group was notified in early February that its album, *Crossing Selkirk Avenue*, has been nominated for a Juno Award in the World Best category.

At the same time, band members (consisting of Myron and Victor Schultz, Eli Herscovitch, David Koulack, Shayla Fink and Kinzey Posen) were also given a new, four-volume anthology of Yiddish folksongs compiled by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"It's fantastic," Posen says of the anthology. "It was a real pleasure to receive it. There is so much in there, some tunes that everyone knows and some that are obscure. We will be incorporating some of the music into our own."

The anthology was presented to Finjan by Yude Henteleff QC, past president of the Winnipeg chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and vice president of the national organization. When Henteleff visited Israel recently, he was presented with the anthology by Sinai Leichter, a former Jewish National Fund shaliach to Winnipeg, who chaired the anthology project.

"Sinai and I are close friends," Henteleff says. "He still has strong feelings about Winnipeg. I am deeply touched and proud to have received this anthology. This is his way of honoring Winnipeg for its Yiddishkeit."

Honoring Winnipeg

Henteleff became aware of the project two years ago while attending a Hebrew University Board of Governors meeting. "This is a major contribution to the history of the Jewish People," he says. "A large part of our culture was obliterated by the Holocaust. Music has always been a way that people have expressed themselves."

The anthology consists of 340 songs, divided into different sections, which encompass every aspect of Jewish life and learning over the past 1,000 years. Each song has been translated into English and written out phonetically in Yiddish beside the original Yiddish words and musical notes.

"It is all there for everyone to understand and appreciate," Henteleff says. "This type of work will help preserve our endangered Yiddish heritage."

Henteleff felt it was important to give the volumes to Finjan because of the nature of their work. After they are finished going over the songs, the anthology will be donated to the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education where students will have access to them and, through them, to the history of the Jewish people.

"The Hebrew University is truly the university of the Jewish people," Henteleff says. "This is just one small example of the work the university produces for the benefit and enlightenment of Jews everywhere."

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Esther in Medieval Garb by Barry Dov Walfish (SUNY Press (paper) $23.95)

The Book of Esther, the basis for the popular festival of Purim has been the subject of much scholarly speculation. Best described as a novella, its historicity has been questioned. Its composition probably dates from the late Persian period (400-322 BCE). The central figures — Esther, Mordecai, Haman and Vashti — have left few historical traces. King Ahasverus has been tentatively identified with Xerxes the First (486-485 BCE) partly because of a notable figure in his court known as Marduka (Mordecai?).

The heroine of the Purim megillah (one of the five biblical scrolls attached to Jewish festivals) was first called Hadassah (myrtle) but later was given the Persian name Esther, which sounds suspiciously like the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.

The story is familiar. Esther, a Jewish orphan or foundling, is raised by her cousin Mordecai, a minor figure in the court of King Ahasverus. She is chosen in a beauty contest to succeed Vashti as consort to the King. Haman, a prominent court official and vicious anti-Semite, sends instructions throughout Persia for a massive pogrom "to destroy, to kill both young and old, little children and women in one day." Esther courageously transgresses court decorum to appeal for her people before the king. Haman is hanged on the gallows that he had erected for Mordecai.

Although the account of Esther's loyalty and courage are depicted without any religious overtones, she entered Jewish folklore and Midrash as a figure of female virtue, piety and determination — kin to Deborah, Judith and Hannah. The Talmud and the Midrash stress her extraordinary beauty, making her one of the four most beautiful women in the world — along with Rahab, Sarah and Abigail.

The Book of Esther, strangely, does not contain any mention of God. Nevertheless, Maimonides valued the book next after the Pentateuch, which indicates its importance in medieval Jewish life. For Jews through the ages the story has signified the inevitable downfall of the bigot and God's unfailing salvation.

Barry Dov Walfish, Jewish Studies librarian and lecturer in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto has written a scholarly but readable work on how Jewish exegetes or commentators interpreted the Book of Esther in the Middle Ages — until about the year 1500.

Drawing on a great number of exegetes from all over the European continent — some of them unknown or little studied — he shows how the medieval Jewish world embraced the Book of Esther as part of its intellectual, religious and cultural life. This ground-breaking work is the most comprehensive account of Jewish medieval interpretation of any biblical book.

The author has divided the subject matter of the exegetes into intriguing categories: Persia through European Eyes, Gentile-Jewish Relations, Perceptions of anti-Semitism, The Royal Court, The Jews and the Monarchy. The insights of the commentators are often ingenious and clever as well as insightful and comforting.

Some of them are in the tradition of the Aggadah which delights in the fanciful and imaginative. A 13th century work, the Zohar, concerned with the union of a Jewish woman with a pagan king would have it that God sent down a female spirit in the guise of Esther to take her place with the king and that she never lived with him as his wife.

Jewish conversos in Spain and Portugal identified with Esther who did not reveal her religion but remained loyal to the traditions of her people in a hostile environment.

Walfish maintains that the Bible speaks to each new generation in a new way and needs to be constantly interpreted. Thus, the medieval scholars who studied and interpreted the Bible for their own times can have meaning for our age as well.

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Book of Esther has been subject of scholarly speculation

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Finnish soprano raises funds to bring Soviet Jews to Israel

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Finnish soprano Marjatta Roine-Aaltonen has raised $6,300 for Soviet Jewry because "my heart is on fire" to bring Jews to Israel in fulfillment of a Biblical prophecy.

Now a resident of Peterborough, Ont., her mission began in 1991 when Roine-Aaltonen organized a concert in Finland three days after Operation Solomon, the airlift of Jews from Ethiopia to Israel. Israeli pilot and Finnish Jew Jerry Lawson was a special guest at the concert.

"It was a big surprise to me that there were black Jews in the world but it fulfills the prophecy in Isaiah," said Roine-Aaltonen.

She credits Toronto musician Bill Berle with teaching her Hebrew and Jewish songs at a time in life when she was grieving for her son killed in a car crash. She met Berle through her son's friendship with Berle's son, Paul Mathew, the third generation of a musical family. She went on to sing at bnei mitzvah and weddings with Berle's folk choir.

Bill Berle and Marjatta Roine-Aaltonen.

Sang Hebrew songs

At a concert in late January at the Agricola Finnish Lutheran Church in Willowdale, with Berle and his orchestra, she sang again the familiar Hebrew and Jewish songs that Berle taught her years ago. A total of $1,200 was raised.

She is a member of the Canadian Friends of the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem which has financed the journey of many Jews by plane and bus to Israel from the former Soviet Union.

"I can't understand why more churches in Canada aren't opening their doors to concerts to help Jews return to Israel," she said.

The January concert also featured the world premiere of *It's Time for Peace*, with lyrics by Toronto lawyer and Jewish book enthusiast Hy Bergel, set to music by Berle. One line of the song is, "The gates have flown open, the walls have come down, the Shofar of freedom is beginning to sound."

Other artists taking part were soloist Boris Shouster from Odessa, soprano Helen Bienstock, piano soloist and arranger Paul Mathew, and violinists of the York Symphony.

Alan Lazerte, executive director of Canadian Friends of the Internatiional Christian Embassy, spoke.

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Photo exhibit documents life in Sephardi Spain

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An exhibition of 54 photographs by noted New York artist, Victor Laredo will be on display at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., from March 6 to May 21.

Titled Tracing My Heritage: Victor Laredo's Photographs of Jewish Spain and Jewish Artifacts from the Sephardic Diaspora, the exhibition will be accompanied by a display of ritual artifacts from Sephardi communities, on loan from individuals and institutions in Toronto and Montreal.

Laredo's black and white original photographs were taken when he traveled to the home of his ancestors in Sephardi Spain. They document the vibrant life of a long-standing Jewish community which was brought to a halt with the Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews in 1492 to various lands around the Mediterranean.

Laredo was born in the ancient Greek city of Pergamon in 1924. A photo-journalist, author and lecturer, Laredo's photographs have appeared in *Harper's Bazaar, U.S. Camera Annual, Time* and *Life* and he has exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art, the Brooklyn Museum and many other museums and galleries.

Curator of the Laredo exhibition is art historian Sharon Goelman, a member of the historical/museum committee at Shaarei Shomayim. Goelman, who also heads the volunteer committees for the event, received a master of fine arts degree from Concordia University, did graduate work at McGill University and taught art history in Montreal. After moving to Toronto in 1985, she worked at the McMichael Canadian Art collection in Kleinberg, Ont.

Goelman says that, after hearing that Laredo's photographs reflected his search for his Jewish roots in Spain, she contacted him in New York to arrange for the exhibit.

"We felt that we did not want the story to end with the expulsion, and so we searched out artifacts produced in lands to which Jews fled, such as Turkey, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria and Egypt, as well as communities of Sephardim who settled in Holland."

One of the photographs from the Victor Laredo Sephardi collection on exhibit at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The committee has therefore borrowed heirlooms and other objects from individual collectors and museums, items such as clogs for a mikvah (ritual bath), an alms box, a yahrzeit oil lamp, Book of Esther scrolls and Sefer Mishkanot Yaakov from the Great Synagogue in Aleppo, Syria, printed in the Ottoman Empire in 1721.

The community is invited to view the exhibition and attend the official opening on Sunday evening March 6, beginning with a viewing at 7 p.m. Laredo will give a short talk about Jewish life in Spain at 8 p.m., followed by a Sephardi musical program featuring Dr. Judith Cohen, a specialist in Judaeo-Spanish music, and Kelly Amar and Aaron Benchitrit. Sephardi refreshments will be served.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Sephardic Studies Program of Yeshiva University, the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University and the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The Sephardi exhibition is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon. For reservations or more information on the opening, or to arrange for special showings, call Helen at the Shaarei Shomayim, (416) 789-3213.

Filmmaker takes look at Chomsky

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Montreal filmmaker Mark Achbar is throwing three parties at once.

Manufacturing Consent, the documentary on intellectual Noam Chomsky and his view of the media, which he co-produced and co-directed, will have its television premiere on the CBC program *Witness*, 10 p.m. Feb. 28. It will be rebroadcast March 5 at 8 p.m. on CBC Newsworld.

Achbar also edited the companion book, which will be available in paperback ($19.95) before Feb. 28.

A package of six videotapes with 15- to 30-minute segments of the film is currently available in the United States. The package is a discussion starter and particularly suited for schools. It will be in Canada soon.

Achbar, whose parents Marjorie and Ben Achbar are retired and live in Ottawa (a sister, Francine, is an executive producer with WBZ-NBC in Boston), is pleased with the track record of his film. It has won a half dozen major awards in international competition since showing at the 1992 Festival of Festivals in Toronto, and is the most commercially successful Canadian documentary ever.

The two hour and 45 minute film has been trimmed by its producers to 97 minutes for the CBC showing. It still includes the segment in which Chomsky defends freedom of opinion for Holocaust denier and French writer Robert Faurisson, though he does not agree with him.

Mark Achbar

Chomsky states in the film: "It is a poor service to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust to adopt a central doctrine of their murderers."

Achbar filmed an interview with Faurisson in France during the five-year period in which he and co-producer and co-director Peter Wintonick worked on the film in 23 cities in seven countries. It was the first film ever done on Chomsky, a linguistics professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who believes the media are part of a conspiracy with international corporations to subvert democracy and suppress dissent.

A total of 1,500 libraries and universities have purchased a $34.95 videotape of the film which is available by rental from the National Film Board, a co-producer.

A review in the Canadian magazine *Outlook* states: "We are given insights into Chomsky's early family life and formative years. Born in 1928 in a lower middle-class New York home (both his parents were Hebrew teachers, his father becoming a prominent Hebrew linguist), he grew up in the Depression years.

"His family was left-labor Zionist in idelogical orientation, and favored Arab-Jewish co-operation and understanding. He himself showed an early interest in left politics, frequenting anarchist bookstores and reading the *Fraye Arbiter Shtimme* (Free Workers' Voices). He was also influenced by a news vendor uncle who employed him and encouraged him to scan the papers.

"As a young man, he was inspired by the kibbutz movement in Palestine, but eventually felt that the early Zionist ideals had become degraded."

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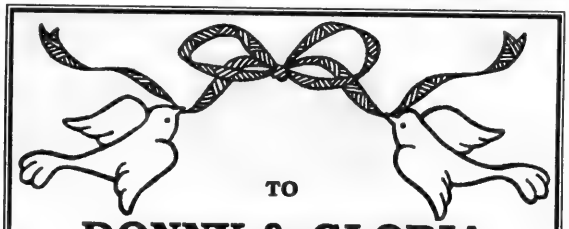

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Travel

Jewish museum in Greece captures heritage

By ESTELLE CRAIG

TORONTO — Most people visiting Greece can't wait to get to Athens where they make a beeline for the Acropolis to see the Parthenon, then probably the Plaka for its vast array of souvenirs and hundreds of Greek goodies. We did that, too, the first time we were there, many years ago.

This time, though, we had other places to visit, other things to do. One of the first was to check out the Jewish Museum of Greece. It was founded in 1977 to "collect, preserve and make public the surviving heritage of the Jews of Greece."

They have assembled a vast array of religious and ceremonial artifacts, costumes and embroideries, old photographs and documents pertaining to the Holocaust.

Today there are only 5,000 Jews remaining in Greece. Since World War II over 85 percent have either died or left the country. Greek Jews have a tradition going back to well before the third century BCE. After the conquests of Alexander the Great, Greece boasted large, flourishing Jewish communities. During the Roman-Byzantine Empire these Jews became known as the Romaniotes.

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A bus crosses the Allenby Bridge into Jordan. [WZPS photo]

Israel, Jordan ready for tourist trade

By DOV HOCH
Special to The CJN

AMMAN (WZPS) — It was almost 9 a.m. when I got up to excuse myself from a breakfast meeting at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem. I had another meeting in Amman at 1 p.m. and didn't want to be late. So I made my way to Abdo Taxi opposite Damascus Gate and took a shared cab to the Jordanian border. Eight dollars, 25 minutes and one road block later, I was at the Allenby Bridge.

At Passport Control on the Israeli side, a young woman asked me several questions, then obliged me by not putting an Israeli stamp in my American passport. Across the bridge and a mile down the road, a young Jordanian provided an entrance permit, indicating — as plainly as a Star of David — that I had come from Israel.

Although major issues remain unresolved, such as Palestinian immigration to the territories and Jordanian fears of extremists fleeing from the territories to Jordan, there appears to be both the social and political good will to render tourism between Israel and Jordan routine by the end of the decade.

Nasri Atalla, director-general of Jordan's Ministry of Tourism, acknowledges that he is already making plans to receive Israeli tourists in Jordan. "Just look at the map," Atalla tells me in his Amman office. "We have a 300-mile border with Israel. For goodness sake, tourism between the two countries is natural."

In November 1993, Israel's minister of tourism Uzi Baram secretly met his Jordanian counterpart, Mohammed Radwan, in London. Unlike the politically-charged peace talks and the largely ceremonial meeting between Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres and Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan in Washington, the London meeting was the first to deal with practical issues.

Mainly focusing on joint infrastructure and development projects, according to Baram, they discussed building a joint port to be shared by Aqaba and Eilat, which would allow Israel to use its 13 kilometres of beach on the Red Sea solely for tourism. (Israel's largest shipping line, Zim, announced in October that it will no longer transport through Eilat; rather all of its ships from the East will sail through the Suez Canal and unload at Ashdod). The Israeli Port Authority has also shelved plans for building a new international airport north of Eilat, as it expects to develop a joint facility with the Jordanians in the near future.

Just days after the London meeting, director-general of Israel's Ministry of Tourism, Eli Gonen, met with a delegation of Jordanian businessmen in Jerusalem, some of whom have investments in Jordanian tourism projects. "I'm sure the Jordanian government was aware of their plans to meet with me," said Gonen. "This gives us confidence in the Jordanian private sector — that they are really interested in peace and we are not just experiencing political gestures."

The discussions focused on developing a riviera on the Red Sea, from Aqaba, along the Israeli coast to Taba in northern Sinai. How to attract cruise ships to the area was also discussed, as well as joint advertising for package travel to the region.

The Jordanian entrepreneurs, said Gonen, were also interested in establishing charter flights between the two countries. Meanwhile, a Jordanian minibus routinely drives across the Allenby Bridge to pick up passengers from Israeli soil, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has just built a super highway from Amman to the bridge.

Getting to Amman from the Jordan River takes 40 minutes and costs about ten dollars. The landscape is similar on both slopes of the shared valley, but on the Jordanian side, signs announce one's arrival at the King Hussein Bridge. A sign on the eastern slope of the Jordan Valley, similar to that found between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, indicates that one has reached sea level. Just off the road is Mount Nebo, the reputed burial place of Moses, and 20 minutes outside Amman one can still see the three spires of the Mount of Olives and Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

Amman is a modern city whose wide boulevards accommodate the traffic far better than the streets in most Israeli cities. Mercedes and fancy American cars cruise the capital's streets almost unhindered by traffic lights, and a spacious, low-lying cityscape provides commodious parking.

Benetton, Stefanel, Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets with their neon signs are all long-time fixtures in Amman, where 30 per cent of the country's 3.5 million people live. Jordan's per capita income is less than $1,000 a year, and one out of five workers is unemployed, facts that become much clearer just outside Amman, where a third of the population is officially registered as refugees — many still in refugee camps. Most of the remaining population are farmers or live in the urban centres of Zarqa, Jerash and Irbid to the north.

The minority Christian community is considered wealthy. Many study abroad and their material appetites seem similar to those of upper-class urban Americans.

Development projects are already under way to increase the number of hotel rooms in Petra from 400 to 3,200. This Nabatean site is Jordan's most popular tourist destination, since Israelis seem to be attracted to the red-stone city in Harei Adumim (the Red Mountains), south east of the Dead Sea, the biblical home of the Edomites. In fact, since the 1950s, 12 overly-curious Israelis were killed after they crossed the border and attempted to visit Petra. More recently, those caught were arrested and eventually returned to Israel.

Jordan also offers a well-restored 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheatre in the heart of Amman. In Jerash, only a half-hour drive north, ruins of Greek temples to Zeus and Artemis — goddess of wild animals and Apollo's twin sister — can be found. In Madaba, to the south, is the oldest known map of Jerusalem, in the form of a sixth century mosaic floor.

The proximity of Jordan and Israel is sure to strengthen ties between the two countries far faster than political links between Israel and other Arab states. Atalla at the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism is already seriously planning his Israel policy. "I don't want the Cohen family to pack a picnic in Eilat, fill the car up with gas in Israel and drive the 1½ hours to Petra just for the day," says Atalla. "No, let them come and spend a few days, and some money."

TO LIVE IN JERUSALEM

Revered as a holy place, Jerusalem is also a secular city — where people live, work, eat and look for a parking space. How people have done this over the last 150 years, was the subject of a recent exhibition at the Israel Museum. The photo depicts a view of the Temple Mount as seen from a modern home in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —Sparkling azure-turquoise water, waves cresting with foam, smooth beige sand, a dazzlingly hot sun. Welcome to a typical winter's day in Hawaii.

Having donned hats, sunscreen and sunglasses, we are ready to brave — or rather, luxuriate in — the elements. Soon we'll relax on a canopied chaise lounge, maybe order pink lemonades in tall glasses frosty with condensation.

Okay, you noticed the dateline above says Toronto. February is a month for sun-filled fantasies. As a second-generation Torontonian I don't normally object to winter, but this record-breaking cold season is also breaking me. I've developed zero tolerance for sub-zero temperatures and I've had it to my pipik with snow, slush, wind-chill factors and freezing rain. If you're feeling the same, please join me as I indulge in the equivalent of California dreaming on a bitterly cold winter's day.

Where were we? Oh yes, **Hawaii**. The Waikoloa Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii is a Disneyesque playground in the Pacific. Its three residential towers are linked by sleek monorail trams as well as by boats that wend along picturesque canals. The vast grounds are dotted with squiggly-shaped pools, palm trees, waterfalls, a dolphin compound, a flamingo island, and $2 million worth of museum-calibre art works.

Soak up sun

Everything about this place is superlative, from chandeliers that weigh as much as three elephants to a colossal trellis touted as the world's largest. Gorgeously landscaped, Waikaloa cost $360 million to build but there's no telling what the Hilton Corporation paid when it acquired the spectacular property from the Hyatt Regency chain last November. And who cares? We want only to soak up the sun in this exclusive and costly environment.

Thailand: One day an elephant waded into the swimming pool of the elegant Katathani Resort on the idyllic isle of Phuket. The European hotelier was beside himself with worry.

Summertime brings pregnant clouds from India but only occasionally do they burst with rain. In monsoon season, a powerful undertow eats up the beach sand but a gentle surf spits it back the rest of the year.

Visits to an ancient Buddhist temple, a seaside gypsy encampment, a rickety fishing village set above the water on stilts, and some fanciful rocks known as the James Bond Islands (where a 007 movie was once shot) offer convincing evidence that this part of the world is enticing, mysterious, untamed, different. Even the name of these waters — the Andaman Sea — seems exotic, and their colors change daily.

Bahamas: It's a short hop from Nassau to the green isle of Eleuthera, home of the well-appointed Cotton Bay Club, with cosy cabins along a pristine bay of sugary sand. I can almost taste the warm, moist, salt-sea air whose welcome gusts rustle the palm fronds ever so delicately. Come, let's make tracks along the uncrowded beach. We'll return in time for gourmet dining on an open-air patio, a Cotton Bay Club tradition. Golfers will appreciate the 18-hole championship course.

California: We're standing by the Grecian-style outdoor pool at San Simeon, the Hearst castle built on a hilltop near California's gorgeous Pacific Coast Highway, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. In these waters once splashed the cinematic demigods of yesteryear — Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, et al — so it's no wonder that swimming is forbidden to mere mortals like you and me. Newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst onced owned all the land as far as the eye can see, even the distant mountains.

Blue horizon

Beyond the blue horizon northward lies more unbelievable scenery. Tenderly do the majestic mountains embrace the faithful sea as we drive along this unique ribbon of road, the radio tuned to the meditation channel. In the flat grape country outside Salinas, we discuss the late great local writer John Steinbeck with strangers in a donut shop. Soon we'll approach San Francisco's famed Golden Gate.

Israel: Actually, we've come not to the Israeli sun destination of Eilat, but to its forbidden twin city of Aqaba. Both share the same fine beach sand and luscious sun. Both share the same coral-rich waters of the Red Sea, which are renowned for superlative scuba diving. Some evenings as the sun sets over Egypt, the waters turn red: hence their name. At the seaside bar of the Aqaba Holiday Inn, the bartender, a Coptic Christian from Egypt, looks longingly westward — towards Eilat, where the nightlife is far more vibrant and the hotels meet international standards of excellence.

This nook between Asia and Africa is so enticing that Jordan's King Hussein has a palace on the beach. Last year, one of the royal horses broke free and bounded into Israel, enjoying the hospitality of the Hebrews until its cordial return to the Hashemites. If peace negotiations bear fruit, human beings may also freely cross this border one day. That's something else to fantasize about on a cold February day.

Vietnam full of paradoxes

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

VIETNAM — Vietnam is one of the oldest countries in the world, going back 2,000 years, but half its people are under 30. Old country, new people. Vietnam is full of such paradoxes.

A rusting, wingless helicopter sits in the padlocked U.S. Embassy yard in Ho Chi Minh City. Youngsters peddle T-shirts with logos like "Stop the U.S. Embargo" and "Miss Saigon". Beggar children lick chocolate down to the tin foil outside the luxurious Continental Hotel in Saigon.

There's a definite personality difference between North and South Vietnamese, obvious even to tourists. Southerners are more talkative and outgoing than their reticent northern neighbors. Both are friendly to Americans.

If one settles down on a museum or park bench, smiling young people appear eager to practice their English. A tour guide asks if anyone has spare magazines or books. He doubles as a Grade 5 teacher, but his students have few reading English materials. Youngsters of 12 or 13 work as interpreters for business delegations. The English language is in the hands of the young.

The beauty of the Vietnamese countryside and the vibrancy of its cities have not been demolished by its wars. There's much to see and learn in all regions. Ha Long Bay is an ecological highlight, an untouted wonder of the world. Like castles rising from the sea, more than 3,000 stone formations dot the bay. Ramshackle sampans, whose owners offer cabbage-like coral for sale, float between them. It's easy to see animals profiles in some of the shapes. They could be Easter Island figures, a sculpture garden of the sea.

After such surrealism, one can see the old and new juxtaposed during a sail down the Boch Dang River towards Haiphong. One bank is home to a massive shipping industry, with rusty iron ships, cranes and yellow cement warehouses. On the other side lie placid rice farms. Silhouettes of willow trees and the distant mountains frame picture after picture of pastoral serenity.

This paradox of feudal and modern exists outside of Ho Chi Minh City as well. Men and oxen plow muddy fields while women in conical hats, their faces protected from sunburn by sweltering bands of cloth, gather up wheat sheaves. Inside the city people whiz by on motor bikes.

Saigon immediately impresses with its size, French Colonial architecture and ubiquitous clamor. More than 4.5 million people live there, and every day hundreds line up at the beautiful main post office to mail letters and make phone calls. The antiquated communications systems makes for benches filled with resigned-looking callers awaiting their turn.

The Reunification Palace, formerly the presidential palace, has a haute dictator feeling with its billiard room, ballroom, receiving and conference rooms, theatre, etc. On the roof is a helicopter pad and sunning garden. In the basement are extensive war rooms and an impressive communications centre. Outside magnificent lawns and flowers are on all sides. Beyond the huge iron gate is the cacophony of Saigon traffic.

In Hanoi is the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, which matches Lenin's Tomb for pomp and splendor. Here too you can see the late leader "in person." A happier attraction is the water puppet theatre, where puppeteers stage hilarious fish fights, gun battles and wedding processions, complete with smoking cannons. The singing of a live costumed troupe is similar to Chinese opera.

A chilling sight is the memorial site behind the Hue Fortress. The overgrown field was the site of the harshest Tet offensive in 1968. Artillery shells and other ammunition were once stored underground.

In DaNang one can swim at the famous China Beach, wider than Jones Beach, and filled with friendly bathers. Down the road, the largest Buddha in the country sits on Marble Mountain. The views are stupendous. Another beautiful beach is in Nha Trang. Non-swimmers can recline on beach chairs under the palms for just pennies.

Far from the horrors of the Vietnam War, Westerners are free once again to explore the charms of the country and its people.

Note: Until sanitary conditions improve in public places and toilets, touring by ship is strongly recommended. First-class hotels are still sparse, air-conditioning is mostly nil, and bottled water is essential.

Greece's Jewish museum

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In the 15th century Spanish and Portuguese Jews were invited to take refuge in the Ottoman Empire at the invitation of Sultan Beyazit II.

They were called Sephardim and settled in cities such as Thessaloniki, Edirne and Izmir. By 1910 Thessaloniki had a Jewish population of approximately 65,000, which was half of its entire inhabitants.

The Jewish Museum of Greece is open to the public and funded and manned by the Friends Of The Jewish Museum, active in Greece and abroad. A quarterly newsletter is sent to its members. It is located at 36 Queen Amalias Ave., GR-105 58, Athens.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the museum in Greece, or the American Friends, Post Office Box 1162, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521, U.S.A.

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Business & Finance

Logical Solutions

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As computer skills become more essential to remaining competitive in today's job market, an increasing number of computer training courses are being designed to help bring our generation up to speed.

Michael Noar, founder of Logical Solutions, a company that specializes in training people in some of today's most widely accepted business software, thinks that the key to successful computer training is to find an instructor that is low-key, patient and offers instruction in the comfort of the student's home or office.

"People are nonplussed by computers. They have this gigantic fear. But with just a little bit of instruction and encouragement, their fears can easily be overcome. When they are learning in a familiar environment, they are far more relaxed and better able to grasp the concepts. And when they are taught directly on their own computer, the instruction is far more effective because they can personalize their computer set-up," he believes.

For a fee of $40 per hour, for an average stretch of four to eight hours, Noar says he can have anyone up and running on their own computer, familiarizing them with just about any software package on the market today. From Maximizer for Windows, Q & A Write and Q & A Database to Winfax Pro, Aldus PageMaker and Fastback, Noar helps his clients, who range in age from 8 to 72, upgrade their skills and ultimately puts them at ease with any new technology.

"Most computers are being terribly underutilized which is a shame. It amazes most of my students just how much power their computers have and how little of it they are actually using because of lack of awareness or understanding," he explains.

"The reason most people seek my help is that their time is too valuable [for] searching through and trying to decipher 200-page instruction manuals. What would normally take four to five days to figure out on their own, I can teach my students in ½ hour or less."

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Tips From Pros

By BARRY CORBIN
Special to The CJN

Resolving financial disputes between two parties when there are underlying personal conflicts is a difficult proposition at the best of times.

It is for this reason that the resolution of matrimonial disputes is often a protracted and expensive legal exercise. But if one concedes top spot to matrimonial disputes in this regard, there is little doubt that running a clear second are estate disputes. Indeed, the rancour exhibited by litigants in an estate dispute is often fuelled as much by emotional concerns — anger and jealousy being at the top of the list — as by financial ones.

This dual agenda — one personal, the other financial — is also the reason why parties to a matrimonial dispute are often prepared to try mediation, either as an alternative or as an adjunct to litigation. And yet, this is rarely tried in estate disputes. Why? Before suggesting an answer, a few comments on mediation as a method of dispute resolution are offered here.

Mediation (which is just one of a whole range of methods usually grouped under the umbrella term, "alternative dispute resolution") seeks to resolve issues in dispute through "interest-based" rather than "position-based" negotiation. The objective for the mediator is to understand the "why" rather than the "what" which drives each party. By encouraging each of the parties to put on the table (at least for the mediator, if not for the other party) the real reason for his or her position on the issues in dispute, the mediator seeks to help the parties in fashioning their own resolution of the issues.

By contrast, in litigation each party hides his or her real agenda. Communication between the lawyers is limited to a cold recitation of facts (at least, the facts as the client perceives them and as the lawyer chooses to describe them) coupled with a list of aggressive demands.

To pose the question again: why is mediation frequently tried in matrimonial disputes, but rarely in estate disputes? One factor stands out among others as a possible explanation: a fundamental difference between the way the courts deal with matrimonial disputes and the way they deal with estate disputes.

The unsuccessful party in a matrimonial dispute will normally be penalized in costs. That is, in addition to having to pay all of his or her own legal costs, the losing party will be ordered by the court to pay a significant portion of the legal costs of the successful party. However, in estate litigation each party expects to be indemnified in full out of the estate for his or her legal costs.

There would appear, then, to be a strong incentive on both sides to settle matrimonial disputes outside the courtroom, at least where the facts or the law do not so clearly favor one side or the other. By contrast, if each party to an estate dispute expects the court to order full indemnification out of the estate for his or her legal costs, the perceived risk of litigation is diminished, as is the inclination to settle out of court.

Of course, there are other reasons why mediation of estate disputes is uncommon. But those other reasons are not unique to estate disputes. Rather, they relate to resistance in general to mediation as an alternative means of dispute resolution.

Admittedly, in some cases, it can be more difficult to mediate estate disputes than to mediate matrimonial disputes. In matrimonial disputes, there tend to be only two parties before the courts (although where children are involved, there are other parties with an interest in the outcome). In estate disputes, there can be a multitude of issues and, for each issue, a number of parties on each side. Furthermore, there may be more than two sides to an issue. For example, there may be two or three possible interpretations of an ambigious clause in the deceased person's will, each one favoring one person or group of persons over another. Nonetheless, a skilled mediator can deal with multi-party disputes as effectively as with two-party disputes.

Effective mediation

What does mediation offer the parties to an estate dispute? A great many things. First and foremost, mediation offers the parties confidentiality. Where an estate dispute is settled by a court, evidence relevant to the issues in dispute may consist of embarrassing personal information, perhaps about the deceased or about his or her relationships with other family members. (The litigation involving the estate of the late Harold Ballard is a recent example.) In mediation, such information need not enter the public domain.

Effective mediation also has the potential to offer the parties significant cost savings. The mediator's fees will be an additional expense to the disputants, over and above legal and other professional fees, but an effective mediator can eliminate one or more contentious issues which would otherwise occupy many hours of lawyer's time, including legal research, preparation for trial and the conduct of the trial itself.

Multiplying that time and expense by the number of parties who are separately represented by counsel (and there are frequently three or more such parties) quickly demonstrates how mediation can save thousands of dollars in legal and other professional fees. And where such costs are kept down, the pie to be shared is that much bigger, with the likely result that more options can be generated for resolving the dispute.

As a final comment on costs, the following caveat is offered. There are a number of well-recognized exceptions to the general rule of full indemnity from the estate for all parties to the estate dispute. Furthermore, there is a growing tendency for the courts to expand on those exceptions. Nowadays, the person who intends to engage in estate litigation cannot afford to be too smug about the risk of losing in court.

Reasonable alternatives to litigation can be expected to attract more interest as time goes on. The costs and risks entailed in such litigation continue to rise, as will the number of estates to be dealt with following the greying of our population. The "win-win" nature of mediation makes it the alternative with the brightest future in resolving estate disputes.

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Kosher vodka producers plan exports to North America

By MIRIAM WIDMAN
Special to The CJN

BERLIN — Have a hankering for some kosher vodka?

Within a year, vodka drinkers in North America will be able to order a kosher version of the drink, manufactured in, of all places, the former East Germany.

The Nissenbaums, a western German Jewish family that has made kosher vodka a necessity in Poland, has now begun producing the drink in Germany.

The family plans to begin exporting its kosher vodkas to the United States and Canada in 1995. This year, the family is concentrating on expanding its presence in Germany and western Europe.

Along with four varieties of kosher vodka, the family produces two after-dinner liqueurs and is planning to produce a line of kosher-for-Passover vodkas.

Located halfway between Berlin and Hanover, the family-owned factory produces what it maintains is Germany's first kosher vodka.

The drink is made at the former Communist government-owned Absthof spirits factory, which the Nissenbaums, together with a senior manager at the plant, took over after industry was privatized in the former East Germany.

So what is not kosher about other brands of vodka?

Gideon Nissenbaum, a part owner of the factory, said other distilleries make vodka from mixed grains and do not take the special hygienic precautions required for making kosher vodka. Additionally, the Nissenbaums only use kosher yeast.

Nissenbaum said several factories use yeast from animal fat. All bottles of the Nissenbaum kosher vodka carry a seal of kashrut approval signed by Rabbi D. Weisz of the Orthodox Rabbinate in Berlin.

The Nissenbaums make four brands of kosher vodka. One of them — Anatevka, which is made from wheat — is the best-known brand here, possibly because the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof* goes in this country by the name of the village where the story takes place.

There is another brand known as Jon Teff, pronounced like the Yiddish form of Yom Tov (holiday) but which most Germans pronounce like John Teff, as though it were somebody's name. This brand is made from potatoes and topped off with buffalo grass, a grain that grows between the Polish-Russian border.

The company also makes a Chanukah vodka, which is made from potatoes and topped off with herbs.

These vodkas all contain 40 per cent alcohol. But if that is too weak for your tastes, try the Purim version, which contains 50 percent alcohol.

All the Nissenbaum vodkas have a small brochure attached explaining the significance behind the names.

"We want to make Jewish culture known via vodka," said Gideon Nissenbaum.

The Nissenbaums, although not big vodka drinkers themselves, have experience in the business. Gideon's father, Zygmunt, is a well-known member of the German Jewish community.

During the 1980s he established the Family Nissenbaum Foundation in Poland to preserve Jewish cultural treasures there, particularly Jewish cemeteries.

To keep the foundation running, he set up a joint venture with Poland's former Communist government, which operated a distillery business.

After much research, Gideon Nissenbaum stumbled upon an old Polish recipe for kosher vodka. The drink soon became an astounding success, and many non-Jewish Poles became convinced it was the only way to go.

Soon, several competing kosher vodka labels were on the Polish market. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the Nissenbaum family met with the Treuhandanstalt, the German government privatizing agency, to discuss expanding production to Germany.

The family chose the Absthof Distillery because of its long history of producing spirits. The rest, as you could say, is hic-story.

A success story

By DEBBIE HELLER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — These days it comes as no surprise to hear that another Canadian company is laying off employees or even closing their doors for good. We may not be used to hearing about companies that are succeeding in the '90s . . . but Actionwear is doing just that.

In 1992 the company grossed $2.3 million in sales and in 1993 doubled that figure to $5 million. Actionwear is looking to expand by another 18,000 to 24,000 square feet.

This Canadian-owned and -operated corporate clothing and premium incentive company is the brain child of 33-year-old president Albert Soberano, who started the company eight years ago.

His management team is equally young. As the company expanded, David Lewenberg, 33, came in as a partner and vice-president three years ago. David Bundas, 31, came on board last year as a sales representative and marketing director.

Actionwear produces garments and accessories emblazoned with the client's logo. Clients include Molson's, Yamaha, Oshawa Foods, Bell Canada, Apple Canada and Famous Players.

"The key words in the advertising industry today are 'value added.' This means that a garment carrying a corporate insignia will be seen by the public for as long as people own and wear it," said Bundas.

The dynamic trio have beaten the odds by paying close attention to the changing needs of their clients. According to Lewenberg, companies have not cut promotional spending, instead changing the nature of what they give away.

Actionwear started as the middleman, but grew into a manufacturer with sophisticated silk screening technology and in-house art department.

"We stock blank garments that we import ourselves from all over the world," said Lewenberg. "This allows us to customize logos and at the same time we are very closely affiliated with a Canadian cut-and-sow factory that manufactures goods for us."

Actionwear also recently created a new licensing division. In 1993 it became a sub-licence printer for major league baseball through Woody Sports Inc., and acquired the exclusive distribution rights through Impact Products for the major league baseball association.

Soberano said that while clothing is a big part of his business, the company also does contract printing and promotional catalogues.

"The ad specialty companies we work with often bring their clients to our showroom to show them the various items and merchandise they can order . . . and even though our companies course of action and philosophies are changing, we have to protect the people that have brought us where we are today," said Soberano.

Other people have helped Actionwear grow. "A big key to our success is our employees. They don't punch the clock and say 'It's 5 p.m., time to go home,' " Lewenberg said. "They'll stay late to ensure the merchandise goes out as scheduled."

ISRAELI STOCKS

As of Jan. 21, 1994, here are the Israeli companies publicly traded in the United States. This data is courtesy of Oscar Gruss & Son Inc. of New York and Tel Aviv.

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Solutions

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Beyond the initial training, Noar also offers telephone support whenever a problem arises. Companies like Radio Shack and Future Shop find this a valuable service for their customers who often hesitate to buy computers or software because they aren't aware that this kind of support exists. In fact, Radio Shack has suggested that Noar take a three-day business seminar to learn about two of their top-selling programs — BusinessVision and PowerLAN — so that he can add to his repertoire and act as a support system for their retail customers.

Noar, educated in England, has been working in Canada's computer software market since 1976. While selling software, he saw a tremendous need for computer training when realizing how difficult it was for people to get ongoing support from most computer stores.

"Today, the computer is no longer a luxury; it has become an integral part of the business world. But because a lot of people don't really understand the newer programs, they are needlessly losing great job opportunities." he explains.

"My advice is to experiment with your computer. Spend some time playing with the different features and most of all have fun with it. That's the best way to learn."

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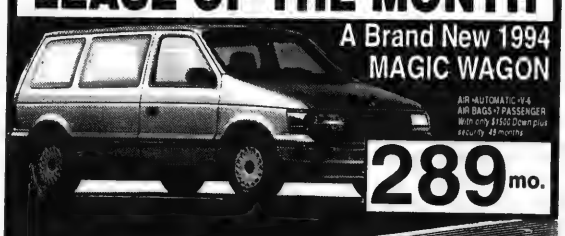

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ex-Editor Heads Palestinian Bank

JERUSALEM — The former editor of the Palestinian newspaper Al-Fajr, published in eastern Jerusalem, has been named to head a new Palestinian banking venture backed by an international consortium.

Hanna Siniora will become the senior officer of the International Palestinian Bank, a co-venture to be established by Bank Leumi in co-operation with a Palestinian, Spanish and Moroccan banking constortium.

The bank, slated to have $40 million in start-up capital, is expected to be an important source for economic development in the territories after the implementation of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

The consortium has requested the approval of the Bank of Israel to to open branches in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. As part of its backing, Bank Leumi has agreed to train workers and provide computer services for the bank.

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A New Business Link

ISRAEL — An organization has been established to merge small and medium-size enterprises in the Mediterranean basin countries.

It will operate under the framework of an international economic congress.

The regional group will include Israel, the Palestinians, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Cyprus, Morocco, Tunisia, Greece, Algeria, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and perhaps, Syria and Lebanon.

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Middle East Economic Conference

AMMAN — Israel will participate in an economic conference in Amman this April.

At the meeting, regional states will be joined by thousands of investors. Up to 4,000 important economic concerns from developed countries will be addressed. The purpose is to set up future investments in the region.

The conference was announced by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a Histadrut Labor Federation central committee meeting. He said that the European Davos organization and the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations are arranging the conference.

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The Economics Of Politics

ISRAEL — Economic contacts are continuing with the Palestinians but nothing will be finalized until the political process is concluded, according to the Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

He was speaking to leaders of the Labor party.

He said the Israeli economy is already enjoying benefits on account of the not-yet-signed political agreement, due to large investments from abroad. The peace process has already resulted in cuts in the defense budget which accounts for 8 per cent of the GNP, compared to 20 per cent in the 1970s.

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The Perfect Partner Handbook

ISRAEL — Even though Israel has become such an attractive investment option, many people are perplexed about where to invest.

To combat this, Israel's Manufacturers Association has assembled a catalogue of potential partnerships with 130 countries.

The handbook, complete with corporate profiles and contact names, covers a wide range of industries and includes giants such as Teva and Tadiran.

Companies listed are seeking strategic partners for financing, marketing, development, data sharing and joint investments.

Expertise to guide prospective Canadian investors is available from Ben Noy, the director of Israel's Economic Mission or economic advisor Gabriel Regev at (416) 961-1242.

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Reduced Roles in Banking Business

ISRAEL — Israel is hanging "for sale" signs on companies across the country, including banks, as the government's privatization drive picks-up speed.

By the end of this year, the government will have given up controlling interest in Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi. Most available shares will be offered on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) although some could find their way to European and American capital markets.

The finance department predicts $1.5 billion in revenue from privatization this year.

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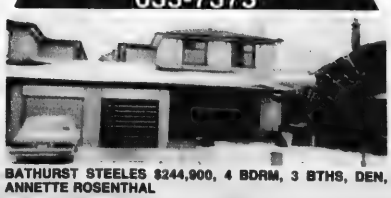

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The Cemeteries Act (Revised)
Notice of Filing of By-Law by the Farband Of Lithuanian Jews
Take Notice that The Farband Of Lithuanian Jews has filed for approval with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial relations- Cemeteries Branch, pursuant to The Cemeteries Act (Revised) a by-law for the operation of its cemeteries.
All Interested Persons may inspect the proposed by-law and make copies of it at the offices of the Society, 8 Wendy Crescent, City of North York.
The Proposed By-Law is subject to the approval of the Registrar appointed pursuant to The Cemeteries Act (Revised).
Dated at the City of North York, February 15, 1993.

280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne and Bill Lieberman and Libby and Bernie Tenenhouse are delighted to announce the engagement of their children Hilary and Michael. Proud grandparents are Lillian Zimmerman and Cyla and Morris Lieberman. Mazel Tov.

MCDONALD/ ROTHER
The engagement is announced of Jacqueline McDonald, daughter of Mr. Justice David McDonald, and the late Joyce McDonald (nee Miller), of Edmonton, Alberta to Dr. Mark Rother, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Rother of Toronto, Ontario. An October wedding is planned to take place in Toronto.

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Etty Danzig (centre), Na'amat Canada president and organizer of last week's Toronto Vigil for Agunot, is joined by (l. to r.) Ophira Sone, Helen Redner, Glennie Lindenberg and Joyce Eklove, who lit candles to be held at the vigil. [Rough Layout photo]

Vigils for Agunot held in seven Canadian cities

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Sombre vigils were held last Wednesday evening in seven cities across Canada to show solidarity with and draw attention to the plight of agunot — women whose husbands refuse to give them a Jewish divorce (get).

The Vigil for Agunot was organized by the Montreal-based Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, which comprises B'nai Brith Women, Emunah Women of Canada, Hadassah-WIZO, Na'amat Canada, Women's Canadian ORT and the Montreal and Toronto Jewish Women's Federations.

Coalition chair Evelyn Brook spoke at the Montreal vigil to about 100 people, mostly women but including some rabbis, gathered in the lobby of the Montreal Jewish federation headquarters. "Too many women are caught in the shackles of the Jewish divorce system," she said. These women depend on each and every one of us. Our survival as a community is tied to our ability to respond to them."

Norma Joseph, leader of the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR), said, "Unless we address [the agunah issue], we will not be able to talk with our heads held high about Jewish continuity."

She cited several examples of women in Israel who are trapped in relationships with abusive men and treated with indifference — or worse, denounced by the rabbinical courts.

Since 1990 Canada has had a law requiring spouses to remove any barriers to the remarriage of their partners before a civil divorce is granted. But, Joseph noted, it has not been completely effective because many lawyers do not know how to use it. It also has no jurisdiction over a recalcitrant spouse who has left the country, nor does it help agunot who already have civil divorces.

Orthodox Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz was congratulated for taking the lead in Montreal in terms of concrete action on the get issue. The constitution of his synagogue, Congregation Beth Tikvah in Dollard des Ormeaux, stipulates that anyone not participating in the get process cannot be a synagogue member. In addition, anyone stalling on a get is not accorded Torah honors or privileges at Beth Tikvah.

The synagogue has never used the clause, the rabbi said, but its presence alone has acted as a deterrent to recalcitrance in at least a couple of cases.

Rabbi Ira Grussgott of Conservative Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, the largest synagogue in Montreal, told *The CJN* he intends to propose to the board a similar clause in the Shaar's bylaws.

"Jewish law should never be understood as a force that oppresses. Judaism is synonymous with justice... This is one issue on which Orthodox Judaism feels almost apologetic or ashamed or defensive," he said. Rabbi Grussgott thinks the agunah issue is probably "irremediable" in the sense of finding flexibility in Halachah. "It's the classic dilemma: you want to be true to a system that has ensured Jewish survival, yet you regret injustice."

The Rabbinical Council of Canada, Quebec region, an Orthodox rabbinical group, has insisted for a couple of years that none of its mem-

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Hebron slayings stall peace talks

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and CJN Staff

Last week's killing of 39 Palestinians praying at a Hebron mosque by a Jewish settler brought swift condemnations from around the world, including from Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

And although the governments of Syria, Jordan and Lebanon had restricted their initial reactions to the murders to verbal criticisms, by Sunday night, Israel's neighbors had decided on concrete action.

The three countries announced they are breaking off the Washington-based bilateral negotiations with Israel because, according to one U.S. official, "the atmosphere is not right. They wanted things to cool down a bit."

In Ottawa, Chretien issued a statement saying "The government and the people of Canada are appalled by this horrible crime in the West Bank.

"We hope that this senseless act of violence will not impede the historic progress we have seen recently in the Middle East peace process that is fully supported by the government of Canada.

"On behalf of the people of Canada, I extend my sincere condolences to the families of the victims," Chretien's statement said.

The prime minister also wrote to his Israeli counterpart, saying he is "encouraged" that both Israel and the PLO had accepted invitations from U.S. President Bill Clinton for accelerated talks in Washington.

"I encourage you in your efforts to ensure that such extreme acts are not repeated," Chretien wrote to Yitzhak Rabin. "Only then can the hopes engendered by the courageous signing of the Declaration of Principles be realized."

In a letter to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Chretien expressed his "shock and outrage" at the Hebron massacre and said he's looking forward to meeting Arafat when the PLO leader is scheduled to visit Canada later this year.

In Washington, Clinton called the attack a "gross act of murder."

Noting that the attacker's "likely purpose was to ruin the historic reconciliation now under way between the Palestinians and the Israelis," Clinton called on Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to meet beginning this week in Washington and to keep meeting until they reached an agreement.

In the Middle East, criticism of the killings was matched in some instances by verbal attacks on the Israeli government.

While Egypt, the only Arab country to have a peace treaty with Israel, confined its criticism to the killings, more radical Middle East states, including Syria and Iran, blamed Israeli policies for the massacre.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa said the killings underscored the need to provide security for Palestinians in the territories.

"It stresses the importance of safeguarding Palestinian security and not just Israeli security," said Moussa, who has served as an intermediary in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations for establishing self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

One of the prime stumbling blocks in the negotiations was the continuing Israeli concern for providing security for settlers living in the two areas.

In Jordan, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al-Majali said, "This criminal act is an obstacle on the road to achieving a just and permanent peace."

Syria, which only recently returned to the negotiating table with Israel, said Israeli leaders were responsible for the incident. Like the Jordanians, the Syrian government viewed the killings as a serious threat to the peace process.

The Lebanese government compared the killings to the Holocaust.

Iran went furthest in its criticisms, saying the killings were "doubtless carried out with the backing of the military forces of the Zionist regime."

Muslim fundamentalist groups, in statements issued from Beirut, Damascus and Cairo, threatened to retaliate swiftly for the killings.

Rabbi Krentzman pleads guilty to multiple charges

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Rabbi Meyer Krentzman has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment after pleading guilty to charges related to drug trafficking, fraud and issuing false declarations.

In exchange for the plea, Crown prosecutor Mario Dufresne agreed to withdraw one of the drug-related charges against Rabbi Krentzman, as well as two charges related to the possession of equipment to produce false passports and of stolen goods. A charge of break-and-enter was replaced by one of conspiracy to commit fraud against an insurance company.

Quebec Court judge Yves Lagace accepted Dufresne's recommendation of a five-year jail term for the drug-related charges. These include: conspiring with Viswanadhan Thamotharampillai and another person to traffic drugs between Nov. 17, 1993 and Jan. 19, 1994; trafficking one gram of cocaine Nov. 17; trafficking one kilo of cocaine for $33,000 Dec. 6; conspiring to sell another kilo Jan. 6; trafficking one gram of heroin Jan. 12, and trafficking 30 grams of heroin Jan. 19 for $3,500. All transactions were with an undercover police officer.

The Crown dropped a charge against Rabbi Krentzman of possession of 81 grams of heroin for the purpose of trafficking.

Rabbi Krentzman, 49, was sentenced to a total of 12 months' imprisonment on the other charges, to be served concurrently with the five-year sentence.

Standing in handcuffs, he looked haggard and dejected as he heard the sentence.

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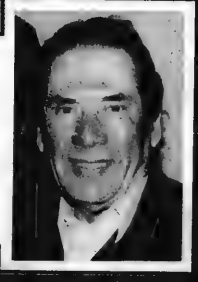

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Shul tackles AIDS' grim reality

There are now 14 to 15 million infected with virus worldwide

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The story of AIDS is not about a certain group that has a problem; rather it is a human problem, and the fight against the devastating disease is everyone's responsibility, the members of a recent panel agreed.

The panel, entitled AIDS: Reality and Responsibility, was presented by the continuing education committee of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, and its purpose was to raise awareness and understanding of the impact of the AIDS crisis. Panel members included Dr. Philip Berger, physician and AIDS specialist; Kael, an educator and person living with AIDS; Dr. Donna Keystone, HIV primary care specialist and chair of the Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee; June Callwood, author and founder of Casey House Hospice for AIDS; Eva, a mother who lost her son to the disease; and Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of the synagogue. Moderator was Paul Cross of CHUM radio, producer of an award winning documentary on AIDS.

Berger, who praised the committee for being the first to be formed in a Conservative synagogue, explained AIDS medically and said that it is a lifetime infection with no cure. "Our main goal in treating people living with AIDS is to maximize their enjoyment of life.

"There are now 14 to 15 million people worldwide infected with the AIDS virus and by the year 2000, researchers estimate another 20 million will be infected. The majority of cases are from Africa, and the disease is now spreading like wildfire in Asia. In North America the incidence of new infections plateaued in 1989-1990 and the numbers are slowly decreasing, mainly due to public health and safe sex programs.

Dr. Philip Berger

Callwood told the near capacity crowd that there is nothing good one can say about AIDS but stressed that some good things have resulted. "AIDS has driven the palliative care movement. There is now a great interest in home deaths and Casey House came about because we felt people were not getting good care. The palliative care movement has changed home care service and has created free-standing hospices."

She added that the gay movement has developed a sense of pride since it found itself in the middle of a catastrophe and has been able to turn itself into an example of how a community of people can care for itself in a crisis. "They are proud of themselves, and so they should be."

She said that it is absolutely essential to provide explicit sex education in schools. "We have to tell teenagers about safe sex and about latex condoms. We have to talk to our daughters and sons and tell them that unprotected sex can kill them in 10 years. If we love them we must be frank."

Eva, a Holocaust survivor who lost her first-born son to AIDS, choked back tears and talked about the daily struggles during her son's illness. "We learned that by loving him we would not get AIDS, so we loved him a lot. The power of love and caring lengthened his life considerably and he died with dignity at home, surrounded by family and his favorite nurse."

She said, however, that at that time, in the late 1980s, she found little support within the Jewish community. "We knew other Jewish families and we figured we could help and support each other, but apart from the then newly formed Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee, there was no other support. I could not find a support group with other mothers."

She said that she joined the panel because she wanted people to understand the need for help. "In the past, AIDS was not considered a Jewish issue. It is not only a Jewish issue, it is everyone's issue. We have to have it in our hearts to be compassionate, caring human beings. Every illness is devastating but AIDS is especially so because a majority of its victims are children and young men and women. It is a lonely disease and many of its victims are abandoned."

She conceded that with hospices and bereavement groups, times are now changing and she praised Holy Blossom for its work. "It is greatly appreciated by families like ours. We have made strides in the right direction but there is still work to be done. By speaking here, I hope to reach out and help others."

Kael, who has lived with AIDS for nine years, said that in having AIDS, he has learned to face life "and I have also learned to face death. I am not ashamed and I do not want to hide or

Rabbi Philip Scheim

shield others. I do not want to go to another Jewish funeral that denies what that person was. AIDS is also a Jewish issue. Lots and lots of Jewish people are not just affected by AIDS but are infected and we all need each other."

He echoed Callwood, saying that AIDS is not a blessing "but some wonderful things have come about as a result. I met my very best friend in life through Holy Blossom's committee and I have encountered some incredible people. I wish it didn't take AIDS for us to have met."

In a question about assisted suicide for people with AIDS, Callwood replied that 500 people have died at Casey House in six years and none of the deaths were assisted. "What they had of their life was made pain-free until life was over. I hope that is the way we can see one another out."

Berger said he "mostly but not completely" agrees with Callwood. "Even some of the best palliative care does not satisfy some patients. There is no safeguard and no accountability against assisted suicide. It goes on, and it goes on regularly."

Discussing Holy Blossom's AIDS committee, Keystone said that it evolved because of some very dedicated volunteers. She described some of its services including AIDS assist, which trains volunteers to become buddies to people with AIDS. Since its inception, it has served 40 infected people, both Jews and non-Jews. As well, there are three ongoing support groups and an annual seder, for which this year, they expect about 130 people. "Our goal is to make a difference in one person's life and we would like to see an AIDS committee in every synagogue. Thank you Beth David for helping make my dream come true."

Rabbi Scheim said that during the week prior to Purim, the week of zachor, it is time to remember those who have threatened us in our history. Tonight we remember those who have fallen victims and have suffered the effects of illness and society's ignorance. The courage that has filled the sanctuary tonight will be remembered by all of us for a long time."

Ottawa school board sets guidelines on teaching The Merchant of Venice

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Shakespeare's play about a Jewish moneylender will no longer be taught in the younger high school grades in Ottawa Board of Education schools. Following the example of boards such as Peel Region, Wellington and Waterloo county, the *Merchant of Venice* will only be offered to students from Grade 11 to OAC.

The decision followed discussions with representatives from the Jewish Community Council (JCC) of Ottawa. Ruth Kahane, director of community relations for the JCC said the school board was approached after two Jewish students complained that the play was being handled in a way that was insensitive to Jews. One student was asked on an exam to defend the statement that Shylock the moneylender "became a tragic character because of his idle wish, his blind greed and his hatred of Christians." The student argued against the statement and was given a failing mark. Another student had non-Jewish friends spinning in their seats during class to ask if all Jews were greedy.

The position of the JCC was that students in Grades 9 and 10, the level at which the play has usually been taught, were relatively immature, and that exposure to negative anti-Semitic stereotypes could leave a lasting impression on them, expecially if they didn't know any Jewish people. Ron Singer, chair of the public affairs committee of the JCC said the intention was not to have the play removed from the curriculum. It was felt, however, that it was more appropriately taught in the senior grades, he said, when students have the maturity to recognize bias in literature.

Phyllis Paryas, English language arts co-ordinator at the Ottawa Board of Education, says the play will now be offered only in the senior grades. English department heads in schools which decide to include *The Merchant of Venice* on their curriculum, will be asked to read a background paper, prepared by three academics in the Ottawa Jewish community, that lists their concerns and provides background information for teachers. For instance, the paper says that Shakespeare had likely never met a Jew, since Jews had been expelled from England in the 13th century, but had probably borrowed the stereotype from a 14th century Italian story, which was written at a time of extreme religious intolerance. And it explains that money lending was often the only profession available to Jews.

Teachers will also be supplied with additional resources, which the JCC is helping to prepare.

"Our purpose is to make sure that the play is taught thoughtfully," said Paryas.

She said the review of the play was timely because the school board is taking a look at all their material to make sure it conforms to the new Government of Ontario equity guidelines. Those guidelines, she adds, do not ban books; they require school boards to teach students to explore and recognize examples of bias.

The neighboring Carleton Board of Education, which runs suburban and rural schools in the Ottawa area, is also reviewing its position on *The Merchant of Venice*. Dan Mason, the principal of education services for the Carleton Board said he has met with the JCC's Kahane and has contacted the English department heads in the schools.

The play is currently being taught in a few Grade 10 classes in the Carleton Board (Shakespearean plays were removed from the Grade 9 curriculum when that grade was destreamed last autumn), said Mason, a former English teacher, and he has had no complaints about it from either students or parents.

"I know when I taught it, I taught that Shylock was the victim, which he is," said Mason.

He expects a decision about the teaching of the play by September 1994.

Ukrainian Jews choosing Toronto as their new home

TORONTO — Jewish Agency statistics recently released to United Jewish Appeal offices show more aliyah from Ukraine than ever before. A larger number of Ukraine Jews are choosing Toronto as well.

Since last August, approximately 1,500 Jews have left Ukraine for Israel every month. In a recent report, Dr. Baruch Gur, who directs Jewish Agency activities in the former Soviet Union, predicts a continuation of the trend. He cites "a grave economic crisis and political instability."

"The situation will worsen," he forecasts, "before and after the elections which are scheduled for March, 1994."

Although Gur forsees a faster rate of aliyah from the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union, immigration to Toronto from that area is miniscule.

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Give me an Aleph

In the Boro Park area of New York City, several Jewish businessmen have recently issued a series of collecting cards geared primarily for young, Orthodox collectors. Card No. 137 (shown here), Aleph, notes that this letter "symbolizes the one and only G-d, creator of heaven and earth."

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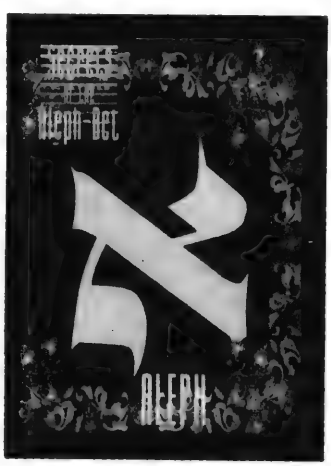

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Almost 100 Hillel students from Montreal CEGEPS and universities spent a recent weekend in Washington, D.C. The trip included this protest in front of the White House on behalf of Jonathan Pollard.

Pollard called 'scapegoat' for Ames' pro-Soviet spying

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence in the U.S. for passing secrets to Israel, has been the "scapegoat" for the misdeeds of Aldrich Hazen Ames, Pollard's Toronto-based fiancee contended last week.

Ames, a 31-year Central Intelligence Agency employee, and his wife Maria, were arrested late last month on charges they spied for the Soviet Union and later Russia.

"Jonathon has been scapegoated," Elaine Zeitz told *The CJN* last week. "He never intended to hurt the United States," whereas Ames spied for an enemy.

Ames, 52, was chief of the Soviet branch of the CIA's counter-intelligence group and in a position to pass top-secret matters to the Soviets and Russians. He's accused of placing those secrets in "dead drops" in and around Washington for pick-up by the KGB.

The Russians reportedly paid the double-agent $1.5 million over the past nine years. American officials say at least two Soviets were executed as U.S. spies because of the information Ames sold.

President Bill Clinton, who has been kept informed of the matter for the past 10 months, called the case "serious."

Passed test

Late last year, in arguments against commuting Pollard's sentence to time already served, some intelligence officials claimed that information he passed to Israel may have inadvertently found its way to the Soviet Union.

"Now we know who really did it," said Zeitz, Pollard's Canadian spokeswoman, referring to Ames.

Pollard even passed a lie detector test on whether he passed secrets to the Soviets and intelligence officials were satisfied with the test rests, Zeitz said.

While Pollard has said he would "rather be rotting in prison" than withhold information that can save Israeli lives, U.S. government sources say Ames's motivation seemed purely financial.

Late last week, White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "I don't think there's any connection" between the Pollard and Ames cases.

Zeitz, who speaks to Pollard daily, said there's no official connection between him and Ames. She said Pollard was "shocked" to learn of the details of the Ames case.

Ames worked on Soviet counter-intelligence at least from 1983 to 1985. Pollard was jailed in 1985 and pleaded guilty to passing classified information to an ally in 1987.

Reform Party expels racist member

OTTAWA — The Reform Party of Canada has again admitted, then expelled, an ex-convict with links to racist and neo-Nazi groups.

The party last week kicked out Armand Siksna after it was tipped off about his past, which includes being sentenced to six years in prison for conspiring to murder an associate.

Siksna and Alexander McQuirter, former head of the Canadian branch of the Ku Klux Klan, received the convictions in 1983. McQuirter was handed an eight-year jail sentence.

Siksna's application was routinely processed by Reform's Calgary headquarters in January, a party spokesman said last week. Included was the standard $10 membership fee.

Siksna applied to the Beaches-Woodbine riding association, which was told it had a new member. Someone at the riding level evidently alerted party headquarters.

Reform expelled Siskna two days after the *Toronto Sun* carried a report that he had joined the party.

In 1973, Siksna was one of two men charged under the first prosecution ever under Canada's hate laws. The two were acquitted of spreading anti-Semitic and anti-black propaganda.

The Reform Party has been dogged for years by accusations that it is a haven for racists and anti-Semitic extremists.

Two years ago, the party expelled four avowed white supremacists in Toronto, including Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege, as well as the party member who recruited them.

The member, Al Overfield, was active in Reform's Beaches-Woodbine riding association, the same riding association Siksna had joined.

Reform issued a statement last week suggesting that racists have infiltrated the party in an effort "to embarrass Reformers or seek publicity for their cause. These individuals are not welcome in the party and we hope they will get the message loud and clear."

Soviet family faces more misfortune

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Misfortune has again struck a Jewish family of four facing deportation to North Ossetia in the former Soviet Union.

Zalina Roth, 25, a member of the family, and her husband, Gera, lost a baby, born prematurely on Feb. 18. The male child, Allan, was buried Feb. 23.

As a result, an inquiry into the deportation, scheduled for resumption Feb. 22, was put forward to March 23.

Those facing deportation are Felix Gogniev, 56, his ex-wife, Dina Tsallaeva, and daughters, Tima Gogniev, 27, and Zalina, who is married to a Canadian Jew, but still faces deportation.

Felix Gogniev was also absent from the Feb. 22 inquiry hearing because of knee surgery following a fall that aggravated injuries from an earlier severe fall last September.

The Gognievs, who have been in Canada for three years on visitors visas, claim they face persecution and discrimination if they are sent back to North Ossetia, a region on the border of Georgia, where ethnic rivalries have led to civil war and anti-Semitism. An Immigration and Refugee Board ruled that there was no evidence that the Gognievs would be harmed and ordered their deportation.

When she postponed the inquiry to March 23, adjudicator Sylvanna Gratton of the Immigration Department said that at that time she will give her decision on whether she would step down from the case because of the apprehension of bias against welfare recipients as alleged by counsel Christine Kurawata.

At the hearing, sympathy was extended to the Gogniev family by the adjudicator and by Vince Greco, representing the Department of Immigration.

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Montreal Jewish community 'in shock' over rabbi's arrest

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — What does a traditional, close-knit Jewish community do when a well-known rabbi is charged with crimes, especially something so odious as drug-dealing?

The Montreal Jewish community has been repeatedly described as "in shock" over the cases of Rabbi Meyer Krentzman (who has just pleaded guilty to a number of charges and been sentenced to five years in prison) and another person who is still facing charges. But is that shock due to the fact that an individual with smicha allegedly flouted the ethics his position represents or to a fear that the behavior of those involved will reflect on the community as a whole?

The administration of Beth Zion, including its rabbi, Sidney Shoham, will not speak to the media about the affair. Rabbi Shoham, who returned to Montreal from Florida almost two weeks after the dramatic arrests — broadcast on a French-language television station — of Krentzman and two others on Jan. 19, is referring journalists' questions to Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) or B'nai Brith.

"It's not a synagogue matter," he told *The CJN*. Rabbi Krentzman, ordained by Montreal Chief Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung, conducted the High Holy Day services held in the social hall at Beth Zion in 1991 and 1992, and prayed there regularly, but he was not an employee or official of the synagogue.

Rabbi Shoham did say that he has, from the pulpit, called on the congregation to treat with "sensitivity" the families of those involved.

However, Yechiel Glustein, chair of the Beth Zion religious committee, confirmed that the synagogue is not behind the fundraising for the Krentzman family. The couple have five children.

"Let's put it this way, nobody approached me."

Rabbi Yonah Rosner told *The CJN* a substantial sum of money has been raised among individuals in the community for the Krentzmans.

One contributor is Len Rosen, who said he gave because he knew the Krentzmans and wanted to help. "Whatever happens to him, the family is not guilty."

CJC Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten said CJC is speaking on behalf of the community on the matter because Beth Zion felt inquiries "should be handled by someone else" to avoid any association between the congregation and the case.

Crelinsten agrees that the community's reaction went beyond shock to "concern that it reflects on the community as a whole.

"But fairly quickly I think it was realized that this is the alleged act of two individuals, and there is no reason for us to be tainted by association. I haven't seen any hint of that."

Crelinsten describes this reaction as "indicative of the [community's] collective commitment to certain ethical behavior and a reflection of just how tight-knit we are."

May lead to 'heightened scrutiny'

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation in Cote St. Luc (where Rabbi Krentzman was part-time rabbi over a decade ago), is more blunt. "I reject the self-imposed collective guilt that I sense a large part of the community has assumed. I don't believe we live in a society that is so unsophisticated it would condemn a whole community. Certainly, there is no evidence that has happened."

Taking the broader perspective, Rabbi Poupko thinks this episode may lead to "heightened scrutiny" of the rabbinate and generally more scepticism about who is entrusted with community responsibility.

Rabbi Krentzman and the other Jew still facing charges have received regular visits from provincial prison chaplain Rabbi Zushe Silberstein.

He said he has arranged for them to kosher food, prayer books, tallesim and tefillin. Prisoners are not normally allowed to have phylacteries, Rabbi Silberstein said, but he was able to persuade the authorities of their necessity in this case.

Tefillin, which have long leather straps, are normally prohibited — as are belts — because of the risk of suicide.

Rabbi Silberstein, a Lubavitcher, said he visited the men nearly every-day in the first couple of weeks of their incarceration and now is going at least weekly. As chaplain, he is permitted to visit with them face-to-face at any time.

At time of writing, he was still trying to get permission for the two men to have wine or grape juice so they can make kiddush on Shabbat, and to bring in a minyan for yahrzheit.

"They have not been forgotten [by the community]. A number of rabbis and individuals have offered to help them and their families. I've received continuous phone calls, not just out of curiosity, but from people who want to do something," Rabbi Silberstein said.

Rabbi Krentzman's counsel, Raphael Schachter, one of the top criminal lawyers in Montreal who has defended many high-profile personalities, told *The CJN* he took the case, against the advice of some, because of its tragic element.

"This is a human tragedy of monumental proportions . . . I refuse to abandon this man at the lowest point of his life. I will continue to do my best for him."

Schachter, who noted that he is the grandson of a rabbi, would not say if he had taken on the case pro bono (without charge), but stressed there is no "financial consideration."

"From experience — and I probably have more faults than most — I can say 'But for the grace of God goes anybody.' "

Students view Schindler's List

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Philip Weiss has taken to heart the responsibility for educating the younger generation about the horrors of the Holocaust.

For years, the Winnipeg businessman and former chair of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Holocaust remembrance committee has been speaking to Winnipeg high school students about the Holocaust and against Nazism and racism.

Continuing with this policy, Weiss has rented the Grant Park Theatre in south Winnipeg for a special free Sunday morning showing of *Schindler's List* for up to 250 Grade 11 and 12 students from around the city.

Weiss was interned in Plasz'w, the camp portrayed in the Spielberg movie from June 1944 until early 1945, working as a groundskeeper and tailor. He remembers the camp commandant, Amon Goethe, as a madman who shot people from his balcony as a form of recreation.

Since the film opened in Winnipeg, Weiss has found himself to be much in demand for media interviews.

"I was thinking what I could do for people and students to acquaint them more with the facts of the Holocaust in light of the Spielberg movie and all the awards it is receiving," he says. "I thought this was a tremendous opportunity. I decided to rent the theatre and show the students the movie without charge. I'm not wealthy but I feel I have an obligation."

Weiss approached ten schools around the city, including Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (the Jewish high school) with his invitation. All were eager to participate, he reports.

Weiss also attended the screening. He wanted to see the students' reaction when the film ended.

A GOLDEN WEDDING
Rivka and Yosef Bau at their golden wedding celebration, 50 years after marrying secretly in Plaszow Death Camp. Their story is the subject of part of the film Schindler's List. [IPPA photo]

Rabbi calls for activism on agunah issue

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bers perform marriages unless the bride and groom have signed a standard prenuptial agreement stating that, should the mariage fail, they will complete the get.

Rabbi Martin Penn of Montreal's Congregation Shomrim Laboker said such an agreement is intended as a preventive measure and has yet to be tested as a binding contract in the civil courts.

His Orthodox synagogue also plans to exclude from its membership any recalcitrant spouses, but Rabbi Penn says this is a "symbolic act," because to the best of his knowledge there have not been any cases within his congregation.

"The way to deal with this issue is through community activism. We cannot change Halachah, but we can do other things," said Rabbi Penn.

Zave Climan, one of the few men present at the vigil who is not a rabbi, came because "I have two daughters and hope this will never happen to them."

The week before the vigil, Baron de Hirsch Institute of Montreal's Federation CJA announced it is forming a support group and confidential service for agunot.

"We look to the day when a climate exists that agunot can come forward and feel secure enough to tell their stories," Joseph said.

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At Toronto's Jewish Community Centre, an agunah now living in Canada, who has a civil divorce, told her story to a group of about three dozen people who had braved high winds and snowy roads on a night when many other community events were cancelled.

"Although I am told that my exhusband cannot be coerced [into giving the get], I feel that women like myself are coerced, forced to make concessions, compromises, sometimes with visitation, sometimes monetarily, in order to receive freedom. I want to get free, to get on with my life," she told *The CJN* following the vigil.

The number of Canadian agunot is not known, although a B'nai Brith Canada study reported that there were 311 known Canadian cases involving conflict or disagreement over a get between 1982 and 1985. Israel has an estimated 10,000 agunot.

There were at least two agunot in addition to the speaker at the Toronto vigil. No rabbis were present.

One of the few men at the Toronto vigil was Martin Lockshin, an associate professor of Religious Studies and Humanities at York University. He said that although he had no personal reason for attending, the plight of agunot is "an issue in Jewish law that bothers me a lot."

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Winter storms affected the vigils in both Ottawa and Hamilton, as well as in Toronto. About 20 women braved a snowstorm and dangerously slick roads in Ottawa to attend the vigil at City Hall, while in Hamilton the vigil was rescheduled for March 13.

One of the communities that was not able to hold a vigil because of time constraints, responded by taking a different type of action. The Today's Woman chapter of Hadassah-WIZO in Victoria, B.C., circulated a petition that they have forwarded to the Coalition for them to use in their fight to help agunot, Brook told *The CJN* on Monday .

Lawyer Sharon Gray, speaking at the Ottawa vigil, said it is a disgrace that rabbinical courts have tolerated get abuse instead of looking to Jewish law for solutions. "It is pretty terrible when the religious authorities have been complicit in this abuse," Gray said.

At Edmonton's city hall, social worker Sari Friedman-Rosner urged those in attendance to challenge their rabbis to work to prevent future agunot. Homes and businesses of men withholding a get should be picketed.

Halachic solution

In informal discussions following the vigil, Rabbi Jacob Rosner of Beth Shalom, a Conservative synagogue, expressed his support for agunah rights, adding that a halachic solution must be found. Rabbi Rosner was the only rabbi present at the Edmonton vigil.

Rabbi Phillip Bregman of Temple Shalom, a Reform congregation, was the principal speaker at the Vancouver vigil, held in the library of the Talmud Torah. He explained the procedure required to obtain a get and answered questions about Judaic tradition in this regard.

Although the Vancouver turnout was the smallest with only about a dozen women, vigil organizer Dani Mate of Na'amat Canada said it was a worthwhile "educational evening." She noted that there were a number of conflicting meetings that evening, but added that representatives were present from several women's organizations.

"We all agreed that this was a topic that should be explored further and that another meeting be held in the future," she said.

Betty Singer, president of B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Winnipeg region, called for pressure to be brought to bear on the rabbis and lay people of the Jewish community for change. Speaking for the coalition, she called for uncooperative husbands to be ostracized, to be identified publicly in the Jewish press, to be denied community awards, recognition and synagogue honors, and for rabbinic authorities to find immediate solutions for outstanding agunah cases. She also called for pre-nuptial agreements, which are becoming a standard practice in the Conservative movement.

Phyllis Spigelman, section president for the Winnipeg region of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, outlined the story of Malka Avivi, an Israeli woman who succeeded in getting a get from her abusive husband only after 34 years of trying, despite the fact the couple were not living together for much of that time and that the husband on several occasions tried to take a second wife.

"The only way to know of this abuse of women is to expose it," said Sheva Medjuck in Halifax. Medjuck, a vice-president of Atlantic Jewish Council and a sociology professor at Mount St. Vincent University, organized the Halifax vigil which took place at Beth Israel Synagogue.

Medjuck was pleased with the turnout of 35 women and five men, representing a broad spectrum of the Jewish community. "Even though we are a small community, we want to help bring freedom to agunot," she said.

Devorah Grafstein, wife of Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein of Beth Israel, an Orthodox synagogue, presented ICAR's prayer for agunot, which was read across the country. Rabbi Pamela Hoffman of Shaar Shalom Congregation (Conservative) closed the vigil with a reading.

Murray Schwartz, former co-chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress Small Communities Committee, said he attended to express support against this injustice to human rights.

Helen Israel, president of Halifax Women's ORT, said many attending were not aware of the possibility of Jewish women with civil divorces being stranded in their Jewish marriages. "I am shocked by what I heard," she said.

With files from Joel Jacobson in Halifax, Frances Kraft in Toronto, Neil Loomer in Edmonton, Myron Love in Winnipeg, Maurice Lucow in Vancouver, and Miriam Sobel in Ottawa.

Recia Gordon (at podium) reads a prayer for agunot, while Norma Joseph (left), Evelyn Brook, Bunny Levy and Diane Sasson keep a candlelight vigil. [Howard Kay photo]

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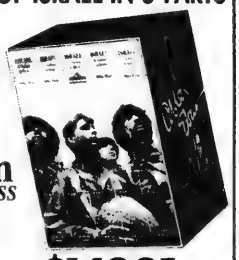

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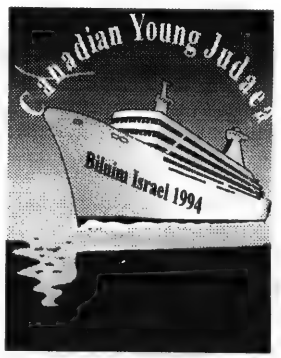

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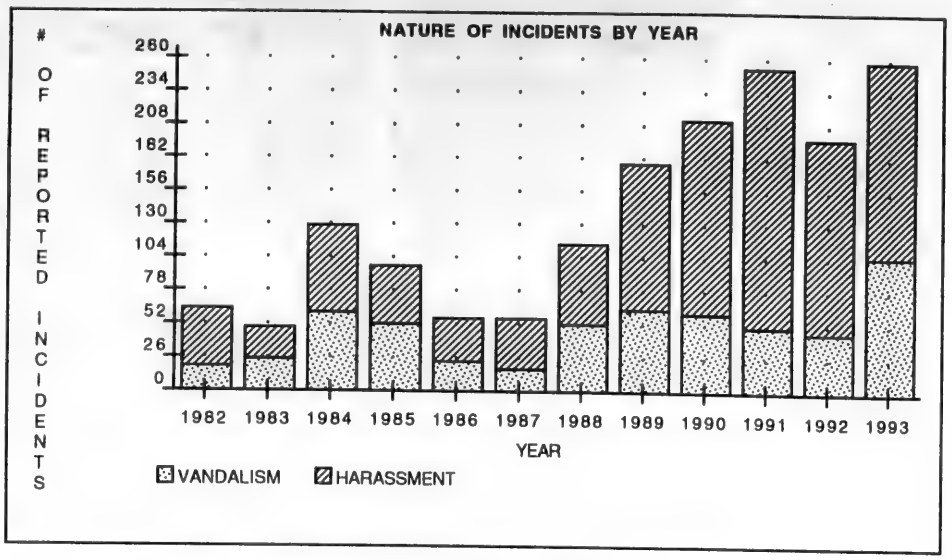

Anti-Semitic vandalism reported up

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Reported incidents of anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism in Canada in 1993 increased by 31 per cent over the previous year to a total of 256 cases (105 vandalism; 151 harassment), according to the annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents conducted by B'nai Brith Canada's (BBC's) League for Human Rights.

In 12 years of documenting such reports, the League has never recorded such a high number, it was announced at a press conference held last week.

Anti-Semitic acts of vandalism increased by 128 per cent over 1992, while incidents of harassment remained stable. Over 60 per cent of all reported incidents occurred in Toronto and Montreal, home to Canada's two largest Jewish communities.

Ottawa, with Canada's fifth largest Jewish community, saw a 72 per cent increase in reported incidents, from 25 in 1992 to 43 in 1993. The Heritage Front, Canada's most active right-wing extremist group, actively recruited students at Ottawa area high schools, established a local telephone hotline and placed posters on downtown utility poles, it was noted in the audit.

In May, the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator, a like-minded group, organized a "Rock for Racialism" concert, which led to street battles in the area around Parliament Hill.

Toronto was the scene of organized hate activity as well as a number of isolated incidents. Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel continued anti-Semitic activities through satellite television and radio broadcasts, the audit noted.

Thornhill high school student Andrea Prasow, a member of B'nai Brith's Human Rights Youth League, noted that teenagers are especially vulnerable to racism. "If people are taught that there are options, they will have the freedom to make informed choices," she noted.

Rochelle Wilner, Ontario regional chair of the League for Human Rights who presented the audit summary, noted that hate group recruitment at the school level is "subtle, sophisticated and directly targeted at individual students who look as if they might be receptive."

Joshua Meles, chair of the Network Canada (the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students) anti-Semitism task force and a member of the Youth League, commended the League for Human Rights' handbook, *Anti-Semitism on Campus*, as a guide for fighting bigotry. "Inter-cultural dialogue and education cannot be understressed," he said.

The audit cited anti-Semitic acts across the country including harassment of a Jewish artist in Sackville, New Brunswick, by young people giving the Nazi salute; the fire-bombing — accompanied by swastikas — of a Winnipeg business; desecration of Victoria's Congregation Emmanuel; and a bomb threat directed at Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre. Calgary's House of Jacob Synagogue was the target of arsonists in September.

Karen Mock, national director of the League, explained that great pains are taken to ensure accurate recording. "Harassment of a Jewish person in the workplace may be real, but may not be anti-Semitic," she noted, adding that such an incident would not be included.

An anti-Semitic mail campaign in a defined area over a defined period of time would be recorded as only one incident, she said, noting that care is taken to avoid double-counting of incidents.

The League "enjoys the co-operation of many of the politicians and [of] police services right across the country," said Mock. Police hate crime units have been established in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg. Three police representatives attended the press conference to show their support for the work of the League.

"We have repeatedly called for the creation of a joint forces operation that will encompass metropolitan police forces, provincial police forces, RCMP, Customs, Immigration, Canada Post, Revenue Canada and Canadian Security Intelligence Service to co-operate effectively in halting the spread of hatred in this country," said Frank Dimant, BBC executive vice-president.

"There must be shared intelligence and data. There must be co-operation between the bureaus. But most important, there must be political will to stop hatred," he continued. "While the people in the field are responsive, political leadership is sadly trailing behind."

The League has been fighting anti-Semitism in Canada for almost 30 years, said BBC president Gabriel Nachman. Among its pro-active initiatives are Black-Jewish dialogues and Muslim-Jewish dialogues. The Human Rights Youth League was established in 1993 to give young people the skills to take a stand against racism.

Incidents increase in Quebec

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Action Democratique leader Jean Allaire was rebuked by Stephen Scheinberg, national chair of the B'nai Brith (BB) League for Human Rights, for fostering anti-immigrant feeling by proposing that newcomers be required to sign a "social contract" committing them to integrating into the francophone majority.

Such ideas encourage the seeking out of scapegoats, which certain people tend to do in tough economic times, said Scheinberg, on the occasion of the release of the League's 1993 audit of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada.

"In a climate of economic uncertainty and political fatigue, we have witnessed an erosion of traditional taboos against expressing hatred, and an explosion of hate crimes directed against the Jewish community and its institutions," Scheinberg said of the dramatic increase in incidents nationally.

He characterized the situation in Canada as part of a global trend toward right-wing extremism as a solution to economic and political problems.

The number of incidents reported to BB of anti-Semitic vandalism and harassment incidents more than doubled in Quebec from 25 in 1992 to 54 last year.

These consisted of 33 acts of vandalism, 17 instances of verbal or physical harassment and four threats, including death threats. The vast majority occurred in the Montreal area.

The vandalism statistics were inflated by a series of daubings of synagogues, a Jewish community centre and homes in Laval, in January and February. The night of Jan. 1-2, 1993 saw the spray-painting of seven synagogues, which was followed by other apparently "copycat" activities.

The perpetrators were never found, but Paul Dufort, assistant director of the Montreal Urban Community (MUC) Police intelligence section, believes they are the work of racist groups and not "lone wolves."

However, the rest of the year saw no similar level of activity. In July, 18 stones in a Jewish cemetery were found overturned, but Scheinberg said an anti-Semitic motive is not certain.

What does disturb the League more than any isolated incidents is the movement into Quebec of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, which held a gathering in Vaudreuil for young people last spring, and has set up a "hotline," and the appearance at Concordia University last May of Khalid Abdul Mohammed, assistant to American Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Scheinberg, who is a Concordia professor, said Mohammed's appearance shocked him, because his "anti-Semitic and homophobic diatribe" received an enthusiastic reception from the audience of 400, mainly black persons.

"The good side," according to Scheinberg, "was that some of the leaders of the black community, such as Dan Philip [of the Black Coalition of Quebec] and Noel Alexander [Jamaican Association of Montreal] spoke out against him [Mohammed]. Hopefully, he represents only a small group in the black community."

The League emphasized the co-operation that exists between it and the MUC police in combatting crimes motivated by anti-Semitism.

Dufort has for several years been a member of the Jewish community's "security co-ordinating" committee.

On Jan. 1, the MUC police instituted a policy that, if hate is the motivation, a crime should be viewed more seriously than it might otherwise be, he said.

Graffiti-writing, for example, is in itself seen as a minor crime, but if it is motivated by hatred against any racial, ethnic or national group, police officers have been instructed to "treat it as a priority."

"If a synagogue has a swastika painted on it, we understand that it is an act with serious consequences [to the community]," Dufort said.

He is convinced that members of groups like Heritage Front, the Ku Klux Klan and some skinheads are painting graffiti, but it is difficult to arrest anyone. "Crimes against property are the hardest to solve. There are no witnesses, especially when it's done in the middle of the night."

In 1993, MUC police recorded at least 100 crimes motivated by hate against a national group, almost double that of the previous year.

Dufort thinks the explanation is greater awareness among police officers of hate as a component of criminal activity.

Mother and son Boris and Lillian Avi-Nun, both formerly of Sarajevo, were finally reunited last month. Boris immigrated to Israel two years ago, while his mother arrived on a flight of mercy along with 40 other Bosnian Jews who want to live in the Jewish state. [IPPA photo]

Jews of Sarajevo riding out siege

Subsisting on humanitarian aid

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SARAJEVO — The Jews remaining in Sarajevo spend endless days in the Jewish community center, waiting for something to change.

The community centre, adjacent to the old Ashkenazi synagogue of Sarajevo, has served as a home and shelter for Jews and non-Jews alike.

They receive warm meals there, the result of donations from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish La Benevolencija organization.

Despite the 20-month-long siege of Sarajevo, the 500 Jews who still live there suffer no hunger. They live on donated food.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also provides food, but the quantities are negligible. The ration comes to a litre of oil, a package of sugar and three pounds of flour per person every three weeks. And every person is entitled to receive a third of a loaf of bread each day.

The donations given to the Jewish community center supplement the food rations of the UNHCR. Each recipient obtains an additional 26 pounds of food each month, and a warm meal every day.

Fruit, meat and vegetables are rare, available on the local black market for exorbitant prices. Two pounds of potatoes cost $50; similar amounts of sugar and meat cost $23 and $40 respectively.

Where do these black-market products come from? From neighboring Serb villages, smuggled at great risk. Some say they come from UN soldiers, who make a quick profit on the side.

"But you don't need money around here," said Slobodan Kosonovic, 48, a computer expert who is now out of work. "You can simply live on humanitarian aid."

On one of the few remaining walls in the once-magnificent Old Town Hall there is a one-word declaration of nostalgia: "TITO." Whoever wrote it apparently longed for the days of the authoritarian marshal who would not let the people of Yugoslavia destroy themselves.

But Iosip Tito is long gone, and the people of Yugoslavia are doing an excellent job of destroying themselves and their country.

The war has left 200,000 dead and two-million refugees, right here in the middle of Europe.

Despite the quiet brought by the NATO ultimatum late last month, Sarajevo is still one of the saddest places in the world. It is a huge prison where people are quietly walking the streets, barely saying a word, absorbed in their thoughts about their ever-growing share of agony.

Among the city's unhappy citizens is Alex Bojanic, a professor at the Sarajevo Academy of Sciences and Arts. He works in their publishing department. But there is no publishing, because there is hardly any paper.

Nonetheless, he is planning to publish 20 books — after the war.

Bojanic and his wife, Nenad, have shoved old shoes into the kitchen oven in an attempt to create some heat.

"These are the shoes of the children. The children are safe in Croatia and Holland, so we no longer need the shoes," they said.

At times they burn books to heat their home.

"Last night Ben-Gurion went up in flames," said Alex Bojanic, his eyes glowing with dark humor.

In better times, the Bojanices spent their summers on the beaches of Makarska, which is now in Croatian hands, or even on the French Riviera. In the old days they made full use of the good life Sarajevo had provided as the center of culture, business and arts of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Although those days are long gone, the Bojanices do not want to leave.

They hope for the good days to return. The shelling and shooting is over, but the siege goes on. And the people of Sarajevo are prisoners in their own city.

Among the prisoners is Igor, a tall, 20-year-old blond Serb. He is one of 5,000 Serbs still living in Sarajevo.

Even when they are not part of the fighting, the Serbs are at times regarded as the enemy because they are hardly enthusiastic partners to the Muslim war effort.

For months, Igor has lived in a hideout, sleeping in a cold office building with no light or heat, living on food that his mother brings him daily.

Even if there is peace for Sarajevo, Igor will not have peace and quiet. He will be a prisoner in his own city. At best he may flee — and become a refugee elsewhere.

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Rabbi Krentzman sentenced to five years

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Two of the fraud convictions concern a cheque for over $88,400 which Rabbi Krentzman forged and deposited at a Royal Bank of Canada branch Jan. 13, 1993. He withdrew the money five days later.

Rabbi Krentzman received six months on these two counts. In addition, the $6,671 found on his person at the time of his arrest on these charges in January 1993, plus the $5,000 bail he later posted on the fraud charges, are to be remitted to the defrauded bank.

Rabbi Krentzman and another person were also charged with break-and-enter with theft at a home at 1762 Couvrette St., St. Laurent, Dec. 7. That was changed to conspiracy with the property owner to defraud an insurance company.

Dufresne said Krentzman and the other person charged in connection with the case arranged with the owner to simulate a break-in and steal and destroy property, but the scheme went awry when the owner's brother called the police after hearing noise. The two were arrested on the premises.

Krentzman's sentence on this count is three months.

In the two false-declaration convictions, Rabbi Krentzman pleaded guilty to giving false information in March 1993 that enabled Larry Aguebor and Rose Mary Aguebor to get Canadian passports. The Aguebors, later arrested, said they paid Galandauer to get the passports; Rabbi Krentzman swore he had known them for two years, when in fact he had not, Dufresne said.

The sentence on these two counts is three months.

Thamotharampillai received a 33-month sentence after pleading guilty Feb. 21 to three drug charges involving a total of three grams.

Dufresne told the court Rabbi Krentzman deserved five years because heroin in particular, turns its addicts into "walking corpses" with little chance of recovery.

Moreover, as a rabbi, he had broken the confidence and credibility his community had placed in him.

Defence lawyer Raphael Schachter portrayed Rabbi Krentzman as a tragic figure who "for an isolated period of his life appears to have lost his way." He called his crimes an "aberration," noting that he had no previous conviction and had led an "exemplary life."

Quoting poet Robert Frost and Matthew's Gospel, Schachter declared that "there but for the grace of God go anybody," given the circumstances.

"Half of the (Jewish) community has told me he deserves no mercy because he held the position of rabbi. The other half feels pity, horror at this human tragedy that affects him and his wife and five children, the youngest only three years old."

"One never knows when fate will place us in a position that we commit some act that under ordinary circumstances we could not conceivably perform," Schachter said.

Appearing unswayed, Judge Lagace said that he could not understand how fathers like Rabbi Krentzman could deal in drugs, knowing the devastating effect they have on young people, especially so with heroin.

"We see it every day. [Family men] like you [trafficking drugs because they think the police will not suspect them]. The users are called bums, while you're supposed to be a respected person."

However, Lagace said he accepted the five years' recommended by the Crown because Rabbi Krentzman has no previous conviction and has "more or less, lost everything.

"You have lost the respect of your community, and financially this is very costly."

Schachter later said Rabbi Krentzman will be eligible for parole after serving one-third of the five years. He was held in detention for over one month.

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Canadian Jewish leaders condemn Hebron murders

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and CJN Staff

While unilaterally condemning last Friday's killing of 39 Muslims as the act of a lone madman, some North American Jewish leaders were divided over the political context of the killings and how the incident would and should affect the peace process.

Many Jewish leaders rushed to insist that the massacre was an aberration that does not represent the sentiment of most Jews or the tone of Israeli-Palestinian relations.

"Just as we dare not blame all of the Palestinians for acts of terrorism committed against Israelis," cautioned Frank Dimant, executive vice president of B'nai Brith Canada, "we should not seek now to blame all Israeli residents in the West Bank for the act of what was obviously one deranged individual.

"Massacres of Jews in Hebron in the 1920s and 1930s and events such as the one [last Friday] demonstrate in graphic form how crucial the success of the current peace process is," Dimant added.

In other Jewish community reaction:

• Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) issued a statement expressing "profound regret and horror" at the shooting spree.

"We condemn this action in the strongest possible terms and express condolences to the families of the innocent victims," CJC president Irving Abella said.

Irving Abella

Abella said he extended the Canadian Jewish community's "sincere sympathy" to the presidents of the Canadian Arab Federation and Palestine House.

• The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) expressed its "deep sadness" at the incident, "which must be seen as part of the ongoing cycle of violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." CIC national chair Daniel Pekarsky called on all all parties "to remain focused on the broader issue."

• The Toronto Board of Rabbis, under the signature of president Rabbi Dow Marmur, expressed its "shock and pain" at the event" and extended symapthies to the victims' families "and to all Palestinians who grieve the death of the victims."

Rabbi Marmur also wrote a letter of condolence to Rashad Saleh of Palestine House.

Canadian Arab Federation president Fayid Arad called on Canada to work through the United Nations "for the immediate disarming of all Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian territories" and for Ottawa to facilitate "the creation of a UN force for the security needs of the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation," — echoing earlier demands issued by the PLO.

The federation sent a letter to CJC, asking its support for those two demands.

To show their outrage, members of the Palestinian and Arab communities in Toronto demonstrated outside Israel's consulate last Saturday.

Daniel Pekarsky

Many North American Jewish leaders also insisted that the actions of Israeli and Palestinian extremists not be allowed to affect the course of the peace accords now being negotiated, stressing that both parties have suffered from ongoing violence and both will benefit from a peaceful resolution of the situation.

"We must not allow this or other acts of violence to undermine the peace negotiations, incite tensions in the area or provoke further bloodshed," said Lester Pollack, chair of the powerful Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Pollack said his organization was "stunned" by the killings.

The chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Council, Lynn Lyss, said the incident highlights the need for speedy implementation of the declaration of principles signed in September.

Violation of Jewish law

"We hope that today's tragedy will spur a renewal of efforts to bring peace and reconciliation between Israel and the Palestinians," Lyss said in a statement.

Lyss and others applauded U.S. President Bill Clinton's call for the peace negotiations to be resumed "in continuous session" in Washington.

Religious and communal leaders also stressed that the killings are a violation of Jewish law.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, condemned the killings as "a senseless, wanton murder that dishonors the principles of Judaism."

But others insisted that the incident be seen as part of a larger sense of frustration and uncertainty among settlers living in the territories.

While condemning the killing, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, founder of New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue and Chief Rabbi of the West Bank settlement of Efrat, called gunman Baruch Goldstein, an American-born Israeli, "a very compassionate doctor who just went insane."

Rabbi Riskin, who said Goldstein was known as the "tzaddik (righteous man) of Kiryat Arba," said Goldstein had been extremely frustrated by ongoing attacks against Israeli settlers and by anti-Jewish sentiment voiced by some West Bank Arabs.

Rabbi Riskin, who was visiting New York last week, said that further acts of violence against West Bank Palestinians could not be prevented unless the Israeli government takes the settlements "out of the position of uncertainty."

Americans for a Safe Israel, a group aligned with right-wing elements in Israel, said a poll of their constituents revealed that most blame the Israeli government for the attack, faulting it for creating "enormous frustration" among Jewish settlers.

The organization attacked Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for allowing the PLO to "get away with murder in recent months."

"It is no wonder this kind of tragedy should occur," the organization said in a statement.

Others saw the incident as proof that it is time for the Hebron settlers to move out.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

The left-leaning Americans for Peace Now said in a statement that to ensure the peace process proceeds unimpeded, the Israeli government should "remove Jewish settlers from the heart of Hebron where their presence inflames relations and poses a danger to all residents of the area."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, faulted the Israeli government for allowing Goldstein and other members of Kahane Chai to live so close to an Arab city. "To allow fevered right-wing Jewish radicals to settle in the midst of heavily populated Palestinian urban areas like the city of Hebron is to invite this kind of tragedy," he said.

Describing their presence as a "prescription for undoing the peace process," Siegman called on the government to remove all settlers from urban areas.

But Judy Balint, a spokeswoman for the Coalition for Jewish concerns-AMCHA, said the incident does not alter the right of Jews to live wherever they have legally taken up residence. She described calls by some Palestinians to disarm Jewish settlers as "outrageous."

"It's obvious that Jews will be subject to revenge attacks and they must be able to defend themselves," Balint said.

Balint also tried to put the attack in the context of anti-Jewish sentiment in the area.

"One must understand that Hebron is crackling with anti-Jewish hatred by local Arabs," she said. "Just this past Saturday a mob of local Arabs entered the same Tomb of the Patriarchs screaming 'Death to the Jews' at a group of American Jews on a fact-finding and solidarity mission in Israel."

At a Los Angeles news conference last Friday, leaders of Jewish and Arab organizations pledged to continue working together on local issues and for peace in the Middle East.

Palestinians may pull out of peace talks, Husseini warns

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Palestinians will not agree to return to the peace talks unless the issue of the Jewish settlements is at the top of the agenda, Palestinian delegation head Faisal Husseini said Monday. The East Jerusalem leader also warned that unless all Jewish settlers are disarmed, Palestinians will be forced to arm themselves.

Husseini was addressing journalists at the Fifth International Conference of the Jewish Media.

Speaking three days after the Hebron massacre, Husseini said that "what happened on Friday was not a complete surprise to us. It was the realization of our worse nightmare." He blamed the attack on the "soft line" taken by Israeli authorities in dealing with extremist settlers.

He maintained that several months ago, the Moslem Religious Authority in Hebron had warned Israeli military authorities of the danger posed by a number of individuals, including Baruch Goldstein, the perpetrator of Friday's massacre. However, their warnings had been ignored, he said.

"If the Israeli government continues to give a free hand to the settlers then no one will have learned anything from this."

He dismissed as "insufficient" the measures taken by the Israeli cabinet in response to the killing. "Perhaps five or 10 Kach activists will be arrested. But there are hundreds of people who shouldn't be allowed to carry weapons."

He argued that the army should be

Faisal Husseini

the only body entitled to carry weapons in the territories. "If the government refuses to disarm settlers then it means that the army is not in a position to protect civilians — or that the settlers do not trust the army.

"Either way, it means that we must also acquire weapons to protect ourselves. But I would prefer to disarm the settlers than ask Palestinians to arm themselves."

When asked what he proposed to do about Hamas terrorist attacks against settlers, Husseini said when the PLO assumes full authority the terrorists would be disarmed. He acknowledged that at present "Hamas people are not completely under our control," but said "when Palestinians begin to see the implementation of the agreement, the community will take steps to reduce these terrorist acts to a minimum."

Husseini said Palestinians had always been uncomfortable with deferring discussion of the Jewish settlements to the final stage of negotiations, as agreed upon in the Declaration of Principles.

"We are not trying to destroy the Oslo agreement. But this event [the Hebron massacre] has proven that this one point in the agreement is not acceptable or practical. We are not demanding that a solution to the settlements be implemented now. But we are asking that it be discussed now — if we are to resume negotiations."

But Husseini is already demanding that no Jewish settlement be included in the areas slated to be under Palestinian rule during the first phase of the accord, the Gaza-Jericho withdrawal of the Israeli army — a demand which contravenes the agreements worked out in Cairo.

"Having Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip — after the withdrawl of the Israeli army — is a time bomb," he asserted.

"Imagine what would happen if an incident like Friday's massacre happened in Gaza after the Israeli army had withdrawn. Who would control the Palestinian reaction? The Israeli army would re-occupy the area, claiming that we failed to control our people. We cannot provide full control unless we have full authority."

Husseini added that as long as there are Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, Israel will insist on an army presence around the settlements and on all access roads leading to them. "The Palestinians will not feel any change under self-rule. The continued presence of the military and of armed settlers will be like a continuation of the occupation," he said.

Israel to establish commission to investigate Hebron killings

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Amid sharp differences of opinion, the Israeli cabinet has agreed to launch an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the Hebron massacre, and to attempt to limit the activities of Jewish extremists in the territories.

On Sunday, the cabinet agreed to establish an official commission of inquiry into the killings. The commission, which will be headed by a Supreme Court judge, was criticized by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as "a big mistake."

The cabinet also ordered a series of legal and administrative measures aimed at extremists among West Bank settlers.

The new measures include the imposition of administrative detention, effectively enabling security forces to circumvent the judicial system and detain Israelis; the enactment of orders barring the entry of certain, unspecified people into the West Bank, particularly Hebron; and the disarmament of specific individuals and the confiscation of their weapons permits.

The cabinet also gave Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair the task of exploring options for outlawing the Kach and Kahane Chai organizations, founded by slain Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane and which militantly oppose the government's peace initiatives.

The officer in charge of the Central Command, Gen. Danny Yatom, told reporters on Sunday that administrative detention orders had already been issued against five prominent Kach activists with "a record of violent and lawless behavior," but only one had been served thus far.

According to media reports here, other Kach activists have gone into hiding.

Neither Rabin nor Yatom was prepared to say how many people would be affected by the various orders that were yet to be issued.

During its meeting Sunday, the cabinet also agreed that some 800 to 1,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees would be released during the coming week.

The release of prisoners and detainees in large numbers has long been a key demand raised by the PLO during the negotiations for establishing self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Israel had previously planned a prisoner release to coincide with the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, but the releases will be moved forward, and increased in scope, as a goodwill gesture to the PLO.

Israeli sources said the released Palestinians would not include any people imprisoned for direct involvement in terrorism.

Israeli policy-makers hope the cabinet's decisions, which are intended to demonstrate new resolve to stamp out Jewish extremism, will facilitate the quick resumption of the peace talks.

Some cabinet ministers said over the weekend that what is needed now is to speed up the talks and reach an agreement on Palestinian self-rule soon as possible.

In Tunis, however, initial reaction from PLO headquarters to the Israeli government's decisions was distinctly tepid.

Following Friday's killings by Baruch Goldstein of the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, the PLO demanded an international presence in the territories to protect the Palestinians. It has also called for the dismantling of all Israeli settlements.

On Sunday night, Yatom categorically denied that anyone but Goldstein had fired at the worshipers in the mosque. He rejected victims' accounts that soldiers arriving at the scene had fired into the crowd.

But Yatom conceded that some soldiers who should have been on duty at the mosque were apparently not there.

This was a reference to several border policemen who should have taken up positions at the entrances to the mosque at 5 a.m. Friday. Border policemen arrived later — by which time the attack was over.

Rabin said the IDF and the defense establishment had "nothing to fear" from a commission of inquiry.

He had opposed the idea, he said, because it would entail a massive expenditure of energy by a large number of officeholders.

Under the Commission of Inquiry Law of 1968, the president of the Supreme Court appoints commissions, selecting its chairman from among the list of serving or retired Supreme Court justices. Like a court of law, a commission hears evidence given under oath and has the power to subpoena witnesses.

Justice Minister David Libai, who proposed the establishment of a formal commission, said it was important for Israel, the Palestinians and the entire world to have full confidence in the factual findings of an official board of inquiry.

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The gunslinger vs. the mediator: a tale of two lawyers

Lately I've been hearing that when shopping for a divorce lawyer, the customer must choose between a "gunslinger" or a mediator, depending on the desired approach. Presumably, the gunslinger aggressively pushes for what one wants, while a mediator seeks to "resolve" contentious issues in a quiet way, through "four-way" meetings, mediation, or earnest telephone dialogue.

This popular misconception must be put to rest. The spouse who finds himself or herself going through the horrible agony of separation should forget stereotypes. Often the same lawyer who takes an aggressive position in one case is surprisingly moderate in the next. I have had some clients who pay me to take the most aggressive positions imaginable in the hope that they will inevitably strike the "best deal"; I have had to restrain such people from spending money on useless tactics that may alienate the Court and detour them from more productive paths, including "hard nosed" settlement proposals and meetings. Often the people who want a "gunslinger" at the outset become surprisingly "gunshy" after the bill of account that follows the first "shootout", even though they were amply warned beforehand.

On more than a few occasions, family law lawyers have become easy targets in the media for "overspending" the time and personnel on a certain file, particularly when the court reassesses the fees that have been paid or are being requested. In at least some of these cases, the time docketed was not exaggerated or unnecessary, but the direct result of a small minority of clients who do not know when to stop calling their lawyers over every dispute that arises. This is particularly true in Kramer vs. Kramer-type custody wars. The Court often feels that it is the lawyers who are to blame in such cases, since they are expected to "control" this type of client behaviour.

Exactly who controls whom? In my next column I'll examine this point further and explain why the best choice between a gunslinger and a mediator may be neither.

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UN considering resolution to respond to Hebron attack

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UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations struggled over the weekend to reach an agreement on a response to the Hebron massacre.

Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, expressed regret for "the tragic, criminal murders in Hebron" and said "the only sincere solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is to enhance the implementation of the agreement between Israel and the PLO."

"We will not allow militant fanatics from either side to undermine the peace," he said. "This was our reaction to killings by militants in the past, and this has to be our position now."

UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali spoke of his "revulsion and outrage" over the killings and also voiced apprehension over the subsequent violence that erupted in the territories, in which more Palestinians were killed in confrontations with Israeli soldiers.

Boutros-Ghali called for calm so that the talks between Israel and the PLO could continue.

The UN Security Council held a meeting last Saturday night to draft a resolution on the murders, but was unable to reach agreement on the resolution's language.

Nasser Al-Kidwa, the PLO's UN observer, intimated that any delay in passing a resolution could also delay the resumption of the Israeli-PLO talks.

One Israeli official said Sunday that informal consultations among members of the Security Council "are going on all the time, including by phone."

The official told JTA: "We don't think the UN should have any role other than to make some sort of a declaration, because we have negotiations going on between us and the Palestinians, and this is where things should be resolved.

"It's fine if the UN wants to make a statement condemning the actual massacre in Hebron," the official said. "Whatever they want to say, that would be an expression of the international community.

"But we don't think the UN should have an active role in the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. It should be left to the two parties to work it out."

The official, who requested anonymity, explained that the delegates to the Security Council meeting had failed to agree on two out of four main points under discussion.

The official said the United States was in agreement with Israel on those two points.

"The intention of the United States, mostly, is to have a resolution that will pass by consensus. It will be in agreement with all members of the Security Council, also including Israel and the PLO, which are not members of council," the Israeli said.

The first of the four points was a condemnation of the massacre in Hebron.

"This is an agreement among everybody," the Israeli official said. "We have no problem with that."

The second point was a call for an urgent conclusion of the implementation of the Sept. 13 agreement between Israel and the PLO. "We have no problem with that, either," the source said.

Israel and the United States did not agree to the third point, which was the PLO's desire for "a paragraph of the resolution, talking about the need to guarantee the safety and security of Palestinians in the territories."

"They want to say 'including Jerusalem.' They always try to do this," the official said. "They always try to incorporate Jerusalem in the territories, and our position is that Jerusalem is not part of the territories, and they try to do this now.

"We don't agree to this. And the U.S. doesn't either," the official said.

The fourth point was "a call for an international presence in the territories to provide security for the Palestinians, which we oppose and the Americans opposed and many others opposed."

Ya'acobi told some UN envoys that according to the Sept. 13 agreement between Israel and the PLO, there will be a Palestinian police force in the territories.

"Then we will have the Palestinian police protecting Palestinians and the Israeli army protecting Israelis, working together to provide security to all. And therefore there is no need for any international presence," Ya'acobi said.

"What we need to do is to implement the agreement fast," Ya'acobi said.

The Israeli source said, "At least we know the Americans are supporting this, too, and a few others among the Europeans."

Kach leader won't condemn killings

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian spokesman for the Kach movement has refused to condemn Baruch Goldstein for the Hebron shooting, saying instead that he is working with Kach members in the United States and Israel to set up a trust fund for Goldstein's family.

"We don't condemn [Goldstein]," said Meir Halevi, who also heads the Jewish Defence League (JDL) in Canada. "We understand what drove him to do what he did. If anyone is to be condemned, it's the Israeli government for not providing adequate security for the settlers."

Halevi said he did not know Goldstein personally, although one JDL activist from Canada who visited Israel in the 1980s stayed with him for a short time. But he said "I fully understand why he did it. I'm not saying it's a good thing to do, but I understand what led him to do it."

Meir Halevi

Halevi said that while "the loss of life for anyone is bad. . . there's only so much people can take. It's not a good thing but I have no time to feel any compassion for them. I'm still weeping for the pregnant woman killed in front of her kids." He was referring to Tzippora Sasson, an Israeli settler killed recently by Palestinian terrorists while driving in the territories with her family.

"As long as Arabs kill Jews and the Israeli government doesn't do enough to protect the settlers, someone will snap and take matters into their own hands," he said.

Halevi said in May 1980 a number of yeshiva students in Hebron were killed by terrorists. "There was not one Arab leader who cried out against that," he said.

Halevi said he has begun soliciting contributions in Canada for a trust fund for Goldstein's family.

Goldstein eulogized as a hero by right-wing militants in Israel

Israenet

KIRYAT ARBA — Baruch Goldstein, the doctor who shot 39 Muslim worshippers to death in Hebron last Friday, was buried on Sunday in Kiryat Arba. Several Kach militants wanted by the police attended the funeral.

About 1,000 people stood in pouring rain and lightning at the burial. Goldstein's wife had wanted him to be buried in the Jewish cemetery in Hebron, but the army refused permission.

The funeral procession began in Jerusalem with several right-wing militants eulogizing Goldstein as a hero and a holy martyr. After the eulogies, the body was loaded onto an ambulance. Mourners were not allowed by the police to follow the vehicle on foot but had to go to Kiryat Arba by bus.

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Israenet

KFAR SAVA — Maurice Eisenstadt, 80, died in Meir Hospital last Friday morning after being axed to death outside Kfar Sava's central bus station.

The murder was considered the first terrorist attack against a Jewish civilian in retaliation for the Hebron massacre earlier that morning.

Eisenstadt, who immigrated from the United States 14 years ago, died of head injuries on the operating table. There were no witnesses to the murder, although two people were seen fleeing after the attack. A blood-stained ax was found next to the dying man's body.

Israeli man killed with axe in apparent revenge attack

The News in Brief

Italian Radio Gets Yiddish Program

ROME — State-run Italian radio began broadcasting a daily weekday program on Yiddish culture last week.

The host of the program is Moni Ovadia, a Jewish actor and singer living in Milan who has achieved success with a series of plays and musicals based on Yiddish tales.

One of his productions, a musical based on the legend of the Golem, was presented in New York two years ago.

According to media announcements about the new program, each broadcast will be dedicated to a separate theme.

Ovadia intends to explore various aspects of each theme by combining song, stories, jokes, memories and other sources.

About 40,000 Jews currently live in Italy. Rome, with 15,000 Jews, has the country's largest Jewish community. The Roman Jewish community dates back 2,000 years.

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Arafat alters invite to Mandela

AMSTERDAM — During a recent visit to the Netherlands, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Nelson Mandela and extracted a promise from the leader of the African National Congress not to visit Israel until the Palestinian self-rule accord has been implemented.

Arafat made the request of Mandela, who had previously been issued a formal invitation by the Israeli government to visit the country, in an apparent effort to publicize what he considered deliberate delays on the part of Israel to implement the accord.

The withdrawal of Israeli troops and implementation of Palestinian self-rule was scheduled to begin going into effect on Dec. 13 in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho, but negotiations became deadlocked over a host of security issues and are still continuing between Israel and the PLO.

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Belgian Jews Oppose Pardons

BRUSSELS — Reacting to the country's current political and moral debate on a sharply divisive issue, Belgium's Jewish community has expressed its opposition to the idea of providing amnesty to the thousands of Belgians who collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

The Coordinating Committee for Belgian Jewish Organizations said in a statement that it stands in firm opposition to any general form of amnesty.

Providing amnesty to collaborators, the Jewish committee said, would mean that "there had been no offence."

The umbrella group for the Belgian Jewish community further stated that "washing out these bad deeds is a slap for all the victims of Nazism."

The issue of amnesty was raised here recently after King Albert of Belgium, in a New Year's speech, recalled that his deceased brother, King Baudouin, had hinted in a 1990 speech at taking measures "that could contribute to reconciliation between all citizens."

The remark was interpreted by some as a new appeal for clemency for the Belgians who helped the Nazi regime.

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Computer Equates Jews With Gas

LONDON — An international company has canceled all further orders of a spellcheck database after renowned photographer Gemma Levine discovered the word "gas" was displayed when she keyed in the word "Jewish."

The Innovations catalogue, distributed in newspapers and by direct mail, advertised the electronic spellchecker, which incorporates 85,000 entries based on "Roget's Thesaurus."

The company's product development manager, Andy White, said the software was brought in from China. Until it is altered, the company will not be buying any more he said. A version of the product, with the same problem, is sold in the United States.

White said the machine did not accept proper nouns such as Jewish, Christian and Christmas and would seek the nearest equivalent. Using the word "garage" as an example, he said a "g" and "j" were phonetically interchangeable.

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NJCRAC Supports Peace Process

NEW ORLEANS — Israel's peace policies has received a loud endorsement from a major umbrella organization of American Jewry.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council voted to "strongly support" the peace process, after an effort to torpedo the resolution received only three votes from the nearly 200 community relations councils and the 12 national agencies that comprise the council.

The final resolution passed unanimously.

The NJCRAC vote was seen as significant by long-time advocates of the dovish policies underlying the current peace process, since the NJCRAC plenum has in recent years hosted the most free-wheeling debate on Israeli policies under a broad American Jewish communal umbrella.

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Peru Appoints Jewish Leader as PM

NEW YORK — The Peruvian government recently named its first Jew to the position of prime minister.

Efrain Goldenberg Schreiber, formerly Peru's foreign minister, became the country's prime minister on Feb. 17, replacing Alfonso Bustamente, who recently resigned from the position.

Goldenberg, who will retain the foreign minister's portfolio, was a businessman with little formal governmental or diplomatic experience before he became foreign minister last September. (Goldenberg, like many Latin Americans, often drops the mother's family name in nonformal usages.)

But even from his youth, Goldenberg has been actively involved in Jewish communal work.

Goldenberg, who speaks Yiddish, was a member of a Zionist youth group and he currently is a member of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress, which is made up of representatives from regional groups of the WJC.

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Soldier Gets Secular Burial

TEL AVIV — An Israeli soldier has been given a secular burial in the military section of a cemetery, marking the first time a military burial service has been performed without the presence of a representative of the rabbinate.

After Oded Rabinovitz, 21, died in a traffic accident this month, his parents told military authorities that their son had wanted to be buried in a purely secular fashion.

The chief chaplain for the Israel Defence Force, Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon, said he saw no reason to disregard the request. His ruling was upheld by the adjutant-general at General Headquarters and by the military's legal adviser.

But former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who was once the chief IDF chaplain, expressed his displeasure with the decision. Rabbi Goren claimed that IDF standing orders call for all military funerals to be performed by a chaplain.

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Czechs Pledge Property Return

PRAGUE — The Czech Republic will act soon to return Jewish property confiscated under the country's Nazi and Communist regimes, Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus has promised Jewish leaders here.

Klaus made the pledge during a meeting last week with the Chief Rabbi of Prague, Karol Sidon, and other leaders of the Czech Jewish community.

The meeting took place four days after the Czech Parliament rejected a bill that would have forced the central government, but not local municipal authorities, to return Jewish properties under its control.

Klaus promised that Jewish property expropriated under the Nazis and Communists and held now by the Czech state — including the collections of the Prague Jewish Museum — will be returned to the Jewish community by government order or by some other act of the Czech authorities.

He also promised to join with the leaders of the three parties that form the country's governing coalition and call upon local municipalities to take similar measures to restore Jewish properties.

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UN Likes Israeli Field Hospitals

UNITED NATIONS — An Israeli proposal to establish a field hospital as part of a UN peacekeeping force in Africa has been welcomed by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

Possible locations for the field hospital are Angola, Mozambique and Rwanda, said Boutros-Ghali during a recent meeting with Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and Ambassador Gad Yacobi.

Providing medical services for UN activities, said Beilin, takes advantage of Israel's large number of doctors, a result, in part, of the mass immigration from the former Soviet Union.

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Three Days of Purim

JERUSALEM — Purimshpielers in Israel had an extra reason to celebrate this year: For the first time in a decade, Purim in Jerusalem was a three-day affair. Because it fell on Shabbat, rabbis decreed Shushan Purim was to be observed on Sunday.

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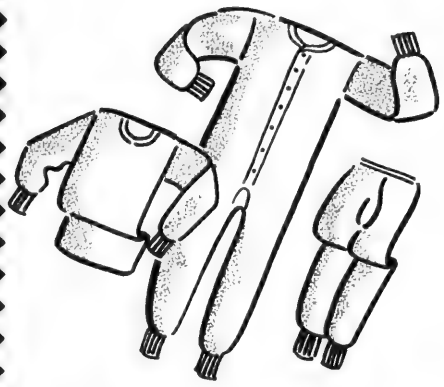

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By RABBI GAVRIEL NEWMAN

Many readers are probably familiar with the sweet story of the Chelmite who was hired by his city to sit atop a tower and watch for the Messiah, lest Chelm not notice when the redeemer arrives.

"What sort of job is this?" asked a critic. "You sit up there, cold and alone — they don't even pay you well. Why do you do it?" "At least I know," answered the Chelmite, "I have a steady job."

Rav Avraham Yitzchak Hacohen Kook (of blessed memory) would probably comment that this is the problem with Jewry today; too many are watching for the Messiah instead of acting to hasten his arrival. In each city, we have shomrim (watchmen) to predict, observe, and announce the Messiah's appearance; yet we do little to alter our patterns appreciably, to remove from before him the behavioral boulders that obstruct his path.

Within this framework we might consider the recent fuss over the latest buzz-word in Jewish organizational work: continuity. Most of our conventions, published papers, subcommittee luncheon meetings and parlor discussions seem to centre on this topic. Many fine speeches are made, excellent insights are offered, brilliant questions thrusted and parried.

Yet the staggering statistics remain, and the threat looms as before. Were there no solutions at hand whatsoever, our conventions and committee meetings would be the logical — perhaps only — course of action.

But solutions do exist; they hover in spirit over us, anxiously awaiting the commitment of our bodies, that they might come to life in our action. The Council of Jewish Federations study of 1991 convincingly established that two major forces impacted upon continuity: traditional observance in the home and Jewish education, which lessen the likelihood of intermarriage and assimilation. Not that our Talmudic Rabbis needed empirical proofs of the truths they espoused through the millenia — but none the less, the verification certainly helps.

The more a home observes of Jewish custom and tradition, and the greater the number of hours spent in Jewish education systems, the less likely are the children to opt out of the Jewish people. One cannot help but wonder, then, why our meetings and conventions do not demonstrate real commitment to continuity by encouraging more observance of Kashrut requirements, Shabbat customs, Shacharit-Mincha-Ma'ariv times and sessions in Talmud Torah (study of Torah). Why, in fact, many a "discussion about continuity" will run through a crucial prayer-service hour, precluding participation by the discussants in prayer.

There most certainly is great value in the new interest and attention given to the subject, and in the fact that we are confronting these threats directly. But the value is lost if the discussions do not lead to practical change, commitments and undertakings. "Keep your tongue from vain discussions," warns the Talmud Yerushalmi, "so that your throat should not experience great thirst" (Shekalim, 77). Discussion that does not lead to action produces only thirst — physical and mental thirst for solutions. Tosefta Yevamot put it thus: "Beautiful are words when they come from the mouths of those who fulfill them" (Yevamot, 8).

We are in danger of creating another dichotomy within our nation, that of observant versus observing Jews. The first group is growing in adherence to tradition, raising children under maximal education and observance levels. The other group is observing, discussing, analyzing statistics, holding meetings and conferences. But they remain "observing" Jews. Like fiddlers on the roof — not Tevye's delightful little fiddler — but rather a fiddler of Rome who carried the name Nero.

Hopefully, with enough dedication we can put all the "Messiah Watchmen" of Chelm and other cities out of work, and usher in a redemptive era.

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Chief rabbis challenge legal ruling

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — For the second time in the past three weeks, Israel's chief rabbis have challenged a ruling by the Supreme Court they believe represents an attack on Halachah.

Chief Rabbis Yisrael Lau and Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron issued a resolution last week declaring that non-Orthodox Jews should not serve on the country's municipal religious councils.

The declaration flies in the face of a recent ruling by Israel's Supreme Court that Reform and Conservative candidates for the councils may not be rejected because of their religious orientations.

The Reform movement termed it a "hysterical reaction" by the Orthodox rabbinical establishment and a step toward the delegitimization of the Orthodox.

The declaration follows an announcement by the chief rabbis that they would not comply with another Supreme Court ruling calling for the rabbinical courts to apply civil law, rather than Halachah, to property settlements in divorce cases [*CJN*, Feb. 24].

Civil law applies the principle of common property and equally divides marital assets upon divorce, while Jewish law generally awards property to the title holder, who is often the husband.

The chief rabbis said the rabbinical courts would not recognize this decision because Halachah has supremacy and could not be violated.

Scholars say the court's ruling on the divorce issue was an unprecedented challenge to rabbinical authority in Israel.

Last week's resolution by the chief rabbis on religious councils was issued following a special meeting with dozens of Orthodox rabbis, rabbinical court judges and heads of religious councils.

The rabbis declared that the services rendered by religious councils must be administered by those who "believe in Halachah, live according to it and accept the authority of the Chief Rabbinate."

The religious councils are funded by the country's Ministry of Religious Affairs and are the only providers of basic religious services to Jewish citizens, including burial and marriage.

The rabbis also called on the Knesset to pass legislation that would prevent the representation of non-Orthodox members on the councils.

Rabbi David Hartman called it "a mistake for the rabbinical establishment to set up a confrontational ethos with the Supreme Court."

Rabbi Hartman, who teaches Jewish philosophy at Hebrew University, said the rabbis were "taking their monopoly and putting a loincloth of Halachah around it.

"The issue is not whether Halachah is more supreme than secular law" and the authority of the state, he said.

"NACHAS"
BY MIRIAM LANAIL
So- HOW'RE YOU DOING, MA?
I'VE BEEN FEELING SO COOPED UP, LATELY- I HAVEN'T TALKED TO A SOUL SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHEN!
I'VE GOT A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO!
HUSBAND
FATHER
MOTHER

Front Line

Golan Heights withdrawal remains critical for peace

By ALON BEN-MEIR

A strong Israeli public consensus in supporting withdrawal from the Golan Heights is critical to any Israeli-Syrian agreement. That consensus is currently lacking.

Syrian President Hafez al-Assad and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin must work separately and together to sway Israeli public opinion in that direction. Otherwise, it is unlikely that Israel and Syria will reach an agreement anytime soon.

In Israel, like many other democracies, public opinion plays a very direct and crucial role in the government's decision-making process. Rabin has done poorly in educating the public on the need and rationale for paying a "painful price" for peace. Instead he has left the field wide open to continued onslaughts by right-wing opposition groups, led by the Likud, against the government's "misguided" policy.

Likud has been successful in galvanizing public opinion against extensive withdrawal, effectively tying Rabin's hands at the negotiating table. Moreover, Rabin's inability to implement the first phase of the Israel-PLO agreement has left many Israelis unsure of their government's direction, further deepening their cynicism and distrust of the whole process.

Rabin's idea of putting any agreement with Syria on the Golan to a referendum is misleading. Although a referendum could buy Rabin some time, stifle right-wing opposition and put pressure on Assad to be more forthcoming, it still is not a substitute for cultivating an Israeli public consensus and confidence. It is, in fact, an escape. Rabin justifies the referendum by saying the extent of the projected withdrawal will exceed what the Labor party's platform stipulates, hence the need for a public referendum.

Peace with Syria is not a Labor or Likud issue, it is an national issue charged with psychological and security implications for most Israelis. Rabin must tell them that with today's technologies, strategic territory holds a considerably diminished value. Only peace with normal Arab-Israeli relations, plus a credible military deterrence, will provide Israel with long-term security.

Israelis need to know that there are no other viable options and withdrawal from the Golan is the ultimate price for peace. A referendum that will reject such an agreement with Syria is counterproductive and even dangerous, and a referendum that would endorse such an agreement is not necessary.

Syrian officials reject an Israeli referendum on Syrian territory on the grounds that it is against international law and inconsistent with UN resolution 242 and the guidelines that governed the initial Madrid peace conference. The fact that neither the withdrawal from the Sinai nor the Israeli-PLO agreement were submitted to a referendum adds further credence to their argument. But rejecting the referendum does not nullify the critical importance of Israeli public opinion.

Assad continues to ignore the importance of Israeli public opinion. As Israelis search for signs of reconciliation emanating from Damascus, they come across Syrian positions and attitudes that portend only the contrary. Israeli officials cite the Syrian handlers' adamant refusal to allow Israeli journalists to attend the Geneva press conference of U.S. president Bill Clinton and Assad. Assad had a golden opportunity, they argue, to show his willingness to tear down old barriers but chose not to. In an answer to a question during the press conference, Assad refused to elaborate on what he meant by "normal relations," further disappointing many Israelis who wanted to believe that Israeli-Syrian relations had entered the phase of reconciliation.

Assad needs to be more open and forthcoming. Unlike Assad, the late Egyptian President Anwer al-Sadat understood the Israeli psychological disposition and acted on it with astonishing results. When he journeyed to Jerusalem, Sadat tore down the psychological barriers in one stroke. He captured the minds and imaginations of a multitude of Israelis who responded with open hearts.

Assad must go beyond sound bites. Assad's statement that peace with Israel is a "strategic asset" to Syria and his public utterance of "normal relations" with Israel are two most significant developments. Yet, following decades of mutual enmity, fear and distrust there is still a growing number of Israelis who remain deeply skeptical of Syria. They are looking for human manifestations of Assad's "peace of the brave."

The Syrian leader need not go to Jerusalem but he could invite a group of Israeli academics and journalists to Damascus. He could invite or get invited by Rabin to meet without breaking taboos or taking personal risk and without compromising a single inch of territory.

To persuade the Israelis to give up a tangible asset for what many still consider an elusive peace, the Israelis first must go through a process of learning, adjusting and confidence-building.

Rabin must assume the task of educating the Israelis and disabuse the notion that the Golan and national security are synonymous. Assad must join the battle to win over Israeli public opinion by reaching out to the Israelis and allow human relations to take their course.

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New Israeli burial society offering alternatives

By CARL ALPERT

During the past year or so, Israel has been struck by several scandals involving burial of the dead. In one case, when it was discovered that the deceased was a non-Jew, the body was exhumed and interred elsewhere. In another instance, protest was voiced when a Jewish soldier was buried in a military cemetery alongside a Bedouin war hero of the Israel Defence Forces. In these and other instances, Orthodox Jews, basing their argument on Jewish law, insisted that the line of distinction be drawn.

The monopoly over burials by the Orthodox chevra kadisha was challenged several years ago, and the Supreme Court ruled that the Ministry of Religious Affairs had no reason to refuse a licence to a burial society, no matter what its religious coloration. Other faiths do have their own burial rites and their own cemeteries, but heretofore Jews, whether religious or not, had no choice but to accept the chevra kadisha rites.

Actually this monolithic rule was not observed in most of the non-religious kibbutzim, which maintain their own cemeteries and conduct their own services.

A new burial society, Menucha Nechona (Society for eternal Rest), which had been a party to the appeal to the courts, has now obtained rights to more than ten acres of land in a new cemetery being built on the outskirts of Haifa, and local citizenry can choose whether they wish the traditional service or the non-Orthodox one now offered. It should be noted that the government pays the cost of the plot and the funeral service. The memorial stone is the obligation of the family.

Among the elements which will distinguish the new burial society will be the possibility of burying husband and wife side by side, even if one was not Jewish. This has not been possible hitherto. Furthermore, plans are being made for use of coffins, instead of the usual method in Israel of depositing bodies in the graves wrapped in shrouds, a procedure which shocks those from the Western world who observe it for the first time. Coffins are used only in military cemeteries. Tombstones, while bearing inscriptions in Hebrew, may also bear the names of the deceased in Latin characters, and the civil dates may be inscribed as well. The Orthodox cemetery in Haifa has always been lenient in this respect, in contrast to Jerusalem, where it took a court order to obtain that privilege.

How popular will the new cemetery be? An opinion poll conducted in Haifa indicated that 44 per cent of those queried would choose the new and presumably more esthetic service, although 70 per cent of Haifa's residents registered approval in principle of the alternative burial.

Queried about the use of music during a funeral, eight per cent went on record as objecting, and only 15 per cent approved of appropriate music.

There appears to have been little demand for cremation, which is taboo under Orthodox law. Public opinion does not seem to be in favor, especially among those whose families had any association with the Holocaust.

Due to the growing lack of burial space in Haifa's crowded cemeteries, an experiment was launched a few years ago with the construction of two-tiered graves, crypts in a stone wall. The appearance is esthetic, but there does not seem to have been much demand for these graves, and only a few are occupied.

No matter how far Israeli Jews strayed from Orthodox observance in other matters, tradition has remained strong when it comes to burial. It now remains to be seen to what extent the kind of graveside services offered by Menucha Nechona, not necessarily according to the Orthodox rites, will indeed be utilized by the public.

Alienated young immigrants pose special challenge

By CYNTHIA MANN

Increasing numbers of teen-age immigrants are "dropping out" of Israeli society, and the authorities are fighting it.

An estimated 5,000 to 7,000 of the teenagers who have immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union since 1989 are not in school or in any other social framework, and thousands more are at risk of dropping out of school, experts say.

The problem of alienated young immigrants has recently gripped the attention of the Israeli authorities.

The Education Ministry, which has established a division for alienated youth, last year set aside a special budget for what they described as "youth at risk."

Meanwhile, the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency for Israel has decided to make the absorption of these alienated young immigrants one of its highest priorities.

Both the Education Ministry and the Jewish Agency are involved in programs that try to bring the youths back into the system through alternative education, vocational training, preparation for military service and social and cultural activities.

"There is a tremendous potential in this wave of aliyah, especially among the young," said Daniel Pins, director of the Jerusalem region of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department.

"If we can intervene and help prevent them from dropping out of the system, they (will) make a tremendous contribution."

He observed that overcoming "culture shock and prejudice on both sides" is one of the biggest tasks facing everyone involved.

This year, said Pins, the Jewish Agency's absorption co-ordinators working throughout the country decided to give high priority to the most vulnerable immigrant groups, which include teen-agers.

Chaim Lahav is director of the youth advancement department of the Education Ministry, which runs programs for alienated immigrant teens. He fought for more than a year to get a special budget for the vulnerable immigrant teens, arguing that their problems are unique.

Lahav was careful to note that Israel has expended a great deal of effort on the more than 500,000 olim, or immigrants, who have arrived from the former Soviet Union since 1989, including the 85,000 teen-agers among them.

But, he added, "there are always people on the periphery for whom the (general) answers don't apply."

Many youths who do not find themselves in school or within other existing frameworks end up on the streets or in gangs, which function for them as alternative "societies."

Lahav said the Education Ministry has built a new model for working with alienated immigrants that corrects mistakes made during past immigration waves.

In the old model, Lahav said, "no matter where you came from, the past was not important" and "you had to assimilate, to fit in and be Israeli."

In the new model, said Lahav, there is room for "pluralism... and different cultures."

There are many reasons some teen-age olim do not fit in at Israeli schools, said Lahav. Many come from families that were already transient before they emigrated, and whose education was therefore disrupted before they arrived in Israel.

Others come from subcultures in which education is not as important as family obligations, and as a result students miss school for long stretches of time.

Falling behind because of the language gap is another big problem, said Lahav.

But the biggest problem, he said, is "the combination of the trauma of immigration and adolescence."

At a time when "they need to know where they are and where they're going," he said, immigrant teens have "lost their environment, their culture, their language, their friends."

And, to make matters worse, he said, "their parents cannot be their anchors" because they are going through their own trauma.

The Jewish Agency has 90 absorption coordinators working throughout Israel. Many of them dispense services from within the municipal government structure.

The Jewish Agency also provides seed money to special municipal youth projects funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Zionist Forum and other immigrant societies. *(JTA)*

Israel: *Bits & Bites*

Defence, politics, economics, education — all are among the aspects of life in Israel.

Faxes to God. Bezeq, the Israel telephone company, is now compiling the text of a new book to be composed of messages faxed to Jerusalem to be tucked into crevices of the Western Wall. Poignant, spiritual and humorous faxes are welcome, and dispatchers must give their consent to having them used in the new volume, which will be entitled *Faxes to God.*

High Tech in Jail. Under guidelines issued by the minister of police, prisoners will be permitted to have computers in their cells for educational or rehabilitation purposes. Costs will probably be covered by the prisoners themselves.

Any Other Smell by a Rose. A local columnist recommends that if garlic or onion or any other plant with a strong odor is planted alongside rose bushes this will greatly enhance the natural odor of the roses.

Improving on Nature. Cotton farmers in the Bet Shean area have successfully marketed cotton grown in brown and green colors, which require no dyeing. Acreage will be increased next year.

We May Have Much to Learn. In 1962, South Korea exported only $50 million worth of goods. In 1992, its exports totalled $72 billion. Perhaps Israel's economists ought to take a long, hard look at what is being done there.

A Novel Case Study. How does one measure the extent of foreign investment in Israel? Elmer Winter, head of the Committee for Economic Growth in Israel, counts the number of tourists he sees in Israel hotel lobbies who are carrying briefcases. The more briefcases, the more business.

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A terrible day

Shock. Horror. Grief.

In the words of Israeli President Ezer Weizman, last Friday was "a terrible and difficult day for Jew and Arab in this land," and for Jew and Arab, Jew and Muslim everywhere.

The shock of the first news of the massacre in Hebron was succeeded by horror that such a terrible act could be committed, and committed in a place and at a time sacred to both Jew and Muslim. And then came the grief — grief for those who died; grief for those who were injured; and grief for the fouling of the bright dream of peace, however ephemeral it has appeared over the past weeks.

Just as we have condemned the terrorists who took the lives of innocent Jews, including our own Shelley Halpenny, Fern Rykiss, Marnie Kimmelman and Yehoshua Friedberg, so we must condemn the murderer who took the lives of innocent Palestinian Muslims. Despite his religious garb, Baruch Goldstein's acts were the antithesis of Judaism. *Lo tirtzach*, Thou shalt not murder — and this was murder.

Baruch Goldstein, it must be remembered, was a member of an extremist political party, Kach, which has been ruled racist by the Israeli Supreme Court and banned from participating in elections for the Knesset. The adherents of Kach and its offshoot Kahane Chai, who attempt to clothe Arab-hatred in the garb of legitimate political policy, are a tiny, albeit dangerous, minority among Jews on either side of the Green Line. In no way should Goldstein's actions be considered, by either Jews or Arabs, as flowing from the positions or policies of the Israeli government or any legitimate Israeli political movement.

In fact, Israeli leaders swiftly condemned Goldstein's acts in the harshest terms. The cabinet ordered a series of legal and administrative measures aimed at extremists among the settlers, and has set up an independent commission of inquiry.

The murders in Hebron may yet spawn more deaths — and not only as a result of rage and riots.

At the time this editorial was written, it was not known if Palestinian negotiators would accept U.S. President Bill Clinton's invitation to meet with Israelis this week in Washington. The Israelis have committed to be there, just as they have been there to negotiate even in the aftermath of terrorist murders of Jews.

If the Palestine Liberation Organization and the frontline Arab states abandon the peace talks, Baruch Goldstein will have accomplished exactly what he set out to do — in the words of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin: "kill the possibility of a solution to the hundred years' conflict" between Palestinians and Israelis. Inevitably, more innocent people, Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians, will die.

Out of grief must come resolve: that peace itself not become a victim of the Hebron massacre.

The following are excerpts from statements made by the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Israel on Friday, Feb. 25:

President Ezer Weizman

Today is a terrible and difficult day for Jews and Arabs in this land. There is no understanding, no forgiveness, and no atonement for this horrible act. I extend my condolences to the families, the citizens of the city of Hebron, and the Arab population throughout the world.

This act must not be allowed to hurt the peace process and the chance of building a new reality of co-operation in the region.

At this difficult time, I call upon all the people of this land — leaders, clergy, Jews and Arabs, Christians and Muslims — to grieve together over every needless loss of life, to show restraint, and to prevent further deterioration, either by word or deed.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

A loathsome, criminal act of murder was committed today at a site holy to both Jews and Arabs in Hebron.

[We] condemn in the most severe terms this terrible murder of innocent civilians, which occurred in the midst of Muslim Ramadan prayers.

This is a difficult day for all those — Jew and Arab — who seek peace. However, the crazed actions of disturbed individuals will not prevent the reconciliation between the citizens of the State of Israel and the Palestinian people.

We will do everything necessary to accelerate the peace talks, to prevent misunderstandings, to remove obstacles and to reach, together, the day of peace — the day on which extremists on both sides will lose all hope of damaging the peace process.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

The loathsome murder of Arab worshippers in a house of prayer is a horrifying act which stands out in shocking contrast to our basic Jewish values.

This is a frightening expression of cruelty, devoid of human morality.

WELCOME FOR BOSNIAN MUSLIM

Righteous Gentile Zejneba Hardaga-Susic, 75, (holding the flag) arrives at Ben Gurion Airport after her flight from Sarajevo. Behind her is her daughter Aida and granddaughter Stella. Greeting her at the airport was Tova Kabilio-Greenberg whose family Hardaga-Susic saved from the Nazis. [Isranet photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

DIASPORA SHOULD DEBATE

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin has kicked up quite a fuss with his comments regarding Diaspora fundraising for Israel. I find it very interesting the way that the establishment, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, was quick to distance themselves from his remarks. Could it be he hit a nerve with his critique; comments they would prefer not to have to face?

For far too long, Jews outside Israel have defined their Jewishness in terms of donations to Israel. This "chequebook Judaism" is relatively painless, and results in accolades from the community. (Is it any wonder that the Jews most prominent in the public eye are those who raise the most money for Israel?) I agree that Israel is central to Judaism; during 2,000 years of exile Jews from around the world raised funds to support Eretz Yisroel.

However, Beilin is right in that the biggest problem facing Jews today is not Israeli prosperity, but continuity. Is Judaism better served by investing funds in Israel, or by spending money to try to increase the local community's knowledge of Jewish precepts? Perhaps more of the funds raised should be channeled to supporting Jewish schools and sending young people on trips to Israel. I don't know the answer, but it is a question worthy of debate. It does the community a disservice to pretend that the issue is not worth addressing.

Michael Kinrys
Toronto

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DISAGREES WITH U.S. RABBIS

I can't for the life of me grasp what some of the American rabbis are trying to do, when they refuse to take part in the annual Bond fundraising (*The CJN*, Feb. 3). These so-called wise men should be trying to unite our people, but instead they are taking sides and are dividing our people.

Only the people who fight for "the land of Israel," by living there and dying there, sending their men and women into the army, living with terrorism, inflation, and so on, have the right to decide what should, or shouldn't be done in the territories. These rabbis have no right to take it upon themselves, to decide, that we, who live in Canada, or in the United States or anywhere outside of Israel, should openly dissociate ourselves with the legitimate Government of Israel, freely elected by the people, and in turn, start taking sides with the settlers, who feel they, and only they, are going to decide Israel's fate.

Since when, in the past, have we in the Diaspora ever taken the step of denying "our brothers and sisters" in Israel help, in any form, to help to keep them strong and alive. Now, with even greater need, they rely on us to buy Bonds, so the funds that they provide can be put toward all the wonderful and necessary projects that have been undertaken.

Our monies raised in the past have even helped in establishing these settlements, monies from all congregations, Reform, Conservatives, and Orthodox. So now, since when, should we just support the settlers.

I have just had a friend return from visiting Israel, after a 20 year absence, and he mentioned that a great majority of Israelis are willing to give up the Gaza and Jericho, for a chance of real peace.

Even if we do not agree with this choice, we have the obligation to help all the people of Israel, not just a chosen few.

All Jews around the world would not enjoy the freedoms that we have, if we did not have a strong and united people, especially in Israel.

Miriam Abbou
Toronto

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THE CANCER PICTURE

Re: Erica Meyer Rauzin's column in *The CJN* (Feb. 17). I agree that people should be more involved with their state of health or illness. Going for regular diagnostic screening tests, as the title says, is a big step towards earlier diagnosis and hence simpler and more effective treatments. With breast cancer, this has resulted in up to a 95 per cent cure rate for Stage 1 Disease. I would also suggest that part of the recovery process mentioned, such as diet (smoking was not mentioned), mental attitude and prayer, can and should be done in advance of cancer. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Regarding the use of mammography, the most recent medical studies, one being the Canadian National Breast Screening Study, concludes that mammography under the age of 50 is not recommended. Screening mammography has been shown to improve survival due to earlier diagnosis and treatment only in the post-menopausal group. For women under 50 mammography is not the magic answer in breast cancer. Regular breast self-examinations and regular physical examinations by doctors have proven to be just as effective as screening mammography. This should be part of every woman's strategy to wellness and longevity. Let us all examine what we can do to improve our health without depending so much on technology.

David Saul MD
Toronto

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THE HONEY BUSINESS

The Grossman family is to be congratulated on their very successful business in honey and related products. However, I would be more impressed with the article Flying on the wings of success (*The CJN* Feb. 3), were I to read that Billy Bee is to open a factory in joint venture with Israel to produce their highly marketable products in Israel. It is disappointing to learn instead that the company is at present fighting the naturally strong honey lobby in that country.

Israel needs investment and industry, not imports which will threaten its agricultural interests, and the large domestic and export market it now enjoys.

Phyllis Sugar
Toronto

Ron Csillag observes: The company is not fighting Israel's honey lobby. In fact, the opposite is true. It recognizes the honey lobby is strong and is not attempting to import honey.

Russia is no democracy

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In a recent column I shared with you my worries over the antics of the fast-rising "star" of Russian politics, Vladimir Zhirinovsky. He would be less to worry about if the climate in Russia were truly democratic, or anything approaching it. Unfortunately, that is not so.

While everyone seems to be sunk in admiration for President Boris Yeltsin, I have for some time wondered why such adulation is bestowed upon him. The fact is, that he has emerged as today's czar-like ruler of a vast domain.

In a recent article in *Refuge*, Tanya Basok and Alexander Benifand present a thoroughly researched analysis of the modern-day Russian autocrat. His victory in the September uprising of parliamentarians won him the admiration of Western powers and bolstered his virtually total control over the former Soviet Union. While the recent elections did not go the way he wanted, his own power has been barely diminished.

Here are some of the observations by Basok and Benifand:

"Yeltsin is allowing numerous violations of human rights to occur and is creating a political environment conducive to state persecution of minorities. It seems obvious that Yeltsin aspires to extend his sphere of dominance not only to rebellious regions of the Russian Federation, but to all other former Republics of the U.S.S.R. One of his objectives is to re-establish the economic ties that existed in the former Soviet Union, but under even tighter central control than in the past. Another role in which Yeltsin's government sees itself is that of a gendarme of the C.I.S. Russia's attitude toward the rest of C.I.S. members is clearly expressed by Yevgeny Ambartsumov, former chair of the Supreme Soviet's Joint Committee on International Affairs and Foreign Economic Relations.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

" 'As the internationally recognized legal successor to the U.S.S.R.,' he said, 'the Russian Federation should base its foreign policy on a doctrine delcaring the entire geo-political space of the former Soviet Union to be the sphere of its vital interests . . . and should strive to achieve understanding and recognition from the world community of its special interests in this space.' "

Basok and Benifand claim that under Yeltsin's leadership, Russian authorities have been providing military and financial support to breakaway groups of the former Soviet Union. The Russian military has been accused of using chemical weapons against Georgia in Abkhazia.

"Apparently, an increase in control over the former Soviet Union is not sufficient for Russia. Yeltsin wrote to NATO leaders urging them not to extend membership to Eastern European countries. Instead, he suggested that Russia and NATO should guarantee the security of Eastern Europe.

"The imperialist policy being pursued by Russia has the potential to intensify existing inter-ethnic and territorial conflicts in the former Soviet Union and neighboring countries. These countries have already experienced the trauma of displacement of people caught in the cross-fire. The further concentration of power in Moscow will in all likelihood complicate inter-ethnic relations in these and other regions of the former U.S.S.R., forcibly uprooting even more people in the coming months and years."

I have quoted this at length to show that the support which so many people in Russian have given to Zhirinovsky must be seen in the light of the current rulership of Yeltsin. He has accustomed his countrymen to strong-arm methods and to what amounts to a one-man rule. Therefore, contemplating the likes of Zhirinovsky is not outlandish for the Russian voters. If Yeltsin can't manage us, many of them appear to think, maybe Zhirinovsky can — and that makes the possibility of his success so much the greater.

It is a worrisome picture, to say the least.

Nepalese withdraw welcome mat from Israelis

By ALEXANDRA WALL

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Israeli music plays in the background. The waiters greet the customers, "Erev tov, Shabbat Shalom." Homestyle dishes on the menu include falafel, schnitzel and humus, and menus are frequently in Hebrew.

But locales like the Abu Rami restaurant in Kathmandu, Nepal, where Israelis had long felt welcome, are becoming more and more scarce as one of the most popular destinations among young Israeli travellers.

Drawn by the challenge of trekking in the spectacular serenity of the Himalayas, thousands of Israelis just beyond their army service flock to Nepal each year. But many, excited by the prospects of travelling abroad and seeing the world, are finding that a bad reputation has preceded them.

After a host of bad experiences in which Israelis have been accused of at best disrespect and rudeness and at worse of violence and theft, Israelis are finding it impossible to change their image here and are no longer wanted in this friendly country.

Iris Alfoar and Vered Lichter, both 22, were refused accommodations several times on the Annapurna Circuit trek, which has been most popular with Israelis.

Two incidents allegedly initiated by Israelis resulted in melees and have clouded the reception for Israelis.

"We had been walking all day," recalled Alfoar, who lives in Tel Aviv. "We finally reached a village and asked at a guest house for a room. The owner asked us where we were from. We said 'Israel,' and he told us there was no room available."

The two women, who ultimately found accommodations at another lodge, later learned that a Dutch couple who had arrived after them were given a room in the first guest house.

"I would like to say that this is anti-Semitism, but I know that it isn't," said Alfoar.

"The Nepalese, especially those in the villages, don't know anything about Judaism, or even the political situation in Israel. They only know about Israelis from the ones who come through here, and unfortunately a few bad incidents have ruined it for all of us."

Alfoar thinks that this treatment is unfair.

"The Nepalese are generalizing about all of us, based on the actions of just a few. From every country there are bad tourists and good tourists. I don't understand why they single out Israelis for this kind of treatment," she said.

"Guest house owners did not believe me when I said that I was Israeli," said Oren Golan, who came to Nepal with his American cousin.

"They would tell me, 'You're too nice to be Israeli,' or 'You order too much food to be Israeli.' " But the 25-year-old Givatayim resident is not the typical Israeli traveller in Nepal.

Golan waited until after finishing his bachelor's degree before heading to the Far East. He also chose to trek with a group of people from different countries, as opposed to the usual Israeli method of keeping to only Hebrew-speaking company.

"The average Israeli in Nepal is very young," said Ilan Maor, second secretary to the Israeli ambassador to Nepal.

"Most Israelis are released from the army, work a few months and then come straight to the Far East. This is the first time in their lives that they are free to do whatever they want.

"And because they are in a foreign country, they act as they never would in their own homes," Maor explained.

Both Israelis and Nepalese acknowledge that cultural differences account for some of the problems. Both also concur that a clash is inevitable because the brash, loud nature of Israelis is perceived as obtrusive by the meek and polite Nepalese.

Another explanation of Israeli behavior in Nepal is that the young men recently released from the army are still caught up in the macho military culture in which they have been immersed for the past three to four years.

Israelis in Nepal are known to constantly compete with one another, to prove who can push himself the furthest, carry the heaviest backpack, and climb the mountain the fastest. This kind of conduct is seen as the antithesis of the Asian religions, which promote non-violence and tranquillity.

But it goes beyond cultural differences, according to Subash Rai, who has worked predominantly with Israelis in his two years in the tourist business.

"I have been trekking when Israelis stop and urinate on our stupas (religious monuments), knowing that they are of religious significance for us," said Rai.

"They simply don't respect our customs or our culture."

Amar K.C., a student who works as a trekking guide during vacations from university, agreed.

"One hundred percent of Israeli people, I don't like," he said. "They complain about everything. They are never satisfied. They come here and act as if this is their country. They are stingy with their money. They lack dignity and character."

Lale Baha, who has worked as a trekking guide for seven years, said there is good reason why some guest houses bear signs saying, "No Israelis allowed."

Over the years, he said, he has seen numerous "tricks" that Israelis are famous for while trekking, from leaving without paying to stealing bedsheets.

But Maor, of the Israeli Embassy, countered that the majority of Israelis coming to Nepal each year cause no trouble.

Of course, he added, in a group of 5,000 or 6,000 people, "there are going to be 50 or 60 who might cause problems. And it is not our job to make excuses for them."

"But it is a very sensitive area for us," he continued. "Luckily these incidents have not affected our dealings with the Nepalese government.

Nepal was the first country in the region to establish ties with Israel. The two countries have enjoyed friendly diplomatic relations since 1961.

"But it is no less important to have good relations with the people of Nepal," Maor said.

The Israeli Embassy has made an effort to educate Israelis about Nepalese traditions and customs before they arrive in Nepal.

A letter from the embassy appears in the Hebrew edition of the most widely used guidebook, *The Lonely Planet*, warning Israelis to be respectful of the Nepalese, and the issue has been covered in the Israeli press.

Some Israelis have tried to change their negative image by staying longer and teaching English, for example, but these efforts remain overshadowed by the negative incidents.

Kids' birthday parties must be focused

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My three children did me a great favor: they spaced their birthdays out equally through the year. I don't know what I would do if they all fell in the same month instead of, in turn, marking February, April and August.

It's not that I couldn't stand the excitement or the presents or the importance of the occasions; it's the parties I couldn't take.

We have just survived the fourth birthday party of our son. The undertaking included twenty children, four or five moms, two dads, assorted grandparents, two ponies and three schedule changes: one to assure that my father would be in town, and two to avoid conflicting with the parties of two other little boys in my son's nursery class, which pushed his party into March.

The party left my yard dripping with soggy crepe paper streamers, my driveway covered with chalk drawings, my garden threatened beyond all reason, my house scattered with cake crumbs (and just before we start Passover cleaning!), my wallet empty, my bougainvillea tangled with balloons, and my son bewildered with the onslaught of candy, presents and excitement. So was it a success? Of course! Can't you tell?

Just in case my litany of complaints makes you wonder, let me assure you this particular birthday party was a smash hit. The children had a great time and loved the food. The weather held up beautifully. The party service man arrived right on time with two docile ponies, both the color of good milk chocolate. And everybody had a good time, including the guest of honor. Any mother can tell you that this is not always the case. It far too often happens that Mom kills herself to throw a tremendous party for a child who spends the event sitting in a corner dissolved in tears and temper, totally overwhelmed.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

But this is our third child, and we have learned something from the parties we've given for the other two. We haven't yet learned to stop giving birthday parties, but that light is beginning to dawn on me. I wonder if I could get away with shifting each kid to an every-other-year party schedule, and just bribe them outright on alternate years?

The main lesson we learned from an accumulated 10 years of experience with kiddie birthday fiestas is to focus. Limit the "idea" of the party to one thing. This process begins with the child. We asked our 4-year-old, "What do you want at your birthday party?" And he said, "ponies." And that is what we got. We did not get — as we might have been tempted to do when we were beginners at this — ponies plus a clown who made balloon animals, a cowboy who did rope tricks, and a complete rodeo. We just had ponies. And that was plenty.

We also learned that it is easier to give a little kid a party when you have bigger kids to help out. If you lack older offspring, nieces or nephews, hire a few. I couldn't have done this without my oldest daughter. After all, big kids have far more stamina than we do and they can devote a little extra attention to that inevitable child who ends up sobbing in the shrubbery because his slice of birthday cake doesn't have any writing on it.

Given past experience, we also knew to explain to our young guest of honor, well in advance, exactly what was going to happen, when and what was expected of him in terms of manners, participation and the general flow of events. This avoids considerable trouble later. For instance, our 4-year-old spent weeks asking when the ponies were going to come. I believe we saved ourselves a good bit of drama by telling him not only when they were going to come, but more importantly — despite all his wishes to the contrary — when they were going to go.

When his party wrapped up, and the ponies and the company went home, I collapsed with a leftover paper cup full of flat soda. I allowed myself to think, "Done, at last. No more birthday party." I pulled off my shoes and sat back, blissful and relieved.

As I began to doze, my daughter came in carrying a fistful of papers.

"What're those?" I asked, unsuspecting, peeking at her through half-closed eyes.

"Well," she said, "they're lists. I'm making plans. You know, we only have two months until my birthday party."

Features

A woman's hard road to Judaism

In Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner speaks to a woman who's embarked on a spiritual odyssey.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

She was registered as a Russian and brought up as one.

She was a church-goer.

She entered a convent and almost took her vows as a nun.

And now she is on the verge of becoming a Jew, having all but completed the requirements of giyur, the Orthodox conversion process.

Born in Rostov-on-Don 24 years ago, Inna Solovyov is of Jewish ancestry but of Russian nationality, a peculiar status she shares with hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens.

More than 70 years ago, in the first flush of the Bolshevik Revolution, Inna's grandmother, now 90, wed a Russian man and changed the nationality in her internal passport from Jewish to Russian.

Inna's mother, Raisa, was raised as a Russian, and her late father, who was half Jewish, also considered himself Russian.

In her childhood, Inna was dimly aware of her Jewish origins. But that was about her only real link to Judaism and Jewish culture.

Inna might have been completely assimilated and lost to her people had it not been for two factors — anti-Semitism and her fervent belief in God.

By appearance, Inna is not typically Slavic. And in the ethnocentric atmosphere of Rostov-on-Don, a Cossack stronghold some 22 hours by train from Moscow, Inna's somewhat Semitic demeanor automatically singled her out as a Jew in the eyes of some her neighbors.

Occasionally, they would hurl racial insults at Inna. "Dirty kike" was one of their favorite epithets.

Ironically, perhaps, these incidents strengthened Inna's embryonic Jewish consciousness. "It made me feel stronger about my Jewishness," she said. "I had always been proud of my Jewish ancestry."

Despite her typically Soviet atheistic upbringing, Inna was drawn to God, and the Russian Orthodox church, from an early age. Her parents disapproved, but Inna went her way.

In 1987, when she was 18, she moved to the Baltic republic of Estonia and entered a convent. At first, she liked it. "I felt a lofty spirit there, and the people were really honest."

But on the eve of her confirmation as a nun, she had second thoughts, and backed away.

"I couldn't imagine living behind those walls," she explained. "I wasn't ready to devote myself just to prayer. It wasn't for me."

Yet Inna still sought to fill the void in her life. She did so by embracing Judaism. "It seemed closer to the truth than any other religion," she said. "I don't believe anymore in (Christianity's) conceptions."

Two years ago, having made her fateful decision to take up Judaism, Inna ventured into Rostov-on-Don's synagogue. "I felt something special. It made me feel Jewish. It connected me with 5,000 years of Jewish history."

At around the same time, she began reading Jewish books and newspapers.

Since then, Inna's life has undergone dramatic changes.

She is no longer a free-spirited bohemian, but a most serious-minded woman with definite plans.

In September 1992, she enrolled in Touro College's School of Jewish Studies in Moscow after two women's seminaries here rejected her application.

Touro College, a New York-based, fully accredited institution of higher education, provides its students with a BA recognized by Russia, Israel and the United States.

Inna is exceedingly pleased with her study program. As she put it:"Finally, I have first-class instruction in Torah, Talmud, kabbalah and Hebrew."

Inna will graduate in 1996, and with her degree, she will be a teacher of Judaism. Since all Touro students are obligated to remain in Russia for one year after graduation, she will teach in a Russian Jewish school.

In Moscow, Inna and her mother share a flat. She keeps kosher, cooks on her own stove and uses a separate set of plates. Inna's mother doesn't object to the arrangement, but isn't too keen about it either. "She thinks it's a passing fad," said Inna.

But Inna's embrace of Judaism is anything but transitory.

With the encouragement of her friends, Inna is now close to making giyur. It is, she observed, a "difficult and unpleasant" test, partly because she has been unable to convince the chief rabbi of Moscow, Pinchas Goldschmidt, that she is Jewish.

The official documents she needs as proof of her Jewish descent have been lost. Nevertheless, according to halacha and Israel's Law of Return, Inna is definitely Jewish.

Despite this problem, Inna is confident she will prevail and receive her giyur by the end of the year.

"I know in my heart I am Jewish. My commitment to Judaism is 100 percent. Nothing can change my mind. I want to be Jewish."

After her conversion, Inna will practice Orthodox Judaism and, hopefully, marry an Orthodox man.

Eventually, she will emigrate to Israel. "I've always wanted to be in Israel. It's a mitzvah to go on aliyah, though I haven't thought about it seriously yet."

Inna's older sister, who lives near Boston, has also expressed a desire to convert, as have some of Inna's friends.

Inna is optimistic that Russia's Jewish community, shattered by decades of communism, can be rebuilt. And she intends to make a positive contribution to its rebirth.

Inna Solovyov [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nelly Kozhatova is now in London, having recently arrived to take up her studies at Leo Baeck College. She will live in Britain for five years on a full scholarship provided by the World Union of Progressive Judaism. When she graduates, she will go back home to St. Petersburg and become the first native-born female rabbi in the former Soviet Union.

I spoke to Kozhatova several weeks before her departure, and she seemed genuinely excited about the prospect of living abroad and making a contribution to the Jewish cultural and religious revival taking place in St. Petersburg.

Kozhatova, 21, has the looks of a model and the demeanor of a scholar, a combination that will not go unnoticed.

I met her at the office of the Maccabi sports club, where she had worked for the last little while. Her boss, Vadim Polyansky, is chairman of Maccabi's St. Petersburg branch and a mover and shaker in local Reform circles.

By North American standards, she has a rather unusual background. Kozhatova's mother, Chana Kogan, is Jewish. Her father, Alexsandr, a doctor-turned-businessman, is Russian.

Being of mixed ancestry, Kozhatova had the option of choosing Jewish or Russian nationality when she turned 16. In the old Soviet Union, everyone had an internal passport listing their nationality. You were Jewish, Russian, Ukrainian, Latvian or whatever. You had to choose.

"My mother decided for me. She thought it would be better for me to be listed as a Russian. It would be easier to get into university and find a job."

Her mother was right. In the latter half of its existence, state anti-Semitism, however subtle, was a demeaning feature of the Soviet Union. Persistently, Jews were denied equal opportunity in nearly all fields of endeavor. Communism, theoretically, abhorred racism. But the gap between theory and practice was exceedingly and disgracefully wide in the workers' paradise.

Not surprisingly, Kozhatova was the only Jew in her Russian history class at St. Petersburg State University. She is positive she would not have stood a chance of being admitted to that faculty had she been registered as a Jew.

Nelly Kozhatova first female rabbi

Although her internal passport and her Slavic appearance shielded her from anti-Semitism, she could not escape it altogether. The lecturer in one of her classes claimed that foreigners, among whom he included Jews, were historically responsible for Russia's ills. And, furthermore, he blithely declared that Jews were simply incapable of truly understanding Russian history.

Kozhatova was upset by his calumnies. But her faith in herself as a proud Jew was never shaken. At an early age, she had come under the influence of her grandmother, Riva, who had told her stories of Jewish festivals and how to conduct herself as "a Jewish woman." Kozhatova's mother, while familiar with Jewish traditions, did not practice Judaism. Yet she supported her daughter's decision to study for the rabbinate. On the other hand, Kozhatova's father was initially skeptical, but he changed his mind after being apprised of her rigorous academic program at Leo Baeck College.

Kozhatova intends to live in Russia upon her return. "I want to help build a Jewish community." She has visited Israel and considered aliyah. But having carefully thought about it, she has made her choice.

Kozhatova believes that at least two-thirds of the estimated 120,000 Jews of St. Petersburg will eventually leave, but not to Israel. "Israel," she said, "is a hard, somewhat Oriental country." The United States is their preferred destination.

In Russia today, there are some 25 Reform congregations, many in makeshift quarters, and five to six Reform rabbis imported from the United States, Canada and Israel. Kozhatova's congregation holds services on Friday nights at the Israel Information Centre. The Union of Progressive Judaism has promised Kozhatova a synagogue of her own following her smicha.

In the meantime, the Union provides the small band of Reform Jews in St. Petersburg with prayer books, kosher food and wine, an annual stipend and a rabbi on the High Holidays.

Israel's island of calm

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Ulpan Akiva, the famous Netanya center for teaching Hebrew and Arabic, remains an island of calm in an increasingly stormy sea.

For at a time when continued violence has led to a serious deterioration in relations between Israelis and Palestinians, intercommunal goodwill, as I discovered recently, is still very much in evidence at the ulpan, headed by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Shulamith Katznelson.

She had invited me there to attend a party for her Golan Druze friends, who came despite the fact that they may soon be under Syrian rule once again. And as they know only too well, Syria is likely to play rough with them for being "too friendly" with the Israelis.

The celebrants also included Arabs from Gaza, Judea and Samaria who are at Akiva learning Hebrew, khaki-clad girls from the Israeli army who are there preparing to become teachers of Arabic and overseas students of both languages from China, Japan, Germany, Denmark, the United States and other countries.

All joined in the bilingual singing and dancing, a common phenomenon at Ulpan Akiva, where students not only celebrate and eat together, but also room with one another. The management insists that housing be mixed, as the result of which a right-wing Knesset member from Haifa may be sharing a room with a Fatah supporter from the West Bank.

One of the people at the party was Samira Srur, who is the inspector of Hebrew in Gaza and—under the guidance of Shulamith Katznelson — established two Hebrew ulpanim in the Gaza Strip. "Why," I asked her, "did over 7,000 Gazans decide to study Hebrew?"

"First of all," she replied, "it helped them in their dealings with the occupation authorities and particularly with the soldiers, who tended to be more gentle with Hebrew-speaking Arabs. Secondly," Srur continued, "it was useful to those looking for work in Israel or going for treatment in a Tel Aviv or Jerusalem hospital. Moreover," she added with a smile, "a lot of Gazans simply wanted to understand the programs on Israeli TV."

"With the withdrawal, will there still be interest in learning Hebrew?" I went on.

"Yes," Srur said, "because most residents of Gaza feel that there will continue to be some links with Israel, and that Hebrew will therefore remain important to them. The more optimistic even foresee the possibility of serving as intermediaries for overseas Arab businessmen who want to do business with Israel."

Katznelson, for her part, fervently hopes to go on hosting Palestinians in Netanya and visiting Hebrew ulpanim in Gaza and in the Golan as well. This will only be possible, of course, if there are good relations between Israel and her non-Jewish neighbors. But in the absence of such relations, warns Katznelson, no political settlement will work in any case.

Vancouver federation looks towards 'vibrant' future

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver Jewish community's potential to become "vibrant, learned, committed and involved is infinite but we have to work harder as a community if we want to come closer to achieving these goals," Peter Oreck, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver said at the organization's recent annual meeting.

During the past year, said Oreck, the Federation worked in "positive ways to enhance the community." As a result of an external review last summer, the Federation adopted a more open nomination process, formed a Jewish Community Centre (JCC)-Federation task force to consider issues related to the long-term security of the JCC, and made a commitment to launch a community process to define the role of Federation.

Federation tried during the past year to act more as a facilitator and less as a controller. "The board didn't act until it knew there was a consensus of our community agencies and leaders . . . When it did act, it did so in concert with the agencies and leaders, allowing all parties to help create and carry out the initiative," said Oreck.

Oreck, who has completed the first year of a 3-year term, said developing new leadership is vital, and reported that under a new program, 64 young Jewish adults are training for future leadership roles.

He added that as a community, "we must consider how we relate and help an Israel now hopefully more at peace with its adversaries." He said the Federation's Israel affairs department is working with the Canadian Zionist Federation and others "to try and create a mechanism for our community in the lower mainland to participate financially, on a risk-taking basis," in Israel's new economic growth.

He said it is also essential to establish a consensus to help guarantee "a vibrant Jewish community in the British Columbia lower mainland 50 years from now. And our community must develop a financial resource plan which will allow its service deliverers to focus on delivery of service instead of day to day financial survival."

The report of the planning and allocations vice-president, Jonathan Berkowitz, said that the Federation has reversed the process of investigating the needs of the constituent agencies and then matching the needs. Instead, he said, "we allocated dollars equal to the amount raised in the previous year's campaign, instead of basing them on the campaign to come. We froze allocations at the same proportions as last year and began a process of revamping the entire allocations procedure. A task force will try to develop community-wide priorities."

The newest member of the Federation family is the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Non-Profit Housing Society, Berkowitz reported. And the newest initiative is in the area of Jewish identity and continuity, with a committee chaired by Justice Bruce Cohen, with Arthur Fouks as honorary chair.

The financial report showed that revenue for 1993 totalled $3,758,292, which included $3,784,005 in campaign pledges. However, there is a provision for uncollectible pledges of $80,000. The campaign total in 1992 was $4,070,410, with total income of $4,075,716 and almost $99,000 set aside for campaign uncollectibles.

Allocations in 1993 included $1,256,229 for the United Israel Appeal of Canada, compared with $1,726,302 the year before. Local agencies were allocated $1,177,810 last year, compared with $1,150,868 the year before. Canadian Jewish Congress got an allocation last year of $264,794, about a $10,000 increase over 1992. The Council of Jewish Federations was allocated $56,492, compared with $54,762 the year before.

Sheila Anzarut, president of the women's division, said 230 women attended an education day held last February. The Jewish Business & Professional (B&P) Women's Group holds program meetings approximately every six weeks, featuring speakers on a variety of topics. A new B&P directory is presently being prepared and there will be new initiatives in public relations this year.

In the president's report, Peter Oreck paid tribute to the Federation's new executive director, Drew Staffenberg "for his competence and wisdom. Our community is much better for his presence." Staffenberg came to Vancouver last year after 10 years as director of the Federation and Jewish Community Centre in Calgary.

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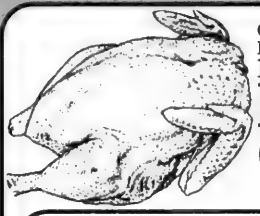

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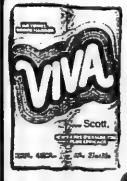

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JIAS students, at left, talk with Grade 6 students from USDS about life in their respective homelands. [Frances Kraft photo]

JIAS helps bridge the generation gap

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A program held last week to celebrate Purim helped bridge culture and age gaps in a creative way. Grade 6 students from United Synagogue Day School's Bayview campus and adult students from Jewish Immigrant Aid Services' (JIAS) English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, along with a small group of seniors from the Bernard Betel Centre, participated in the program held at the B'nai Brith Canada building on Hove Street, where the ESL classes are held.

During the more formal part of the program, the young students presented two skits about Purim, sang Purim songs and demonstrated Israeli dancing. JIAS teacher Barbara Pasternak, who co-ordinated the program, welcomed the participants.

Rabbi George Landeszman, an ESL student who immigrated from Hungary last August, brought a bit of Jewish history to life for the younger generation when he told his own life story.

Born in 1944 in a Budapest safe house established by Raoul Wallenberg, Rabbi Landeszman and his brothers were raised in a Jewish orphanage. He lost many relatives in the Holocaust, he said.

He knew he wanted to be a rabbi when he finished high school, Rabbi Landeszman told the students, but "at that time it was very difficult to practise [our] religion. We weren't even allowed to speak Hebrew."

He studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary of Hungary, where he obtained smichah in 1972, and went on to become the rabbi of the largest Conservative synagogue in Budapest.

"Our responsibility as Jewish immigrants," he said, "is to maintain our Jewish heritage and teach our children. This will enrich our future."

JIAS student Larissa Levitas expressed her gratitude for being able to learn more about her Jewish heritage in Toronto. In her native Moscow, which she left a year ago, she was afraid to say she was Jewish.

Another former Muscovite, Rafael Tsitalashvili, who immigrated seven months ago, delighted the audience with his polished, professional magic act, spinning his wand in the air without touching it and plucking flowers from the air or from behind people's ears.

Tsitalashvili, who had a magic theatre in Moscow, has performed in France and China with his wife Elena. They have won a number of international awards for their performances, and were gold medalists in last year's Pacific Coast Association of Magicians' competition. Torontonians may remember them from their 1990 performances at Ontario Place.

Following the presentations, the group of over 100 people divided into smaller groups to discuss their respective lives in Canada and in the former Soviet Union, where most of the ESL students lived before immigrating to Canada.

All groups included high-level ESL students to act as translators for the newer immigrants, one of whom had only been in Canada for three days. The youngsters wanted to know how the newcomers felt about leaving their former home to come to Canada; the immigrants had a lot of questions about how children in Canada spend their leisure time.

Roz Greenberg, co-ordinator of JIAS' ESL Program had told participants that the program was started about five years ago to help recent Soviet Jewish immigrants integrate smoothly into Canadian society. The program, which offers support, English classes and lessons in Jewish heritage, began with one teacher and one class. It has since expanded to 14 classes and 18 teachers, along with a number of volunteers and support workers.

The Purim program concluded with distribution of mishloach manot.

JIAS aiding Ukrainians

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Among Dr. Gur's other observations:

— The number of olim from the Russian region this year will remain between 50,000 and 70,000.

— One thousand children from the former Soviet Union have made aliyah without their parents.

— The election to Russia's parliament of the fascist-leaning Vladimir Zhirinovsky will heighten tensions between Russia and its neighboring states.

The Jewish Agency, the Israeli arm of United Jewish Appeal, has placed representatives in every corner of the former Soviet Union to assist and promote immigration to Israel.

In Toronto, close to one quarter of all new Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS) clients last year came from Ukraine on family re-unification applications, according to the agency's most recent data. There were 132 Ukrainian Jewish family arrivals in 1993, compared to 124 the year before.

"Our clients are telling us the old Ukrainian anti-Semitism is as strong as ever," says JIAS Toronto executive director Perry Romberg. "There's also a great fear that the whole region is polluted because of the Chernobyl nuclear 'accident.' "

For would-be Canadians, getting here from Ukraine isn't cheap and it isn't easy. The Immigration Department's application fee alone is $450 for an adult and $50 for a child. The $1,000 fee for a family of four represents a full year's salary for the average working person. Some knowledge of English, "even haltingly," notes Romberg, is a must, and the applicant must prove his or her professional qualifications are genuine.

JIAS, working through Canadian relatives or friends of prospective immigrants, assists with expert consultation from afar, and financial supplements, if necessary, when they arrive. Last year, JIAS' direct financial assistance to immigrants in need arriving in Toronto from around the world was $827,000 — funds provided through UJA donations.

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Organizations and People

Segal, MPP debate school funding issue

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

Murray Segal

LONDON — Ontario currently funds the Catholic separate school boards. However law students, parents and interested members of this community came out to show their support for provincial funding for Jewish day schools.

Murray Segal, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education and Dave Winninger, MPP for London South, debated the issue Feb. 8 at the London Jewish Community Centre.

Segal told the audience that CJC along with several other public and denominational school boards have sponsored an Ontario court challenge. It is currently in the court of appeals after Mr. Justice Anderson ruled in September 1993 that the situation is "unfair, inequitable and legal."

The CJC suit's aim was to broaden the school funding base to include other separate school boards including over 25 province-wide Jewish days schools. Anderson upheld the constitutional right of the Catholic separate school boards to receive funding.

Some of Segal's points included the importance of the Ontario Human Rights Code which grants free and equal rights to all people without discrimination based on religion, race, origin or color. Segal added that, "what I want for my child is no different than my Catholic neighbor...It is morally outrageous that parts of our community are being discriminated against," said Segal.

Winninger said, " I agree with about 90 per cent of what Mr. Segal has suggested and Mr. Justice Anderson would also agree." Yet, he continued, "our analysis differs."

Winninger strongly disagreed with Segal's statement that Ontario is the only province that directly funds religious education. Winninger pointed out that Newfoundland funds two private schools. He also said that Premier Clyde Wells has emphasized the economic hardship for the province to continue such funding.

"London has approximately 50,000 students and employs 4,500 teachers [not including the Catholic school board]." He cited monetary and social constraints as reasons other school funding could not be considered.

Both Winninger and Segal agreed that this issue should not be fought in the courts but in the legislature as a policy issue.

When Donna Glazer, principal of the London Community Day School, asked why government law didn't change to reflect a multicultural society, Winninger said, "The key issue here is [lack of] funding."

Winninger also added that the court's decision was not based on quality of Jewish education. In fact, he said the secular part of the school day has met and even exceeded public school standards. The province also has not found any discrimination in Jewish day school hiring practices; it is understood the schools need Jewish teachers to teach Jewish subjects.

Here in London there is one Jewish day school serving 69 students. Community members wanted to know how their small voice (2,500 Jews) could even hope to influence local members of parliament. Winninger and Segal agreed the best way to affect legislative change was to publish letters to the editor in local papers and to continually write members of parliament. "Your opinion is noted and tallied with others, so it can make a difference," said Segal.

JNF to honor B.C. Zionist

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — David Freeman, a long-time resident of Vancouver who has been active in the Zionist movement since his youth, will be the Vancouver Negev Dinner honoree this year. The event will be held April 20 in the Four Seasons Hotel.

As a special feature, the dinner will honor Norway and the memory of its late Foreign Minister Johan Hoist, in recognition of their efforts in helping arrange and hosting secret talks that led to the self-rule accord between Israel and the PLO. According to Jewish National Fund (JNF) officials here, Bjorn Kristvik, the Norwegian ambassador to Canada, will accept an award.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Gad Yacobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

The honoree, Freeman, was born in Vancouver in 1913 and inherited his father's interest in Zionism. Although the Vancouver Jewish community was small before World War II, Freeman became involved in Zionist organizations such as Young Judaea and served as president of the local B'nai Brith lodge.

He got his BA from the University of British Columbia, studied law at Osgoode Hall in Toronto and was called to the Ontario bar in 1935. He moved back to Vancouver and was called to the B.C. bar the next year.

He has served on the board of the Canadian Bar Association, B.C. branch, and was president of the Vancouver chapter of the Weizmann Institute of Science. He was a co-chair of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and president of the University Club, and has been involved with the public relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. He was a member of the Joint Committee when Congress and the Zionist organizations worked together on community relations.

Since his childhood, Freeman has worked for the JNF and has visited Israel many times; he hopes to continue do so.

Appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1969, he still practises law on a somewhat restricted basis.

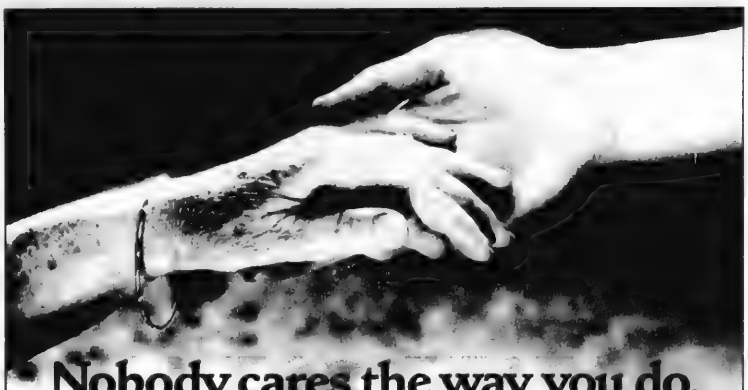
Gad Yacobi, a member of the Knesset for 23 years as a Labor representative, has served as a minister in a number of Israeli cabinets. He was a member of the special ministerial committee that made the decision to launch the famous Entebbe operation in 1976.

Reform appeal set

TORONTO — Representatives of the Canadian Reform Jewish community will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 8 to launch the 1994 Combined Reform Appeal.

Speakers will include Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, honorary campaign chairman, and Rabbi Allan Smith, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) Youth Division, who will speak on Our Children, Our Future. The evening will take place at the corporate headquarters of McDonald's Canada (off Wynford Drive).

The Combined Reform Appeal, now beginning its fifth year, is the annual fundraising campaign of Canadian Reform Judaism.



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New Halifax rabbi has ambitious plans

Teen outreach, adult education on agenda

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein has ambitious plans as he assumes the pulpit of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax.

Rabbi Grafstein wants to expand the adult education program, solidify the daily Hebrew School, work with teens in the community to give them an ongoing sense of Judaism, and build the synagogue into a community centre.

"I see the synagogue as a central place. If we learn more and more, we will grow. If the congregants see something viable here, they'll respond."

Rabbi Grafstein replaces Rabbi Oren Ismeiloff, who resigned from the Orthodox congregation last August after one year. Rabbi Grafstein becomes the third rabbi to serve the synagogue in the last three years. Rabbi Marvin Pritzker retired in 1992 after 17 years.

The newly-appointed rabbi was born in Toronto, educated at Ner Israel Yeshiva and received a degree in psychology at its branch in Baltimore before earning his master's degree in education and counselling at Johns Hopkin University.

He received his ordination from Rabbi Moshe Feinstein at Yeshiva Tiferes Yerushalayim in New York, was Hillel rabbi for 3,000 Jewish students at University of Florida in Gainesville, served as rabbi at Beth Jacob congregation in Oakland, Calif., and most recently was a full-time rabbi in India, serving Bombay and other cities.

"Twenty years ago at Gainesville, Rabbi Feinstein told me to deal with topics of Shabbat and aspects of faith. When I was in India, I taught the 13 principles of faith, discussed why we aren't like Christians or Hindus, what makes us Jews, what's our connection to Sinai."

Rabbi Grafstein, who joined the synagogue in late January, has already begun classes to teach people to read Hebrew in seven one-hour lessons. He will also instruct in understanding Torah and the prayer book.

"I will do prayer and Torah study in a pleasant way that can touch the soul and heart of a person to get them involved," he said.

And if people do not come to synagogue, the synagogue will come to them, said Rabbi Grafstein, who has sent flyers to his congregants containing information on the parshah of the week. "If there are 220 members and 10 per cent read it, it is 10 per cent more who might come to shul."

While not wanting to push congregants into religion, he wants to promote involvement. "We're the only daily minyan, morning and evening, east of Montreal. These people are being honest with themselves to do a little bit. Sometimes if you go too fast, you'll fall away and give the whole thing up.

"During the ages, our forefathers held on with tenacity. If they gave up because things were difficult, we wouldn't be here. We should try to do something we don't necessarily want to do."

In his first two weeks as the Beth Israel rabbi, he has recertified a local bakery as kosher, arranged for kosher cottage cheese to be made by a Nova Scotian manufacturer and been appointed chaplain for Jewish students at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

He has also accepted his mandate to represent the synagogue in the outside community by teaching a nutrition class of Mount St. Vincent University on the kosher code. "Prejudice falls away through contact," he said. "Showing non-Jews what we're about will hopefully educate them."

WHEELCHAIR ON TRACK

A grade 5 class at the United Synagogue Day School's Bathurst campus is raising $15,400 to purchase an electric wheelchair for Beit Halochem's new disabled veterans' rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem. Beit Halochem Canada recognized the $3,200 raised to date by presenting a plaque to representatives of the class. Seen from left are (front row) Alexander Sherrington, Jonathan Wiesenthal, Sabrina Peters and Nitzan Rotenberg and their teacher Michal Gill. In back row are Shaila Gottlieb, past president of BHC, Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman, Alex Eisen, BHC's fundraising chair, and Shai Schechter, BHC chair of the board.

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Organizations and People

Rabbi slams secularization of Israel; stresses importance of a Jewish state

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel must be a Jewish state, not just a state Jews live in, asserts historian, scholar and author Rabbi Berel Wein, rosh yeshiva of Shaarei Torah of Rockland.

"It is not the issue to build a state just like Venezuela, or even Canada. We must believe in what we know to be true: Biblical prophesy, the kedushah (holiness) and the special quality of Israel," he told nearly 100 people at Bnai Torah Congregation recently.

"We must create for ourselves an inner purpose; an understanding of who we are."

Rabbi Wein was presenting this year's Judah Weinstock Memorial Lecture.

He slammed the secularization of the state, an outgrowth, he said, of the same process in general society.

Quoting Alan Blum, a professor at both the University of Chicago and Tel Aviv University, he said that man had to come to terms with love, G-d and death if he was to live comfortably on the earth.

"G-d was executed, His place taken by values, lifestyle, ideals; love is dead, replaced by sex and meaningful relationships; death with dignity is on its way to putting death to death."

These comments, he said, describe a Western society "so frightening we can't bear to look at it. We are preoccupied with toys and sports so that we don't have to look at reality."

The secularization of Jewish society (haskala) tried to take away the uniqueness of the Jewish people. "Secularists said we are no different from anyone else, and anyone who disagees is a bigot."

The Holocaust taught us, Rabbi Wein said, that the civilization of Beethoven and Schiller was bankrupt.

"We can believe that there is wisdom in the secular world, in places like Yale and the Sorbonne. But if people say that those places will make a moral world, that will secure the world for our children, don't believe it."

Zionism, he said, "came from a deeply felt religious idea. Zion, Kever Rachel, Leshana Haba'a BeYerushalayim — the Jews never really left Israel."

'Marx had supplanted Moshe'

He told the story of Rabbi Naphtali Berlin (known as the Neziv), the head of the famous yeshiva of Volozhin.

He persuaded the philanthropist Baron Edmond de Rothschild to plant grapes on the barren hills around Rishon L'Tzion. When Rothschild sent him the first bottle of wine, he put on his Shabbat clothes (before he drank it) "in honor of a bottle of wine from the Holy Land. We have all kinds of fancy wine now — he only saw a bottle of wine from Israel."

Theodor Herzl and Max Nordau, founders of the modern Zionist movement, were strangers to this religious love of Israel, Rabbi Wein said. "The British proposal to creat a state in Uganda was brought to the Third National (Zionist) Congress and the motion passed. Then Herzl died and nothing came of it."

The Eastern European Jews who followed Herzl, people like Chaim Weizmann, Ben-Gurion, opposed that proposal, "because they still came from the cheder. They saw in their hearts Bethlehem and Kever Rachel and Jerusalem."

The first generation in the state, he said, were like this, he said, describing how scholars, the Chief Rabbi and the head of the Jewish National Fund all davened in the same shul.

By the second generation, though, "Marx had supplanted Moshe."

The secularists "hijacked the idea of Zion. They combined it with socialism, utopianism and communism."

In 1986, Rabbi Wein said, 64 spies were caught, all spying for the Soviet Union, not for money, but for ideology, seeing it as the wave of the future.

"Today, baruch HaShem, spies only spy for money — that we can deal with," he added wryly.

The secularists created a "new person," he said, one with no identity with the exile, and who saw the past as worthless.

The net result, he said, is that there is "no holiness to the people, no G-d, and no land of Israel."

The prime minister of Israel, he said, "called the settlers [in the territories] an impediment. Ten years ago they were chalutzim (pioneers) — you sent them as the ideal of the Zionist dream, and now they are an 'impediment.' "

Batay Reena chosen for housing project

TORONTO — Premier Bob Rae recently announced the allocation of 60 community-based affordable housing units to Batay Reena Inc. The announcement was part of the allocation of 2,200 non-profit homes in Greater Toronto as part of the jobsOntarioHomes initiative.

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JVS program helps immigrant professionals

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In his native Sarajevo, at least before the city came under bloody siege two years ago, Boris Kon never had to worry about such corporate concepts as downsizing, contract work and job sharing.

As a structural engineer, Kon, now 50, was in demand. He had 25 years of solid work under his belt, first in the petrochemical industry, then as an engineering firm department head, and finally as a construction management specialist on jobs around the world.

Now, Kon is doing volunteer work for a roofing company, even though his degree from Sarajevo University has been found to correspond to a Canadian Bachelor of Engineering.

For the time being, his rent is being paid by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. But unless his luck changes soon, Kon and his family are looking at welfare.

In Toronto since last April, Kon has mailed out no fewer than 370 resumes, which led to six or seven interviews — and no offers of work. As unofficial leader of Sarajevo's Jewish emigre community in Toronto — about 25 families — Kon has also learned firsthand that years of professional experience can mean little in this economy.

That's why Kon joined 29 of his unemployed colleagues, recently arrived from the former Soviet Union, former Yugoslavia and Romania, earlier this month for a first-ever information session for foreign trained engineers, presented by Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) and Holy Blossom Temple.

The program, aimed at providing immigrant professionals with practical job-search advice from those in the know, was the first of several JVS hopes to present for others, including physicians, lawyers, computer experts and teachers.

For the engineers at least, Ontario has proven to be a catch-22, the session heard. They must be certified by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario but before they can apply, they must have at least a year's experience working in this province.

The message the engineers received from two experts in the technical job market was to lower their expectations and do virtually anything to get their foot in the door, including drafting and even on-site labor.

But mainly, they were admonished to become what all firms seem to want: the multi-talented employee — flexible in several specialties, fluent in several computer languages and, above all, polished in both oral and written communication skills.

The presenters, Morris Tambor of the Technical Service Council and Basil Tambakis of a local Canada Employment Centre, agreed that, although the current situation seems dim, there will be a demand for engineers by the turn of the century, with 80 per cent of jobs expected to come from small and medium sized businesses.

That will likely be hailed by JVS, which maintains a roster of between 150 and 200 out-of-work engineers, a number sure to rise as professionals continue to pour out of the former Eastern bloc.

According to JVS executive director Ed Segalowitz, the agency has seen an increase in the number of immigrant professionals, particularly from the former Yugoslavia. Many, he said, have advanced degrees and most must requalify for practice in Ontario.

For Kon at least, the session proved something of a let-down.

"I need more concrete leads. I know that I need computer languages and I know how to behave at interviews," he later told *The CJN*.

A frustrated Kon is also discovering that many employers are ill-at-ease with immigrants, especially from a place that is receiving so much bad press.

In the meantime, "I'll keep trying," he sighs. "To start at zero at my age...I'm used to a better life."

Judaic collecting cards aimed at Orthodox

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hank Greenberg, Sandy Koufax, Red Auerbach, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and the letter aleph all share two things in common — they're all Jewish and their images are all available on kids' playing cards. You know, the kind you used to get with an aromatic stick of rock-hard chewing gum.

In the Boro Park area of New York City, several Jewish businessmen with a talent for graphic design and computer art have issued a series of collecting cards geared primarily for young, Orthodox collectors. They're called "Judaic experience collecting cards" and they're billed as being "to the Jewish market what Score, Fleer and Topps are to the sports market."

But instead of the likes of Koufax and Auerbach, the cards produced by A.D.I. Marketing Group highlight Our Sages, The Mishkan, Synagogue, Jewish History and Mysteries of the Aleph-Bet. If you want Jewish sports figures, you'll have to look somewhere else.

The first series of 50 cards for the year 5754 has been available for a few weeks now, and so far consumers have taken to them like a hungry family to a meal of cholent and greben. Already, 200,000 cards have been purchased out of the original 300,000 distributed to retailers, said Richard Stone, one of the principals behind the company.

Stone, a graphic artist, said "people are intrigued with the high tech" look of the cards. "There are already cards out there, but they're lower quality."

Because he and his partners were already in the computer graphics business, Stone said they had the ability to produce the cards with the "secular quality" that kids have come to expect. At the same time as they present high tech, glossy artwork, the other side of the cards serves an educational purpose, he said.

The series on the sages presents a biographical sketch of the rebbe in question, while the cards on the Mishkan describe aspects of the early Hebrews' religious practices. Card No. 69, The Mishkan in the desert, for example, notes that "nearly 3,300 years ago, on the day after Yom Kippur, in the year 2,449 of creation, Moshe commanded the Jewish people to begin building the Mishkan. It was assembled as a temporary and portable dwelling for the Divine Presence of G-d among His chosen people."

Card No. 137, Aleph, notes that this letter "symbolizes the one and only G-d, creator of heaven and earth."

Stone said he and partners Nathan Szpilzinger and Shlomo Benzaquen began researching the cards' contents a year ago. They were aided by Rabbi Eli Teitelbaum, who supervised the gathering and writing of the information contained in the cards.

While the base clientele for the cards are young, observant Jews, Stone said secular adults also see them as an attractive addition to their collections.

The company expects to issue 200 cards per year. The second set of 50 is expected around Pesach, and this time it will address themes like the story of King Solomon and ancient Jewish coins.

Every year around Chanukah, A.D.I. expects to issue 200 gold-trimmed cards in a single set.

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What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, March 3 is deadline for March 17 issue and Thursday, March 10 is deadline for March 24 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331; fax, 424-1886.

Thursday, March 3

ROCKIN' GOOD TIME

Association of Young Jewish Adults presents A Rockin' Good Time, at the Loose Moose, 220 Adelaide St. W., 8 p.m. $10 cover, proceeds to Bikur Cholim. Call 760-4149.

LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

Pediatrician, **Debbie Siemiatycki** will speak on behavioral problems such as sleep disorders, psychosomatic ailments and attention deficit disorder, 7:30 p.m., Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Drive, Room 207. No cost.

Friday, March 4

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform a program of pop and semi-classical music at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., 2-3 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

BATTLE FOR THE JEWISH SOUL

Julius Ciss, director of Jews for Judaism, will speak on The Battle for the Jewish Soul, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Presented by Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood. Everyone welcome. Separate tables for singles 27-39. Members free, guests, $2.

CHILDREN'S FAIR

Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre presents a fair for children and their parents, 12 noon-4 p.m., 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, featuring carnival booths, matzah baking, puppet show, and noshes for sale. Cost, $4 per child; family rates available.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim invites the public to hear **Douglas H. Haddow**, North York Department of Education, speak on The Golden Age of Movie Making in Hollywood, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture, $6.

STEMMING INTERMARRIAGE

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club presents **Dr. Edmond Lipsitz**, vice-chair, Association for Jewish Continuity, who will speak on Stemming Intermarriage - Why and How?, following 9 a.m. services. Breakfast free of charge. Nursery available from 9 a.m.-noon.

DOWNTOWN SINGLE PARENTS

Downtown Single Parents (custodial and non-custodial) is looking for others in the same situation to socialize with, talk to, and share outings with and without kids. A meeting will be held, 10 a.m., JCC, Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Room 204. Babysitting and child care available.

ATTENTION WINE MAVENS

Compare your favorite wines with experts at Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club festive wine tasting, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. **Carol Slatt**, well-known wine and spirit educator will be in attendance to guide guests through the wine-tasting. Wines available for purchase. $5 per person includes music and refreshments.

ORT STORE BAZAAR

Good used clothing and household items will be for sale at ORT's store bazaar, 10 a.m., Steeles West Market. Donations of merchandise appreciated. Call 787-0297 for information.

TEMPLE SINAI BREAKFAST

Dr. Ira Schweitzer, director of education, Temple Sinai and Zita Gardner, principal, Leo Baeck Day School will discuss, Day School and Supplemental Hebrew Education, Pros and Cons. Breakfast following 9:30 a.m. services, $2. Admission free for speakers.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling Arts is meeting, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (north of Glencairn and Bathurst). Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. For information, call 699-8914.

IMMIGRATION AND FAMILY HISTORY

Dr. Mindy Avrich Sklapinker, historian, will speak on JIAS and Jewish Immigration to Canada, 2 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst. Everyone welcome, free admission.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Intertalk, a support group for intercultural couples, led by **Eva Goldfinger**, madricha and intermarriage counsellor, meets, 10 a.m., Secular Jewish Association, 131 Fenn Ave., North York. For information, call (905) 889-7450.

Secular Jewish Association Jewish education series presents Pesach 1994: Traditions and innovations: Creating a Meaningful Seder. Speaker is **Eli Rubenstein**, 8 p.m., North York Community Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St. Reservations, (905) 7341-7066.

Monday, March 7

IN SEARCH OF JOY

Generation to Generation, a sub-committee of the Holocaust remembrance committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, presents the premier screening of *In Search of Joy*, directed and produced by **Isabel Fryszberg** and **Tracy Thomson**, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Fanny Greenspoon Hall. Admission, $2. For information call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, ext. 144.

ANCIENT JEWISH SECTS

The continuing education committees of Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogues continue the winter study program featuring **Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum**, 8-9 p.m., Beth David, 55 Yeomans Rd. Tonight's topic is The Dead Sea Scrolls Sect and the Essenes.

JEWISH DIABETES MEETING

Guest speakers **Rabbi Mark Dratch,** Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and **Jill Zweig**, certified diabetes educator, will discuss Are People with Diabetes Being Passed Over at Passover, at the next meeting of the Jewish diabetes chapter, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. Everyone welcome, members, $1; non-members, $2. For more information call **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176, or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University presents **Stephen Emerson**, who will discuss The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism and Its Threat to the Western World, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst. Admission, $24, regular; $17, students. To purchase tickets, call 485-8000. Tickets will be available at the door.

CHALLENGES OF JEWISH RENEWAL

Rebbetzin Arna Poupko, lecturer and Judaic scholar and **Israel Cohen**, Jewish educator, will discuss Beyond Schindler's List: The Challenges of Jewish Renewal, 8 p.m., Forest Hill Collegiate. Adults, $6; students, $4. For information call Aish HaTorah, 636-7530.

Tuesday, March 8

PASSOVER STUDY SESSION

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is holding a Passover study session featuring **Rabbi Philip Scheim,** as well as a demonstration of Moroccan Passover cookery, 7 p.m., in the synagogue's Sisterhood Hall, 55 Yeomans Road. Cost, $10 per person, proceeds to Mazon Canada. For reservations, call 633-5500.

HOW IS YOUR GREEN THUMB?

Get answers to all your gardening questions at a seminar sponsored by Adath Israel Sisterhood, 8 p.m., Greenspoon Oval Room, Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. Includes a demonstration with the indoor gardener from Weall and Cullen Nurseries, how to create floral or plant arrangements and caring for cut flowers. Cost, $3, members; $5, guests. For information, call **Cheryl Sonenberg**, 630-5090 or **Geitie Kramer**, 493-1325.

LODZER CENTRE

A preview of the film, *Schindler's List* will be presented by **Heather Kassel**, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St. (Sheppard & Bathurst). $5 at the door. Refreshments served. For more information, call 636-6665.

PRE-RETIREMENT PLANNING

An investment professional discusses retirement options including RRIFs, annuities, mutual funds, bonds, mortgages and stocks as well as wills and estate planning for people 45 years of age and over, 7-9:30 p.m., North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. To register, call 395-5613.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's adult education courses continue, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. when **Rabbi Avi Schochet** will discuss Seder Sparks - Insights into the Hagaddah.

Wednesday, March 9

THE LAST JEWS OF SPAIN

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee's series featuring **Rabbi Barry Schneider**, on the history of Spanish Jewry, concludes 8-9:30 p.m., in the synagogue's boardroom, 100 Elder St. Tonight's topic is Sephardic Jewry: Where are They Now? Back to Spain Five Hundred Years Later.

GALA BENEFIT CONCERT

Canadian Friends of Ezrath-Nashsim Herzog Hospital is holding its 1994 Gala Benefit Concert, featuring cellist **Ofra Harnoy**, 8 p.m., at the Inn on the Park. Proceeds support research in Alzheimer's disease. For tickets and more information, call **Janice Segal**, 446-1515.

DONATION

Canadian ORT, Ontario region president, Mark Pearlman (right), receives a donation from Ken Bodenstein, executive director, Steeles College Memorial Chapel. Funds will benefit ORT Israel students.

TALK ON ISRAELI PEACE

Community members are invited to a lecture and discussion by **Shmuel Sofrin**, publicist and humorist, who will discuss Israeli Peace Negotiations, 8:30 p.m. at Havah Nagila, 1118 Centre St. between Bathurst and Dufferin. Community singing will follow under the direction of **Daphna Tsur**. Admission, $5 includes coffee and cookies.

COMMITMENT PHOBIA

A discussion group, led by social worker **Soel Szarfer** for men and women afraid to make a commitment, will be held 7 p.m., 260 Heath St. W. Admission, $10. All proceeds to Assaf Haroffeh Hospital in Israel in support of a hydrotherapy pool for disabled children. Auction to follow at 9 p.m. For information, call 636-0391 or 484-4553.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Tsiporah Levy will present a lecture and slide show on the art of knitting, at the next meeting of the Pomengranate Guild of Toronto, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Mature drivers with a car, valid license and good driving record are needed as volunteers to deliver meals, take people to medical appointments, transport seniors or children to programs or deliver items for special events.

Baycrest Centre has a variety of volunteer positions available including people to help with Meals on Wheels, swimmers to assist with pool exercise program and adults with piano skills to lead sing-alongs. For above volunteer opportunities, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch, in co-operation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants, is offering a free income tax clinic for seniors with an income up to $15,000 with no dependents or $22,500 with dependents, Tuesday afternoons in March, by appointment only. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto are seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

A 12-step organization offers self-help and a warm and caring group environment to help cope with personal emotional difficulties. No fee, only a desire to get well. For information on meetings, call **Nancy**, 244-3477.

WOMEN'S CENTRE

North York Women's Centre, accessible to all women, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability or class, offers

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Organizations and People

What's New

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a variety of programs including a legal clinic, information and referral service and a safe city project. Call 781-0479 for information.

HAGGADAH STUDY

Learn how to make the seder more meaningful at a series of classes featuring **Rabbi Ahron Hoch**, Thursdays, March 3, 10 and 17, 8:30 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, in the offices of the Promenade, Suite 303. Provocative discussion and penetrating insights into the Haggadah. One class, $5; series, $10. Call 636-7530 for information.

NIGHT AT THE IMPROV

Shed those winter blahs and join the Young Professionals Network, United Jewish Appeal, for an evening of fun and laughter featuring The Chumps of Big City, Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., at the Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Soft drinks and snacks provided, cash bar. Tickets, $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Call **Lydia English**, 635-2883, ext. 900 for tickets.

GAIN JOB EXPERIENCE

Capable self-starters wanted as volunteer coordinators, administrators or independent workers. Call the Jewish Vocational Service, 787-1151, ext. 254.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Solel's annual Passover seder takes place Sunday, March 27, 6 p.m. Cost, $15 per adult, $7.50 per child. Family service is on Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m. For more information, call Solel, (905) 820-1956.

MARCH BREAK ADVENTURE

Kids age 5 to 14 will enjoy full days of structured programs at North York Parks and Recreation's March Break Adventure at several North York locations, Monday March 14 - Friday, March 18. For more information, call 395-6184.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian Jewish families to join the Family-to-Family program and help a Russian family discover its Jewish heritage. For more information, call **Selena Kovshoff**, JCC, CIP office, 636-1880, ext. 261.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is now registering for summer conversational Hebrew courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced adults and teenagers, Tuesdays, May 31 to August 30, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Classes conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers and the promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. Free introductory private lesson for beginners. Call Joseph Klinger, 787-0197.

BBYO DANCE-A-THON

Young people from the community at large are invited to join B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Lake Ontario region for its sixth annual Dance-a-Thon, March 5, 8 p.m.-midnight, Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch. $5, BBYO members; $7, non-members. Only those with a minimum $45 in sponsorships as well as parent authorization will be able to attend the remainder of the dance-a-thon, until 8 a.m. March 6. Sponsor forms available to all members, at the office, 4588 Bathurst St. suite 213. Call **Yael**, 635-9411 for information.

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

Yad Beyad adult volunteer program in Israel, is recruiting now for a two-week program to teach conversational/business/medical English to immigrants. Training provided. Volunteers are immersed in a community and experience Israeli life in a unique way. For information call 782-2898 or 785-6540.

MISS SAIGON

Chai Shalom will be attending *Miss Saigon*, 2 p.m., Sunday, March 13. Orchestra seats, $65; balcony seats $40, includes bus transportation to and from Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For ticket reservations and information, call **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153 or 445-5222; **Ruth Sherman**, 638-2233; **Marlene White**, 731-2515 (evenings); synagogue office, 633-3838. Tickets on a first come, first serve basis, so reserve as soon as possible.

REENA SEDER

Reena is holding family seders, Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd. Light Passover refreshments served. Blocks of tables will be reserved for clients and their families. To reserve, call 787-0131.

LOTTERY RECEPTION AND DRAW

The Jewish Russian Community Centre is holding its 1994 Lottery Reception and Draw, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. All lottery ticket holders are entitled to one admission. One other person admitted with ticket holder for $18 at the door. For information and tickets or to RSVP for those who already have tickets, call 222-7105 on or before March 7.

SHABBAT OF SPIRIT AND SONG

Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews, Kensington Market, is holding a Shabbat weekend, Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, featuring **Rabbi Meir Fund**. Each Shabbat meal is joined with a program including Torah Teachings on Human Relationships; Dreams; and an Ask the Rabbi session. Cost is $30 for entire program or an individual charge for each program. Downtown Shabbat accomodation is being arranged. Advance reservations required. Call 595-5723.

JF&CS GROUPS

Lorne Wolfson will discuss Alternative Dispute Resolution Options at the Divorce and Separation Series. For information regarding fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

A Chronic Fatique Syndrome Workshop includes topics such as loss, realistic expectations, relationships and coping strategies. Series begins March 15. For information, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

Other JF&CS groups include Positive Parenting, beginning in April and Surviving Separation and Divorce, beginning April 6. For information regarding fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH LEARNING

The following courses will be starting the week of March 7: March 8, Making the Traditional Relevant with **Dina Coopersmith**; March 9, Nazi Propoganda: Art, Cartoons and Symbols, at the North Y branch, with **Dr. Morton Manilla**; March 9, Aleph to Tay: The Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew Alphabet with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** at the Bloor Y branch. For more information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

at the JCC

Couples and singles can learn country western line dancing with **Karen Fisher**, at the North Y branch, beginning March 3. For information call 631-5659.

Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening *The Wordmaker*, the story of **Eliezer Ben Yehuda**, father of modern Hebrew, in Hebrew and English, Sunday, March 13, Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall. Guest speaker is University of Toronto professor, **Libby Garshowitz**. Doors open 7 p.m.; show, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, $7. Call **Luni**, 924-6211.

Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. is running a fundraising aerobathon, Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be prizes, guest instructors, food, goodie bags. Registration, $20 at the door. Call **Maureen McIlveen**, fitness coordinator for information.

Join Senior Adult Services, North Y branch for its Tuesday Luncheon and Entertainment, featuring **Adam Timoon**, singer and guitarist, Tuesday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

for seniors

Sunrise Group is planning a seven-day trip to Maryland, Pennsylvania and Atlantic City, March 1-7. Price $545, all inclusive, includes meals and entertainment. For reservations, call **Esther** or **Monique**, 223-9165.

Earl Bales Seniors' is holding its next dance with a live band, Sunday, March 6 in the Community Centre. A few seats are still left for the Atlantic City trip, April 18. $250 Canadian includes transportation, three nights accommodation, Blue Cross, taxes, tips, meals and casino bonus. Ballroom dancing with instruction, in the Clubhouse, Thursday afternoons, 2-3:30. Saturday dances ongoing in Clubhouse. For information on all programs and trips, call 395-7881.

Healthy Living Program for Seniors, Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave., continues the winter session featuring **Annie Levitan**, public health nurse, Friday, March 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Topic is What's New in Health Care?

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. North, Hamilton, is sponsoring the Hamilton Mens Teachers Choir, Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Bingo will be held, Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m. Enjoy music from Mohawk College, Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Seniors are welcome for dinners daily at a cost of $6 weekdays and $7.50, Friday night. Call **Susan Mills** for reservations or information on programs at 528-5377.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Violet Landman**, 886-2625.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 783-9453 or **Avner**, 771-0250.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. will hear **Rabbi Mark Dratch** speak on Monday, March 7. A 10-day trip to Western Canada is planned for June. Trip to Homowack Hotel in the Catskills is taking place July 3-11. Reservations are being taken for the musicals, July 16, August 9 and Sept. 29. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows will meet Friday, March 4, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the board room. For information call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 23rd annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles W., Sunday, March 27. Doors open, 6:45 p.m., seder begins 7:15 p.m. Fee, $15 per person. Tickets purchased at Bernard Betel. For information, call **Goldy Leibman**, 635-2860.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La Briyut Wellness Centre presents Healthy Cooking with **Sharon Zeiler** highlighting low fat, high fibre ways to make food flavorful, Tuesday, March 8, 2-3 p.m. in the Cultural Room. Call **Sandra**, 225-2112 or register at the Wellness desk. No charge, everyone welcome.

Janice Maser, pharmacist and gerontologist will discuss Anti-Oxidants and their Role in Good Health, Thursday, March 3, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue. Admission free, everyone welcome.

Caregivers Support Group for those caring for aging parents, spouse or relative will meet in the Cultural Room, Mondays, 1-3 p.m., beginning March 7. For information call **Brenda** or **Sharon**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults now meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

RUSSIAN INVITATION

Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, principal of Eitz Chaim Yeshiva, has been invited by Torah Umersorah National Association for Hebrew Day Schools and the Stoliner Russian Organization to volunteer his expertise in the educational field as a consultant and to develop curriculum and teacher training for the newly established day schools in Kiev, Moscow and Budapest.

BAYCREST APPOINTMENT

Neil Goldenberg has been named president, Leadership Development Group, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. "Our goal is to increase awareness of Baycrest amongst our peers and raise money for progams which help improve quality of life for the elderly," says Goldenberg, 33.

The group organizes a variety of fundraising events such as an annual golf tournament, a hockey draft, a children's event and a lecture series. This past year it raised $175,000 for Baycrest, which was used to support various programs including intergenerational programs bringing children and the elderly together.

BIRTHDAY BASH FOR KIDS

Max Miller 3, and his sister Isanne, 4 enjoy a lollipop treat from their mom, Susan Miller, who co-chaired the successful Birthday Bash for Kids which took place recently at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. More than 200 children came to Baycrest for an afternoon of games and entertainment and to bridge the gap between generations. The event was sponsored by the Leadership Development Group as part of the celebration of Baycrest's 75th anniversary.

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Organizations and People

CPAST helps parents deal with school system

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Evelyn Bornstein

TORONTO — Parents of school-age children face a daunting task — trying to figure out how to facilitate their children's successful navigation through the educational system.

From helping kids improve their study skills to understanding how budget cuts will affect their education, parents themselves can use some help.

The Concerned Parents Assisting Students Today (CPAST) Network, a non-profit organization, was founded recently by Evelyn Bornstein to give them exactly the help they need.

The idea grew out of Bornstein's experience running a personalized tutoring and educational service called Explanations Unlimited. Bornstein, 30, has been its director since she founded it in 1988.

"What's typically happened in our private educational service," Bornstein told *The CJN* recently, "is that parents would call with a need to talk. Often by the time they called us, they were in utter despair and were looking for help not only for their children but for themselves.

"There's a terrible need for people to stop feeling isolated. A lot of parents don't know that what their child is going through is really common. A lot of parents know what they think their child needs, but they don't know where to go to get the help," she said.

CPAST's mandate, said Bornstein, is to provide information on educational policies and trends, offer support, and allow parents to network with others who share their concerns.

Bornstein emphasized that she doesn't want to duplicate the role of other groups such as advocacy groups or those dealing with specific problems such as learning disabilities. She is happy to refer parents to appropriate specific-interest groups and professionals.

In the wake of educational budget cuts and other problems plaguing the school system, Bornstein notes that CPAST is not out "to knock the school system. It's almost to take pressure off the school system. We understand budget cuts, etc., but we can't wait. After school hours, parents will make sure kids will get the extra help they need.

"Kids have to work much harder than previous generations to get to the same point as their parents," Bornstein said.

According to recently released statistics, minimum admission averages at the University of Toronto were 79 per cent for Arts, and 91 per cent for Pharmacy.

Because of the stress felt by many clients at Explanations Unlimited, Bornstein says that the first thing she and her staff do is to build a mentoring relationship with the students, so that they will feel more relaxed before they attempt the academic work.

Bornstein advises parents to guide — not force — their children; to listen to them and allow them to make some of their own decisions. "We recommend giving a preselected number of options, rather than saying, 'You must.' [You could ask] 'Would you like to do your homework before you watch TV or after an hour?' You can still have control, but you exert it in such a way that you're respecting your children."

She noted in addition, that parents "have to stay informed" about issues that affect their children's education.

CPAST's yearly membership fee of $25 includes a directory of services and professionals, a newsletter subscription, access to CPAST's reference library and free entrance to meetings twice a month. Bornstein also intends to put together workshops on subjects such as motivating children to excel in school.

Parents or educational professionals who would like further information about CPAST should call (416) 730-9323.

Kinesthetic techniques shown

TORONTO — Noted Venezuelan physical therapist Ramon Cuevas recently demonstrated his innovative kinesthetic stimulation techniques at Toronto's Zareinu Educational Centre.

Zareinu is a school and treatment centre for children with physical and/or developmental challenges.

School physical therapist Esther Fink says she became interested in Cuevas' methods after seeing a two-year-old child from Venezuela displaying far more strength and balance than would be expected from her specific condition, as a result of therapy she had received in Caracas.

Fink began to apply Cuevas' principles here in Toronto, both in Zareinu's early infant intervention program and in her private practice. Last year, she went to Caracas for hands-on training in the skills and intricacies of Cuevas' method of stimulating movement in infants and children.

Cuevas, Fink explains, uses reflexes and automatic responses to enhance motor function in children with Downs syndrome and a variety of other developmental and physical delays.

Cuevas believes that the earliest intervention possible is crucial in affecting children's development, by allowing them the independent movement needed to explore their environment.

These improved motor skills, Cuevas says, act as the vehicle for assisting the child in reaching developmental milestones.

Kinesthetic stimulation is designed for children facing such challenges as cerebral palsy, or neuro-developmental disorders.

Cuevas, originally from Chili, received his masters degree in kinesiology in 1969 at the University of Chili. Together with a neurologist and pediatrician, he opened the first early infant stimulation clinic in Caracas.

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Volunteer program proves rewarding

By CAROL SEVITT
Special to The CJN

I've never taught a class in my life, and yet last summer I found myself teaching English to 16 students. I don't know a word of Russian, yet my students were primarily from the former Soviet Union. I can't speak Hebrew, yet my classroom was in Kfar Saba, Israel. As bizarre as this may sound, it was an incredibly unique and rewarding experience for both me and my students.

I went to Israel in July as a volunteer with the Yad BeYad Program, which is run under the auspices of The Israeli Forum and the newly-formed Canada-Israel Forum. The general goal of The Israeli Forum is to promote communication and co-operation between Israeli and Diaspora Jews through a variety of projects. The specific goal of the Yad BeYad program, is to teach conversational English to Israeli immigrants.

Why English? asked my friends incredulously, when I told them of my plans. The answer is obvious to anyone who has spent any time in Israel. English is widely spoken there, and both professionals and students require English for their work and study.

The Yad BeYad program was established last year by Loretta Helman, a Toronto career management consultant. It started with 20 volunteer teachers and blossomed to two groups of 34 this year, each going to Israel for two weeks. "It's been a peak experience on so many levels. Special friendships have been made and bridges have been built. At some level we belong in Israel — we want to share each other's lives," said Helman.

Her warm sentiments about the experience inspired me to go, but all the same, I found the idea of appearing at the front of a classroom for the first time very intimidating. As a writer I make my living using the English language, but would I be able to explain a dangling participle or define a misplaced modifier? I needn't have worried. When I saw the smiling faces and eager eyes of my students, all fear vanished.

Mine was an advanced English class, comprising half teenagers and half adults. For us all to get to know each other, I had students interview each other and then present their findings. It turned out that the adults were all highly educated. There was a physicist working as a teacher, four doctors (two employed, one retired and one unemployed), two engineers, and a computer programmer. My students' English skills were far better than I had anticipated, and the challenge was to find stimulating activities.

They loved debates and discussions where they could speak their mind. A heated debate about whether Israel should sacrifice land for peace gave me an insight into their political feelings — many were ready to give up land. A humorous discussion about today's teenagers showed me that kids are the same all over the world — they all love loud music and messy rooms. A conversation about the Israeli army brought admissions from two young Russian boys that they were afraid to serve.

(My heart went out to these kids because after two years in Israel they were still feeling rootless and melancholy. They knew they didn't belong in Russia, but didn't yet feel at home in Israel).

I soon became much more comfortable in my role as English maven and authority on life in Canada. Having lived in a communist country for most of their lives, the students were eager to learn about life in North America, and found many commonly accepted Western practices amazing. For example, they couldn't believe that we could return an item to the store if it didn't fit properly or if we changed our mind.

As the end of the two weeks drew closer, I developed a genuine attachment to my students and dreaded the day I would have to say goodbye. As homework and also as a memento for me, I asked them to write a paragraph on their feelings about the class. I quote two of them — spelling and grammatical mistakes included:

"I have taken many courses in my life. Also in English — but your course was the most joiful! It was the favourite course in my life."

"Thank you for your great effort to help us, as Jews and as human beings."

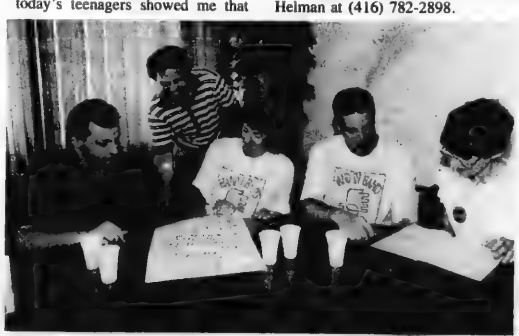
The other special people we had the privilege of meeting were The Israeli Forum volunteers. Each one of us was "adopted" by an Israeli family who opened their homes and their hearts to us. In addition to Shabbat dinners, we were treated to a private concert by a Russian string quartet, an art show and dinner in someone's home, and memorable tours of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

At a farewell party held in an Israeli Forum member's home, each one of us was given a beautiful mezuzah, hand-made by Ethiopian immigrant women, in recognition of our efforts. The mayor of Kfar Saba, Yitzhak Wald, addressed the group and emphasized the importance of our connection with Israel. "If you come here, you are a part of us. It's not only our place, it's yours also — even if it is part-time. We are partners in the same project, in building up Israel," he said.

The final English class was bittersweet for all the teachers. Several classes got together for a party and I felt like a proud parent as my students put on a humorous skit and sang a song in flawless English. When we returned to our classroom, my students presented me with a lovely gift and there were many hugs and kisses, and a few tears all around.

As I flew back to my real life in Canada, I carried with me many memories of some very special people — memories which I'm sure will last a lifetime.

For further information about the Yad BeYad Program, call Loretta Helman at (416) 782-2898.



Loretta Helman and Brian Rothberg (in t-shirts) with Russian students in Yad BeYad program.

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Rabbi Schulman takes over as chaplain at Mount Sinai

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Rabbi Bernard Schulman recently assumed the position of director of chaplaincy services at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. He succeeds Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, who died last year.

Rabbi Schulman is no stranger to Toronto. While he earned his master of education degree at Loyola College in Baltimore and received rabbinic ordination at Ner Israel Yeshiva in the same city, he returned here to Ner Israel Yeshiva, first as a student, and later in teaching and guidance.

He was involved in chaplaincy services at Branson and Baycrest Hospitals.

For one year he was part-time regional director of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY).

Rabbi Schulman sees the role of chaplain as giving assistance and support to patients, their families and hospital staff.

He stressed that, while he doesn't force his attentions on people, he makes it known that he is available for anyone who wants counselling, prayers, or just someone to talk to.

The appearance of a clergyman may be frightening to some, especially the unaffiliated, he said. "Some people think if a rabbi or any other clergy comes to see them, they must be really in bad shape."

Since he is around so much of the time, his dropping in seems more natural.

Rabbi Bernard Schulman

Rabbi Schulman believes that the traditions of vidui (confession of sins), kaporah (atonement) and teshuvah (repentence) can be instruments of healing and a means of removing stress both from the patient and, often, from the family as well.

"It lets him live — or die — at peace."

People should not hesitate to ask to see him, or to contact their own shul to let them know they would appreciate a visit, Rabbi Schulman says. As well, he would like rabbis to feel free to refer families and patients to him.

"People shouldn't feel they are burdening the clergy."

Rabbi Schulman stressed that it is not the chaplaincy's responsibility or duty to judge patients. "Our job is to help them, support them, and assist in their recovery, to support them as people. Their religious level or lifestyle is not at all an issue."

The rabbi noted that he is also willing to speak to patients and their family after the hospital stay, and to help in any way he can.

In a hospital like Mount Sinai, a Jewish chaplain has a special role, particularly, he feels, with the elderly. "If one can speak to them in the language of their youth (Yiddish) you can touch them at a different level."

He feels a strong responsibility to work with the staff as well.

"It's not easy to work in a hospital with sick people, when the outcome of hours of work and effort may not be successful. The staff has to deal with their own feelings about that.

"People don't always realize how personally involved staff become with patients. They need support too."

The staff can also refer patients and their families to the clergy staff. "We work as a unit," Rabbi Schulman said, adding that, when it is appropriate, he sits in on meetings to discuss a patient's welfare.

While Rabbi Schulman is the director of chaplaincy services, the hospital also has Catholic and Protestant chaplains available.

Although he has been on staff only since January, he has definite goals in mind. He wants "to make people more aware of the availability of chaplaincy services. And I am working with different programs to upgrade the services to patients, their families and staff."

There is a daily Mincha service ("more for staff than for patients") and holy day and yizkor services.

At the interview, the rabbi was busy arranging Purim megillah readings. Students from local yeshiva high schools, as well as other volunteers, were coming to give shlach mones and help with the services.

"You have to give the kids credit. They will be coming all the way downtown, even though they are fasting all day!"

He is proud of the fact that he arranged for more kosher food to be available in the hospital cafeteria. And some patients don't realize that they have to ask for kosher food — that all the food in the hospital isn't kosher automatically.

Rabbi Schulman is the father of six children, aged seven to nineteen. His wife, Malka, is an administrator and teacher at the Toronto School of Business.

Symposium to probe hatred in Canada

WATERLOO, Ont. — Academics are going to stare into the ugly face of hatred in Canada and ask questions at a public symposium at Wilfrid Laurier University on Friday, March 4. Nine leading experts will explore the current manifestations of hatred and how it can be prevented during the day-long event, The Legacies of Fascism in Canada.

"Hatred is more pervasive in Canada than we want to think," says Iwona Irwin-Zarecka, a professor of sociology and co-organizer of the event. "We must expose it. We have a responsibility to take action."

The first of two sessions will examine some of the roots of fascist support, anti-Semitism and racism in Ontario, Holocaust denial, and challeges to multiculturalism. The second session will explore strategies to prevent hatred from arising or spreading, through education, research, legislation, and the courts.

The symposium is being organized partly in response to racist incidents in Kitchener-Waterloo. It is sponsored by the interdisciplinary research committee and the Office of Graduate Studies at Laurier.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre on campus.

Alice L. Eckardt, one of the pioneers in the area of post-Holocaust reevaluation of Christian theology, will present a lecture of the eve of the symposium. Her presentation, entitled The Christian and Jewish Story: Reflections of a Christian Historian, will begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, in the John Aird Centre recital hall.

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Organizations and People

Basketball coach sees comeback among Jewish athletes

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As far as Mike Katz is concerned, the "golden era" of basketball in Canada dates back to the late 1960s and early '70s — at least from a Jewish point of view.

If you checked the rosters of university teams in Toronto, you'd find them stocked with players like Ivan and Michael Betcherman (they're cousins), Jack Pascht and himself. Furthermore, lots of young Jews played the game at less competitive levels, and they could look to the examples set by Red Auerbach and Dolf Schayes in the United States for inspiration.

After a hiatus of about 20 years, basketball seems to be making a comeback among young Jewish athletes, Katz believes.

The longtime head coach at Humber College where he's won three consecutive national championships from 1991-93, Katz said York University has had a lineup that included Alex Brainis, Jeff Raphael and Oren Littman.

Furthermore, Canada's 1993 Maccabiah Games basketball team, which he coached, was led by Seth Adler, a guard from the University of Lethbridge who was a conference all-star out west, and by Roberto Feig, a Jewish Community Centre alumnus who played on two national championship teams at Humber. Brainis was also on the team.

Katz, a native of Toronto, is heartened by the apparent renaissance in basketball among Jewish athletes. He's also optimistic that, with the introduction of the NBA in Toronto, the local franchise may give the sport a badly needed boost of funding to help develop star players.

"The boom has happened," Katz said recently. "The NBA provides the stability and will ensure that the boom is not a fad or a passing thing. It will entrench it here."

For Katz that can only mean more raw material to work with, to hone and improve. At 44, Katz has been coaching for 18 years, beginning at George Harvey High School where he registered a fair amount of success. He led the school to two Metro championships and to two Ontario-wide competitions.

In 1983 he moved to Humber College, though he continued to teach economics and accounting at the high school level. In his 11 years at Humber, he's led the team to four provincial championships, three national titles and one second-place finish at the 1988 nationals.

Last year, Humber tested itself against three university teams, beating Windsor and Ottawa while losing to Guelph.

Thanks to good recruiting, Humber has been able to put together a talented lineup that competes regularly with NCAA Division 2 and 3 schools. Oddly enough, coaching talent can be more difficult than teaching less accomplished players, Katz maintains. Expectations are much higher and the pressure placed on a coach handling a talented lineup can be extreme, he said.

Success with a team sport like basketball "requires the players to sublimate their abilities to fill a team need," Katz says. "Every team needs one guy on defence, two shooters and two passers. Selling that is tough since players look to scoring first."

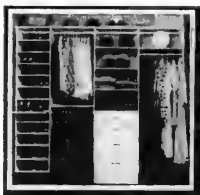
In addition to pushing the team concept, Katz said the most difficult aspect of coaching is dealing with the swelled heads of some top athletes. "Their egos need constant stroking," he said.

After 11 years at Humber, Katz has clearly hit on a winning formula. And that hasn't gone unnoticed in basketball circles. He's been chosen as one of three assistant coaches of the Canadian national team that is gearing up for next August's world championships in Toronto. That competition will feature Dream Team II, consisting of NBA stars.

Canada too will benefit from NBA talent with Rich Fox of the Celtics and Bill Wennington of the Bulls playing key roles for the home side.

Other top countries that will participate in the tournament hail from Argentina, Brazil, Greece and Germany. Katz is optimistic that Canada, led by its marquee players, can finish in the top five.

Mike Katz has just the right touch when it comes to coaching basketball. [Paul Lungen photo]



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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

New Age Travel: You've just arrived in a city you've never visited before. You pick up the rental car at the airport one hour before your business meeting across town. Fortunately, the Apple Newton computer in your briefcase is equipped with the Fodor's '94 Travel Manager intelcard. You enter your present location and the address of your destination and — presto! — detailed driving instructions appear on the postcard-sized screen.

One of the first pieces of software designed for the Newton, Fodor's Travel Manager provides navigational directions and the equivalent of hundreds of pages of information for eight major U.S. cities including New York, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles (pre-earthquake). The software can help you find a specific service — bookstore, restaurant, museum, theatre — then give directions how to get there. "Press a button and the location appears on a map," says Fodor's editorial director Michael Spring. "You can even zoom in to get more details. The machine gives detailed instructions on how to travel between virtually any two points in a city."

Software prototype used in Japan

Fodor's, a division of Random House, publishes a line of more than 160 travel guides. The company is now compiling computerized guides to other destinations, including several Canadian cities. "The only problem," says Spring, "is that you won't be able to get lost anymore." But who wants to? As Spring points out, time and money are especially precious during vacation time, and travellers try to wring the most from every moment. "People take off for two weeks of the year and it's something they dream about for the other 50 weeks. It's very costly and they don't want to waste time getting there. So I think this kind of information service will become very popular."

Fodor's software is being developed for possible use in any in-car navigational system that emerges in the future. Utilizing a small screen placed on the dashboard, such a system would display your changing position on a map, as monitored by a satellite in earth orbit, and advise you of the best route and estimated travel time to your destination. One prototype is now in use in Japan and another is undergoing field-testing in Orlando, Florida.

Service helps business travellers

Another New Age travel product from Fodor's is the Worldview Travel Update. Customers indicate their destination, travel dates and up to eight of 16 interests, then phone, fax or mail in the order. Within 48 hours they receive personalized Updates by fax or return mail. They contain up-to-the-minute information on theatres, concerts, sports events, exhibits, children's activities, nightlife, dining, business services and so on. "It's a customized 16-page booklet, telling you what's on in any of 160 destinations around the globe, on the very days that you're going to be there," says Spring. For purchasers of Fodor's guides, the service costs $7.95 (US) plus delivery, with reductions for multiple orders. Order forms are found in Fodor's guidebooks.

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New Age Travel, Part II: A Toronto company has introduced a service to help Canadian business travellers choose appropriate gifts when visiting associates in other lands.

"Busy executives lack the time to carry out the necessary research required in order to present the correct gift," says Patti Goldberg, co-owner with Barbara Thompson of Portfolio Contemporary Art Impressions Inc., 130 Spadina Ave., Toronto. Using the Portfolio Helps You Travel service, travellers to Japan (for example) are advised to present gifts with both hands and only at the end of a visit, to match the value of a gift to the status of the recipient, and to avoid decorating a gift in white or red as these colours are associated with death and funerals. In Mexico and Brazil, avoid giving anything purple for a similar reason.

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New Age Travel, Part III: Small and shiny, CD-ROM disks contain volumes of multi-media information, accessible through a CD-ROM player linked to a computer. Several CD-ROMs of interest to travellers are now available in software stores. Both the Toolworks Software Traveller (based on information from Frommer's Guides) and the Key Action Traveller (published by Softkey Software) cost about $30 each.

Softkey's product offers sights, sounds, brief videos and printed information on countries around the globe — more than 1,000 travel adventures in all, from jungle treks in Bhutan to desert survival seminars in the Negev. Since the medium is still in its infancy, the audio and visual components are not overly impressive. The meat of the package is the hard information about climate, location, passport requirements, consulates and specific adventure tours. It's interesting, succinct and thorough. However, this is exactly the sort of stuff available free from travel agents, tour companies and national tourist boards. As well, there's no date anywhere in the package and no way to tell whether the descriptions and prices listed are still current.

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Shula Saltzman (above) and Patrick Parson.

Stereotype charge forces show to close

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A dance show intended to bring blacks and Jews together was cancelled when a black North York woman councillor complained that it promoted harmful stereotyping.

People Like Us, a joint project of Ballet Creole and Me'Irim Dance Company, was withdrawn when two black dancers declined to go on, the day before the 45-minute show was scheduled to run at Harborfront Feb. 14-19.

There was no time to train replacements.

Ballet Creole director Patrick Parson refused to name the North York politician who made the complaint. Both Parson and Shula Saltzman, Me'Irim director, said they disagreed with the complaint and vowed they would stage the show again.

The objection was based on a dance between characters representing Aunt Jemina and Shylock and on performers eating watermelon and matzo balls.

"We used Aunt Jemina and Shylock as the epitome of stereotypes to show how ridiculous they are," Saltzman told *The CJN*. Parson danced the part of Shylock and a white woman, Dora Ladas, danced as Aunt Jemina. Saltzman said the food scene was an attempt to show how different cultures like different foods.

Although *People Like Us* was withdrawn, the rest of the Ballet Creole production *Pourquoi Pas?*, also on multicultural themes, went on with a substitute number. But Parson said the negative publicity cut into attendance deeply and only 30 people attended the Feb. 17 showing. "This is the first time in our history that we haven't had a full house," he said.

People Like Us previously had four performances at the North York Performing Arts Centre and two at an original theatre festival at the University of Toronto. "We had only positive feedback," Saltzman said.

However, she said she heard that one politician, who had not yet seen the show, was raising ojections. Eventually, that person did attend and raised the objections anew. "A lot of negative feeling began to surround the production after the complaint."

Saltzman described the process of bringing the black and white performers together to show the common experiences of Jews and blacks as a learning experience. "We had to learn to call each other names, ugly and hurtful names and they were difficult to say."

The text for *People Like Us* was written by Malca Litovitz, after interviews with the dancers. The show is performed by four Ballet Creole dancers, four from Me'Irim, three narrators and three musicians, the latter from Ballet Creole.

Members of the Me'Irim dance troupe are Saltzman, Doron Vaisenberg, Debbie Grossman, Dora Ladas, Charmaine Headley, Eddison B. Lindsay and Michele Carbery.

A Musical Feast at shul

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A Musical Feast, the first major concert presentation of 1994 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue was everything it promised to be . . . and more.

The audience was treated to some of the very best musical talent now performing on the Canadian concert circuit. Dedicated to Jewish Music Month, the evening gala also served to launch Beth Tikvah's three-part concert series.

"Music is alive at Beth Tikvah," said Srul Glick, the synagogue's composer-in-residence and choir conductor for the past 25 years. "Our major thrust has been, and will remain, music produced by Jewish composers. Styles range from traditional to modern." Noted for his contribution to chazzanut and chazzanim, Glick has been composing music for the synagogue for much of his life. In 1993, he received a Governor General's Award for his contribution to Canadian culture, and recently was given an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal Canadian College of Organists for his contribution to musical life in Canada, and to the music of the synagogue in particular.

In A Musical Feast, Glick conducted the renowned Beth Tikvah choir in a medley of several choral works. One of the most stirring was *Hashkiveinu* by the Italian composer, Salamone Rossi.

The lilting tones of the Beth Tikvah choir moved the audience from joy to tears with their special renditions of *Chassidish, Unter Di Shneyen (Under the Snow), A Loshikl (A Pony)*, all poems with allegorical imagery set to music composed by Glick.

The loudest round of applause was reserved for guest cellist Denis Brott, one of Canada's most distinguished artists. Brott has performed in the finest music halls around the world and has received many awards, including 2 Junos and a Grand Prix de Disques. To see him play is to witness a master at work. For *Three Fantasy Pieces for Cello and Piano Op. 73* by Schumann, Brott's fingers flew across the strings, sending tingles up our spines. His *Rasch Und Mit Feuer* was unequalled in my experience; the cello seemingly sang a fiery aria under Brott's command.

Later, Brott and the Beth Tikvah joined forces for the Canadian premier performance of Glick's *Shirat Hanefesh Friday Night Service II (Song of the Heart)*, a compilation of major Shabbat Prayers commissioned by Temple Israel in Teaneck, N.J., and first performed there in 1992. The combination of choir, cello, Cantor Efraim Sapir, flute, clarinet and piano made the walls of Beth Tikvah reverberate with the dramatic interplay between voices and instruments. It was an acoustic assault that brought us to our feet when the concert drew to its thunderous climax.

The next musical offering from Beth Tikvah, which promises to be equally exciting, entitled From Ragtime to Bernstein, is scheduled for March 13.

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Terezin (Theresienstadt) was an 18th-century fortress town in Bohemia, about 60 km north of Prague, that the Nazis used as an assembly and transit camp for Czech Jews, beginning in 1941. The initial idea was that Terezin would be a "model camp" where elderly Jews, decorated war heroes, and prominent artists could be imprisoned in "comfortable" circumstances.

It might be more accurate to say that Terezin was conceived as a propaganda scheme designed to fool both the Jews of the Third Reich and the outside world about the true intended fate of the Jews. The Nazi propaganda film *Der Fuhrer schenkt den Juden eine Stadt (The Fuhrer Gives A City to the Jews)* was produced to convince the International Red Cross that Terezin was a happy spa. Camp inmate Kurt Gerron, a well-known actor and director, was forced to make the film. Afterwards, he and most of the film's cast of prisoners were shipped to Auschwitz to die.

On Sunday March 13, *The Fuhrer Gives A City to the Jews* is being screened in Toronto during a unique evening of music and film entitled Lost Composers: Music From Terezin. Staged by New Music Concerts at Harbourfront Centre's duMaurier Theatre Centre, Lost Composers: Music From Terezin features the work of Czech composers Gideon Klein, Hans Krasa, Viktor Ullman, Pavel Haas and Rudolf Karel in a performance by the Accordes String Quartet. Each of the five composers featured died before the war's end.

The program starts at 7:15 p.m. with *Brundibar*, a film of the children's opera by Hans Krasa, followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 ($9 for students and seniors). Phone (416) 973-3000.

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Almost a quarter century ago, David Mayerovitch of Toronto was a young wunderkind who was brought in as a writer for *The Ed Sullivan Show* in New York. That was 1970, the show's last year on the air — Mayerovitch, of course, had no part in its demise.

Since then, he's written many CBC and other television shows. He wrote several episodes of the well-remembered show *King of Kensington*, featuring Al Waxman. Today, he's a busy script writer and consultant working on the development of several large projects. As well, he continues to teach at the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Education. Due to popular demand, a new session of his eight-week course Camera Language: Script Writing For Film and Television begins March 29. It runs every Tuesday evening, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course, which focuses on the principles of screenwriting, is meant for the budding author who may have an unpublished novel or unproduced screenplay tucked away in a drawer somewhere. For further information, phone (416) 978-2400.

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International Notes: Forty little-known works of Marc Chagall, created in his native Russia between 1908 and 1920, have been loaned by Russia to the Jewish Museum of Vienna, where they go on display March 11 to June 12.

Most of the works come from the Jewish State Chamber Theatre in Moscow, where Chagall painted them as murals. The main piece, *Introduction to the Jewish Theatre*, is three metres high and eight metres long. During the time that Chagall was considered a decadent artist, these murals were removed from the theatre and stored in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The display also includes paintings in which Chagall captured the shtetl atmosphere of the city of Witebsk.

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The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is slated to receive the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 1994 Honor Award for Architecture, the profession's highest recognition of design excellence for individual buildings.

"Precisely controlled and often deliberately unsettling, the [Museum] masterfully employs the power of architecture to evoke the raw emotion of unspeakable human tragedy," said the AIA jury. The jury also noted that the Museum is located just a few blocks from America's most significant monuments to freedom and "stands as an unflinching witness to the horrors that can be unleashed in the absence of democratic ideals and as a reminder of the necessity of vigilance." Since it opened last April, the Museum has received more than 1.4 million visitors.

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Three interesting exhibitions opened recently at the Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Ave., Manhattan. The Sacred Hebrew Letters features limestone letters of the Hebrew alphabet sculpted by Charles Stern. Israeli Street Talk: A Stroll on the Lighter Side presents photographer Cy Lehrer's panoply of Israeli street life, at once odd, zany, humorous and poignant. Faces of the Jews of Ethiopia in Israel presents portraits of these recent olim to Israel three years after Operation Solomon helped more than 40,000 Ethiopian Jews rejoin their Jewish brethren.

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On Friday, March 11 at 12:15 p.m., dancer-choreographer Danny Grossman and the Canadian Children's Dance Theatre offer a free public performance by the Waterfall Stage of First Canadian Place in downtown Toronto. The event is part of a series of free lunchtime performances.

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Delancey not worth crossing

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Carol Lempert as Izzy (left) and Lillian Lewis as Bubbie in Crossing Delancey, now playing at the Leah Posluns Theatre. [John Currid photo]

TORONTO — First, a tip when seeing a play whose popular movie version came out several years ago: try to forget the movie.

That's not easy when watching the rather insipid, lighter-than-air rendition of *Crossing Delancey*, playing at the Leah Posluns Theatre until March 20.

It's not only that one can't shake comparisons to Amy Irving and Peter Riegert, who played the leads in the 1988 film; it's that the film, using the same script by Susan Sandler, succeeded in underscoring the whole point of the exercise: the clash between the old and modern Jewish worlds and why crossing the symbolic boundary of assimilation — Delancey Street on New York's Lower East Side — whether one way or the other, is among the great challenges facing modern Jewry.

The movie (remember: try to forget it when seeing the play) had an obvious advantage: the ability to fit the teeming, bursting-with-Yiddishkeit Lower East Side into the story. We can practically taste the wares Sam the pickle man peddles from his booth. The Judaism in the film is everywhere. It envelopes you like a favorite old sweater. But it poses a quandary too: which way to cross the street, and why?

The stage version is content, it seems, with a watered-down, one-dimensional view that avoids the bigger picture. Missing, notably, is the flavor, the warmth, the whole *tam* that made the movie a small gem.

Fleshing out the story is necessary because the plot itself is on the thin side: Bubbie (Lillian Lewis), an archetypal Jewish grandmother who actually says "oy vays mir," is after her devoted but shy, mid-20-ish granddaughter Isabelle (not played feyly enough by Carol Lempert) to get married. Isabelle, or Izzy as she likes to be called, has a crush on a very goyish writer (Damon Redfern) who frequents the bookstore where she works.

To the rescue comes community shadchan Hannah (well played by Joyce Gordon), loud, brash and with healthy appetite, who matches her a match with Sam the pickle man (the best performance of all by Alon Nashman, who plays Sam with the right mix of nerdiness and heart).

The rest is pretty much straightforward: Sam's struggle to win Izzy's interests, Izzy's dream-come-true and subsequent disappointment, with plenty of shtick thrown in from Bubbie and Hannah.

Director Lawrence Seligman keeps things moving, but too many live set-changes, especially in the first act, make proceedings seem like a series of piecemeal vignettes.

Full marks go to set designer Samantha Burson for an ingenious split set.

Problems, attributable perhaps to opening-night wrinkles, include a barely audible voice from Bubbie, who should be practically shouting. As well, Lewis's lines are funny enough; she doesn't have to *be* funny saying them.

Since the audience has such restricted access to Izzy's life, which she keeps insisting is fine as it is, we are left to figure out for ourselves why she chooses to navigate the street as she does.

Call it *Crossing Delancey Lite*.

Play moves along briskly

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A feisty American Jewish ex-mother-in-law says the most important thing in marriage is to be well matched in Scrabble. A Canadian prairie mother wonders where the Third World is, since she missed the other two.

In *If We Are Women* presented by the Canadian Stage Company at the St. Lawrence Centre until March 12, Rachel Cohen and Ruth McMillan are worlds apart. Cohen is an agnostic intellectual, while McMillan grew up hiding the fact that she couldn't read or write. What they have in common is a daughter/daughter-in-law who was married to Cohen's son, Gerald, but is now divorced. The two women come together to offer their help at the seaside home in Connecticut of the daughter Jessica (Diane D'Aquila) whose second mate has just died.

The plot is not unlike the life of Saskatchewan-born playwright Joanna McClelland Glass, who was married to a Jewish academic in the United States, and is now living in Toronto.

The Cohen and McMillan characters, played magnificently by Rita Howell and Patricia Hamilton, are a gold mine for writer Glass.

The distilled wisdom of these two women is not quite enough to deter Polly from her decision to abandon Yale and move to a Colorado farm with the young n'er do well of her one-night stand.

All in all it makes for a good night of drama.

Director Susan Cox moves *If We Are Women* along briskly and the set design by Mary Kerr is entrancing. But things fall apart at the end when an over-long finale has the players repeating their favorite lines ad nauseum. Michel Tremblay can pull this off, but it doesn't work in *If We Are Women*.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Mercy Of A Rude Stream by Henry Roth (McClelland & Stewart $29.99)

Almost sixty years ago, Henry Roth wrote a novel entitled *Call It Sleep*. It was his first and only book for six decades. Appearing in 1934, this story of a poor Jewish boy growing up in the midst of a pre-World War One immigrant family, in the shtetl-like security of New York's East Side, was largely overlooked. It was only in the 1980s, when the book was praised by a number of eminent critics and republished in paperbound form, that it became famous and sold millions of copies.

What was distinctive and surprising about the novel was the author's use of Joycean language and techniques mingled with biblical symbolism. In his own inchoate, inconclusive way, David Shearl seeks to break away from a tightly knit immigrant world and a tyrannical, anxiety-ridden father.

He experiences an incandescent moment in Hebrew school when he is taught the passage from Isaiah, in which the prophet has his lips touched with a live coal in preparation for his mission. David, too seeks change and illumination. This he does when he takes a metal milk dipper in his hand, strikes it against the third rail of the trolley tracks and severely burns his foot, an act of desperation that relocates him in the life of his family and makes possible a more favorable father-son relationship. David can now grow and develop for the coal (the milk dipper) placed by the angel in his hand has achieved its purpose.

During his long period of almost total literary silence, Roth found employment as a tool and gauge maker, a schoolteacher, a psychiatric attendant in a state hospital, a waterfowl farmer, and a sometime Latin and math tutor. But over the past 15 years he has resumed writing and now at the age of 87, has announced that he has six related novels ready for publication, of which the book under review is the first.

In *Mercy of a Rude Stream*, we follow the adventures of Ira Stigman, starting at the age of eight through his fourteenth year. Precocious Ira is growing up in a largely Irish Harlem neighborhood, to which his family has moved; he is unhappy about having to leave the familiar and comfortable all-Jewish Lower East Side. He now has few Jewish friends, Hebrew school is discontinued and the coming of World War One is emotionally upsetting as his uncle is drafted and sent abroad to fight in Europe.

He finds work at a grocery store and has his hands full warding off Irish bullies and a number of pederasts, and coming to terms with his burgeoning sexuality. The book ends with Ira at fourteen, buffeted by poverty and discrimination, but alive to new possibilities and rewards.

Unlike the previous novel, *Mercy of A Rude Stream* is written simply and briskly, with a minimum of plot, and Roth is effective in evoking the time and place of his own youth.

A surprising literary device is used in the numerous asides with which Roth interrupts the story to converse with his computer, Ecclesias, about such matters as his feelings and emotions, his evaluation of writing and writers, the tragic block that kept him from writing for so long and his debt of gratitude to his wife, who died in 1940, for her unfailing encouragement.

Some readers will find these interpolations jarring. But others will discover in them the innermost and honest concerns of a writer who is so crippled with arthritis that he has to be lifted into a sitting position every morning in order to write.

Mercy of a Rude Stream (the unusual title is taken from Shakespeare, "Weary and old with service, to the mercy of a rude stream that must for ever hide me") is not the groundbreaking book that its predecessor was. Nonetheless, it is a signal achievement. The reader looks forward to the other promised books that will undoubtedly further advance the career of a still youthful, but maturing protagonist.

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Al Green

Developer Al Green considers himself "Toronto's most successful school dropout." At 15, he was pulled out of high school because his father needed his help as a bricklayer and in an assortment of contracting jobs. At 18, duty called. Green joined the Canadian army and was sent overseas. After his stint abroad, he returned to a country that was on the verge of an economic boom. He rejoined the family business and they broadened their line to include carpentry and general contract work. The business progressed well and eventually Green teemed up with Arthur Winestock to form Greenwin Construction Company Ltd., an important player in development and construction of residential housing. In addition to his business ventures, Green took an active role in building the school at Temple Sinai, the Baycrest Terrace and, with his brother Harold, the Lipa Green Building, named after their father. Today, he devotes half of every day to his passion, sculpting. He has donated many of his works to the Lubavitcher movement and to the United Jewish Appeal. He spoke recently with The CJN's *Paul Lungen.*

CJN: *How did you go from a small business to a large development company?*

Green: After the war we were contractors and I was making a nice living. It was a small family business that we started from nothing. I was building a few houses here and there and we started to build factories. There was a big demand right after the war in 1945-46 for factory space, as people wanted to get back into civilian merchandizing.

So we began to build factories at Adelaide and Spadina, in the needle trade area. We would put up a little two-storey factory, about 10,000 to 20,000 square feet, sell it off, put up another one, sell it off and things were going along fine.

Then I met Arthur Weinstock, who was in the needle trade and I was building a building for him. He said, there's not much money in the needle trade these days, why don't we build some houses?

So we formed a partnership called Greenwin Construction Company Ltd. — Green for me and we shortened Weinstock to "Win" — and it became Greenwin. We bought eight lots on Brooke Avenue. He put up $20,000 and I put up $5,000, which I didn't have, but we borrowed here and there. As a matter of fact, I had to sell my car, my prized possession, to raise the money.

We sold the houses for $10,400 each, ready to move in, including the land. I made a few thousand dollars and was doing fine. I had more money than I'd seen before in my life.

So I went across the road where Baycrest [Geriatric Centre] is today and I bought 13 lots there and sold them for $13,500.

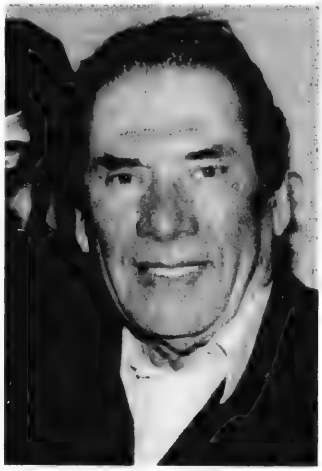
Then we bought 30 lots at Wilson and Bathurst, and every year we put up 20 to 25 houses. Simultaneously, I continued with general contracting. A big change came when Don Mills opened up and we got to know the E.P. Taylor group. They owned 3,000 acres from Post Road to Victoria Park Avenue. We were the first builders in Don Mills and built 125 houses in one year in around 1960.

We kept increasing year after year, and then we decided to get into the apartment business and we built a few small four-storey buildings. Then we got to know some people down at City Hall and around 1965 we started to assemble land around the Davisville and Yonge area where we put together 360 houses on both sides of Balliol and on Davisville, and we rezoned the whole thing for high rises and townhouses. It was a big project. We did the same thing around Yonge and Eglinton.

Then we developed the Yonge-Eglinton centre on the northwest corner with about 800,000 sq. ft. of office space and a couple of hundred thousand square feet of retail and 800 apartments.

We still manage it today.

Around 1980, we restructured the company. We were getting into a new generation. Al Latner and my brother Harold joined the company and the older ones, Winestock and my father, retired.



We had a very active company, everyone was getting along well and [years later] we decided to restructure the company [again] because the next generation was coming along and they wanted to do their own thing. So Harold, Latner and I went our own way. We still retain a management company and we're still partners in Greenwin Management and we manage today about 15,000 suites. It's a successful and active company.

But everybody does their own construction. Al and Harold have their own companies. I don't build. I've never really been involved in construction. I've worked with Harold and Al around the actual construction. My job was mostly planning and developing.

CJN: *You got into business after the war when construction was booming. How would you feel if you had to go into business now?*

Green: I wouldn't want to. Things were definitely a lot simpler in those days. If you wanted to re-zone land then, the whole bylaw might be two pages. Today, if you want to re-zone something, you've got to file 28 copies of an application to develop land. You've got to go through environmental studies, sun shadow studies, landscaping plans, all before you even know where you're going. After you've gone through all the red tape, you don't even know if the market's there.

[Meanwhile], you've got to carry the land. We're not like public corporations with millions and millions of dollars. We have a limited line of credit and limited capital to work with.

We were partners with several people who had some money to work with. [On one occasion], we did a big development [with a partner] on all the land between Bathurst and Yonge on the south side of Steeles. There was 6,500 feet of frontage on the south side of Steeles and we built in one year about 450 houses. We also built all those apartments at Bathurst and Steeles and then we sold off a lot of land.

When you talk about houses, in those days it was a totally different situation [than today]. A house in that area had a selling price of $18,500 and you only needed a couple of thousand to buy a house.

Today, to build a house you're talking about $200,000 to $300,000. For a 10-house project, you're talking about a couple of million dollars. It's true the dollar isn't the same as it was then, but because of the difference in the selling prices, it was much easier to do the quantity we did then.

CJN: *Does that mean the development business is only for the bigger companies.?*

Green: It's very difficult for smaller people to develop anything today. The big corporations can afford to take chances, they can write off the losses against other operations and they can afford to sit if the going gets tough. But you can fall big too.

CJN: *How has your thinking changed in the last few years in terms of starting new projects?*

Green: It's almost impossible to assemble land or houses any more for redevelopment of any consequence. If it's zoned, people hang on to the houses for a big dollar. At the same time, by the time you get through paying today's prices for a house, it's worth more as a house than it is for the land. We used to look for bad houses with big back yards so the house price was cheap and the land was there to redevelop. You couldn't do it today. Today new developments are mostly in suburban areas (like Mississaugua and Whitby). You don't see much redevelopment in the residential field today.

CJN: *Does the amount of red tape depend on which government is in power?*

Green: I haven't seen any difference, although an NDP government will lean more towards socialized housing. When they came in, we had to incorporate a portion of the units in new developments for low cost housing. The bureaucracy with the province and the city hasn't changed with any government.

CJN: *What factors do you consider when you plan a development?*

Green: Some areas are better than others. The West End is more affluent. Markham is more affluent than Scarborough. But generally you go by the immediate environment in that location. If you've got a site in Mississauga, you'll get people from all over, it doesn't matter where they're from.

CJN: *What are the hot areas for residential development in Toronto now?*

Green: That's tough. Mississauga right now is probably the most desirable location, because of its open space. The West End has always been more attractive. The East End has traditionally been less attractive, but now they're expanding in every direction, to Barrie and outlying areas. It's cheap.

CJN: *What are people demanding today in a home that they didn't 20 years ago?*

Green: Most of what we do is highrise buildings. We haven't built a rental building for a long time because the numbers just don't add up. So everything we build are condos. You have to provide more amenities in the buildings themselves to make them saleable. Although way back when, at Davisville and Yonge, we had seven indoor swimming pools in the buildings, a tennis club, which we're now enclosing, a fitness club. Basically the amenities are the same though they're more elaborate today.

CJN: *What about the size of the suites themselves? Do people want them bigger?*

Green: No, smaller. They don't want smaller, but they can't afford bigger [ones]. The whole name of the game is to try to keep the price down. If you're talking about the general market, all the apartments downtown are only 700 to 800 square feet; that's all they are for young couples. They're one-bedrooms, bachelors.

Families tend to go to the suburbs. We just finished two big buildings at Don Mills and York Mills and they're about 1,200 square feet because they're a mix of one- and two-bedroom suites.

CJN: *What's the main deterrent for building rental apartments today?*

Green: If you consider the costs of construction, and even if you get a mortgage at a super rate of interest, the rent you could get if you rented it out could not begin to come close to the cost of carrying that building. What people don't understand is that about 55 percent of income goes for taxes and maintenance. Rents don't begin to cover the other costs. The market won't support it. I know of very few [rental] buildings going up.

CJN: *Where's the housing market going now?*

Green: The market is slowly coming back. Right now, we've got a glut of condominiums. There's a lot of talk about converting office space into condominiums, although I haven't seen it happen yet.

You won't see new commercial buildings for a long time. The land [that had been valued for commercial purposes] is being revalued down and can only be used for residential [purposes] now. That will bring the price down so they can afford to put condominiums there when the demand comes back.

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NEW YORK — A $100 million civil action suit has been filed by two French brothers against L'Oreal, alleging that the world's largest cosmetics manufacturer bribed Syrian authorities to get off the blacklist of companies that comply with the Arab boycott of Israel.

The suit, filed Feb. 2 in New York State Supreme Court by Jean and David Frydman, also charges fraud, saying the firm forged papers to remove Jean Frydman from L'Oreal's board because he was a resident of Israel.

The suit was filed in New York because, the brothers say, New York State and U.S. anti-boycott laws were violated by L'Oreal's American licensee, Cosmair.

The Frydmans also filed a complaint some months ago against L'Oreal with the U.S. Office of Boycott Compliance in Washington.

The New York suit is the latest in a convoluted saga that travels from Paris to Israel and the United States.

Besides alleging fraud and other improprieties, the complaint refers at length to L'Oreal's founders and executives and their alleged ties to World War II Nazi collaborators.

Cosmair issued a statement this month saying the complaint "clearly misstates" the U.S. firm's activities.

The firm said, "Cosmair, Inc. is a U.S. company operating exclusively on the American market" and "has no business interest in the Middle East."

Moreover, it said, "Cosmair has a long-standing policy forbidding discrimination on any grounds including race, creed and nationality."

And it denied ties to a deceased chief executive of L'Oreal who served prison time for war crimes.

Will Maslow, editor of the Boycott Report published by the American Jewish Congress and who has advised the Frydman family, said, "We're delighted that the suit has been brought and we hope that the American courts will provide the Frydman brothers with the justice that the French courts were unable to give them."

Jean Frydman, who lives in Israel and also retains French citizenship, was a board member in France of L'Oreal and a longtime friend of L'Oreal Chairman Francois Dalle.

In 1990, the two entered into a separate business agreement to set up a film company called Paravision. Some of the funds for establishing the company were to be provided by L'Oreal.

But a French lawyer who has perused documents on L'Oreal claimed that money changed hands to remove the company from the blacklist and gave written substantiation of a list of charges the Frydmans have made against the company.

Parts of a secret report prepared by the lawyer, David Ruzie, were leaked last month to the French and Israeli media.

The Frydman brothers and Ruzie charge that L'Oreal made bribery payments to remove the firm from the blacklist.

The case in France went into arbitration but remained inconclusive.

Israel is pressing for a public apology from the company, the *London Jewish Chronicle* has reported.

The London paper also reported that L'Oreal is now considering a possible investment in Israel.

Among the allegations that Ruzie made is a charge that in 1981, an executive at Chimex, a subsidiary of L'Oreal, sent written proof to the Damascus boycott office that the firm "had no interests whatsoever in Israel."

According to Ruzie's report, in 1984, L'Oreal's holding company completed a questionnaire for the Kuwaiti Arab boycott office showing the firm did not sell to Israel.

Ruzie wrote, "Starting in 1985, numerous letters were exchanged between L'Oreal and various representatives of Arab states" about L'Oreal's purchase of cosmetics manufacturer Helena Rubinstein.

One of the sensational aspects of this case is that L'Oreal, in its earliest days following World War II, employed or had ties to people who were officials of the Vichy regime, which persecuted Jews.

In the meantime, L'Oreal is refraining from commenting on the case.

Pension crisis affects baby boomers

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Baby boomers will be socking away money for their golden years, said a top economist at a recent seminar.

Dr. Sherry Cooper, vice-chair and chief economist at Burns Fry Limited told an audience that "baby boomers will be amassing wealth to prepare for their retirement" because they may not be able to collect government pensions. As a consequence, she foresees "a dramatic surge in investment funds such as Canada Equity and Bond Funds, as well as Foreign Equity Funds."

Cooper was the main speaker at a recent seminar organized by State of Israel Bonds, which is in the midst of its first RRSP campaign. The purpose of the seminar was to promote the RRSP eligibility of Israel Bonds. A recent amendment in legislation permits Israeli bonds to be included in the 20 per cent foreign content of self directed RRSP portfolios.

Those people who attended the seminar, which was advertised as The Looming Pension Crisis, were out of luck if they came to hear an in-depth discussion of the pension crisis. Cooper was the only speaker to mention it and she spoke about it very briefly.

Instead she gave a broad economic forecast which touched on many subjects. She predicted a decline in the inflation and long-term interest rates, and a 3 to 4 per cent growth in the Canadian economy. She said Canadian currency would be volatile as a result of political uncertainty in Quebec. Cooper foresees the stock market out-performing the bond market, and a modest growth in real estate.

She said the unemployment rate in the G-7 countries will continue to be high because of the ongoing elimination of jobs by the technological revolution, the increased supply of cheap labor outside of these countries and the continual reduction of staff by companies trying to stay competitive. Cooper said unemployment will cause tax short-falls which will lead to further deficit spending by government.

She classified the G-7 countries as mature economies and said the best investment opportunities would be outside of these countries. She foresees the highest growth in Asia, particularly China "which has the third largest and fastest growing economy in the world."

Cooper was optimistic about overall growth of the economy. She said there has been a resurgence of spending in the United States — construction has picked up in the areas hit by natural disasters, and there has been a resurgence in automobile manufacturing because people are replacing old vehicles. Once Canadians begin spending, Cooper expects Ontario to prosper, because there will be a great demand for the cars manufactured in the province.

Richard Venn, chair and CEO of Wood Gundy was the other speaker at the seminar. He made a brief speech endorsing the investment benefits of Israel bonds. He said the peace initiative had improved Israel's credit rating. He also recommended the purchase of foreign bonds as a way of diversifying investment portfolios.

The organizers of the seminar were disappointed by the turnout. Warnings of a severe winter storm had deterred many people from attending. "There were 60 people but we were expecting 150 to show up," said Marsha Cohen, manager of the Israel Bonds RRSP department.

Some people who had braved the bad weather were also disappointed. "I thought I would find out about the looming pension crisis. That was the title," said Steven Heller. "I didn't find out anything new."

But, Eric Daniel Brody was pleased he came. "I came down to find out about mutual funds and the economy. I thought she (Cooper) was informative. She put it together well. It was definitely worthwhile," she said.

Charlene Rochman also found the seminar informative. "I'm interested in opening up a self-directed RRSP. I don't have Israel Bonds, but I wanted to find out about both," she said.

Stock market woes

By DAVID LANDAU
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — The recent ups and downs of the Israeli stock exchange have given investors the jitters, just when Israel is trying to lure investors with the promise of peace in the region.

Losses at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange averaged 5 per cent, but later the market posted across-the-board gains of a similar percentage amount, thereby adding confusion — and hope — to the near-panic that had set in progressively during the month.

During February as a whole, market losses eroded some $12 billion from the value of Israeli shares, which dropped from a total value of approximately $55 billion to $43 billion.

While the general investment mood improved, pundits warned that the gains could be purely technical.

Most seemed to feel that the boom months would not return soon and that the investing public would, at best, have to get used to a slower upward climb.

From July 1993 to the year's end, the Israeli stock market rose some 40 percent, and prices held firm through the first month of this year.

The massive February falls were variously attributed to statements by market insiders that shares were overvalued, and also to the government's recent stolid refusal to intervene in the market.

Also cited as a cause of the recent market plunge were recent investigations launched by the stock exchange itself and by the police into allegations of stock-price manipulations by mutual fund portfolio managers and traders.

The convictions earlier this month of many of the country's leading bankers for artificially inflating the prices of their banks' shares during the early 1980s are not thought to be directly linked to the recent fluctuations of the market.

The bankers are currently awaiting sentencing. Their activities eventually forced the Israeli government to buy out the crumbling banks in 1983, during Israel's worst financial scandal.

With interest rates around the world almost uniformly low, and with peace apparently just over the horizon in the Middle East, Israel has rapidly attained a place for itself among the lists of "emerging markets" in major American and European financial publications.

Both the volume of trading at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, and the underlying boom atmosphere that is felt throughout the Israeli economy, have persuaded these publications to take note of the Tel Aviv exchange.

Israeli officials and private entrepreneurs believe this trend reflects a similar awakening of awareness among private investors and business executives around the world.

Experts in Tel Aviv say the stock market's February plunge need not adversely affect this basic optimism. On the contrary, they maintain, market volatility coupled with stringent efforts to uncover stock-price manipulation are two important hallmarks of serious "emerging markets."

Far from deterring outside investors, they say, these two phenomena ought to reassure them that the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is proceeding on the right course.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Investors, Be Prepared

TORONTO — With so much financial excitement surrounding Israel, experts are advising prospective investors to do their homework first.

According to Ben Noy, the consul for economic affairs in Toronto at Israel's Economic Mission, it's important to pinpoint a preferred industry as an investment target.

"If a person is not specific, it makes it very difficult for us to help," he says.

Other tips to keep in mind:

•trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange requires an Israeli broker;

•the most generous Israeli government grants and tax incentives are available for investments in the country's top priority development zones (check with the Mission for exact locations);

•a computer disk is available from Israel's Ministry of Industry & Trade listing Israeli companies seeking international co-operative arrangements.

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Capital City, Capital Prices

JERUSALEM — Here's a sign of the economic times in Jerusalem. The Israel Lands Authority is asking $1,000 (US) a square meter for residential development property near the Israel Museum.

Although that is a record request, land values are expected to go even higher.

However, developers are undeterred by these stratospheric costs as bidding is brisk.

The price tag for each of the 97 homes to be built could hit $700,000 or more.

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Exchange Hopping

BERLIN — A major German brokerage house, MWB, would like to list shares of several Israel companies on the Berlin Stock Exchange.

MWB is proposing an unconventional method of offering shares. The broker will list them for trade, working in co-operation with an American brokerage firm.

All of the Israeli companies selected by MWB trade on U.S. exchanges.

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A System Fit For Kings

ISRAEL — A kibbutz-based company was recently awarded a royal contract.

Morocco's King Hassan chose Amiad Filtration Systems for his farm near Marrakesh. The company specializes in orchard irrigation and would like to extend its expertise across Morocco.

The King's contract is worth about $200,000.

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A Bar Mitzvah Ranking

ISRAEL — Israel received a bar mitzvah ranking in a quality of life survey which included 22 countries.

The survey was conducted by the *Economist*, Britain's weekly news magazine.

The poll, in which Israel placed 13th, one ahead of Canada, looked at economics, health and welfare, cultural life, public sector employment, military expenditures, civil rights and women's rights.

Switzerland placed first, Germany second and Spain third.

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One Major Investor

GERMANY — Ignatz Bubis is best known as the often outspoken leader of Germany's small Jewish population. Less publicized are his Israeli hotel acquistions.

Bubis owns the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv, 40 per cent of the Tel Aviv Sheraton and Eilat's Club Med, in addition to properties all over Germany.

After the war, which he survived by fleeing to Russia, Bubis returned to his homeland, eventually becoming chair of the Jewish community of Germany.

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Tourism Is A Money Maker

ISRAEL — Israel's tourist market is so hot there's a new mutual fund available just for the tourism industry.

It's called Lahak Tourism and it is part of Bank Hapoalim's mutual fund group.

A record two million tourists landed in Israel last year, with even larger numbers expected this year if the Israel-PLO peace accord proceeds as scheduled. These figures prompted the creation of Lahak Tourism.

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Now You Can Leave Home

TEL AVIV — Israel's Bank Hapoalim and Bank Stolichni, one of Russia's leading banks, are finalizing a deal to enable the two banks to recognize each other's credit cards.

After the arrangement goes into effect, holders of Russian credit cards will be able to obtain shekels from Bank Hapoalim automatic teller machines, and holders of Israeli credit cards will similarly be able to obtain rubles through Bank Stolichni.

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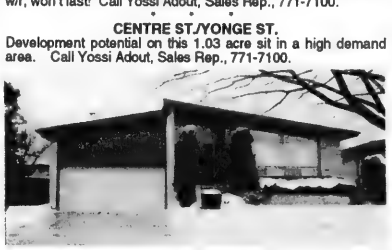

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Collection reflects nature and global influences

By ELAINE COHEN
Special to The CJN

As the signature implies, Mondi stands for international fashion — and the four corners of the globe figure prominently in the 1994 Spring/Summer collections.

Among the 21 groupings are L'Afrique, Le Blanc et Bleu, Le Vert, La Terre, La Dune, Le Bordeaux, and La Nuit. Batik, paisley and jungle prints reflect the multi-cultural influence of Asia, Africa and South America. Even some of the jackets hint at the Orient with Mandarin collars.

The back to nature mood is reflected in colors and fabrics — the two directions in fabrics including microfibres that drape and cool linen blends.

La Terre collection features 100 per cent linen. L'Afrique features bold jungle prints and solid shades in olive and turquoise silk. Modern classics meet traditional basics in Le Blanc et Bleu. Fashioned on clean-cut lines, the marine inspiration favors crisp white and navy. Cross-stitch embroidery adds a playful touch to tops in cotton and crepe.

Whether it's a romp in the meadow or tea on the terrace, romantic floral prints mix with moss green in the striking Le Vert collection. La Dune introduces a high-fashion fabric that makes for soft dressing. Equally easy on the eyes is sand dune coupled with cream.

Le Bordeaux, a Marlene Dietrich inspiration, highlights huge floral prints in wine and cream or navy and cream. Chiffon scarves, bordeaux shoulder bags, two-tone belts and large picture hats complete the scene. Mondi focuses on elegant black evening attire in La Nuit. Black mesh belts, handbags and sandals add savvy to these party-pleasers.

"Items are interactive and can be mixed and matched," says Jennifer Elliott, director of retail stores. "Styles range from sporty and casual to romantic evening wear. Skirt lengths are both long and short." This laissez-faire attitude frees the consumer to complement her figure and dress according to her mood. Pant styling options range from narrow pleated to full flowing.

The sarong is another Mondi innovation. Mondi designers created a secure wrap. "Elasticized at the back, it stays intact," relates Elliott, illustrating how the garment is secured to the knee. The layered "onion" look is big. Long blouses are shown under shorter vests or sweaters. Similarly, blouses can be worn over the bottoms or tucked in.

Mondi apparel, sizes 34-44, is available at Ogilvy and Holt Renfrew (Pointe Claire and Rockland) in Montreal, and in Toronto at Hazelton Lanes, Eaton Centre, Bayview Village, Holt Renfrew (Yorkdale, Sherway Gardens), as well as in most Holt Renfrew stores across Canada.

Color co-ordinated accessories in luxurious leathers and fine fabrics come with every collection. Besides belts, shoes, purses and hats, Mondi has launched a full fragrance line. All Mondi boutiques carry Pursence perfume, body lotion, body cream, shower gel and soap.

Portara, another upscale choice under the Mondi banner, is available in sizes 34-44 at Mondi collection stores in Hazelton Lanes (Toronto), and Ogilvy (Montreal). Designed by a different team, Portara offers eight fashion-forward collections.

"One of the most exciting trends is Portara's new knitwear," Elliott explains. "A loose weave, it is finely spun. The cut is unstructured, yet elegant. The look is sheer and long." A batik blue and white linen-silk collection accents Nehru jackets and cropped pants. A cocoa and white collection is styled in washed silk prints. Tank tops and T-shirts are embellished with beading.

Among other sophisticated collections are Portara's neutral color groupings in cappuccino and natural, beige and cream. In addition, there are some suede pieces. Details like cut-out lacing add interest to the luxurious apparel.

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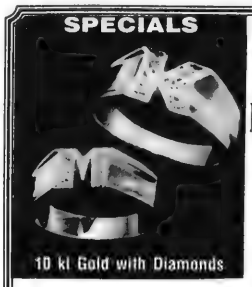
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Sunny Choi: classic styling and elegance

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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Feminine, elegant and subtle sophistication is the hallmark of the Sunny Choi collection for spring and summer.

Noted for classic styling, emphasis on detail and total femininity, the collection was created with soft, fluid lines that move with a woman's body.

Choi, who graduated from the Seoul National University with a degree in fine arts, and then continued her studies at the Ontario College of Art, began her career in fashion, designing costumes for the National Ballet of Canada and exclusive couture pieces for the Yorkville retailer, Fidani.

She says she designs for women very much like herself "confident, cosmopolitan and feminine. All my life I have dedicated myself to creating a particular image on canvas. These are the women with timeless beauty and glamor. With these visions in mind, I continue to design my clothes."

Her chosen colors this year are primarily subtle neutrals, and her separates, from fun daywear to sophisticated career wear to elegant evening suits all mix easily to create unique styling. Pieces are refined, but with a twist, and they lack no attention to detail.

Cotton dresses, skirts and tops in black, white and awning stripes are trimmed with a whisper of delicate guipure lace and are perfect for feminine cool summer dressing. The Zen selection, consisting of loose narrow-fitted pants and wrap jackets in a cool dessert sand, is linen-viscose and trimmed with mandarin collars and ceramic buttons to contribute to the oriental influence.

For those evenings out, navy, coffee bean print silk georgette is coupled with bone cotton lace of roses, allowing the separates to become whimsically romantic. Satin-back crepe evening suits complimented with silk chiffon in buttercup, ice blue, sand, navy, creme, black and white, create sleek sophistication. Interlude, a selection of draping silhouettes of 100 per cent crinkle silk from the Orient, creates flirtatious freedom with its fluid movement.

Sunny Choi Fashions are available at Sunny Choi Fashion Houses across Canada and from American retailers such as Bergdorf Goodman, Nordstroms and I. Magnum. The fashion house concept focuses exclusively on personal, customized service by appointment and stresses versatility, superior quality and good value.

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The firm's latest designs from the 1994 collection of swimwear is shown at a first catwalk showing in Tel Aviv. According to Gottex, the look this summer on yachts and beaches will be ethnic African — floral and full of color.

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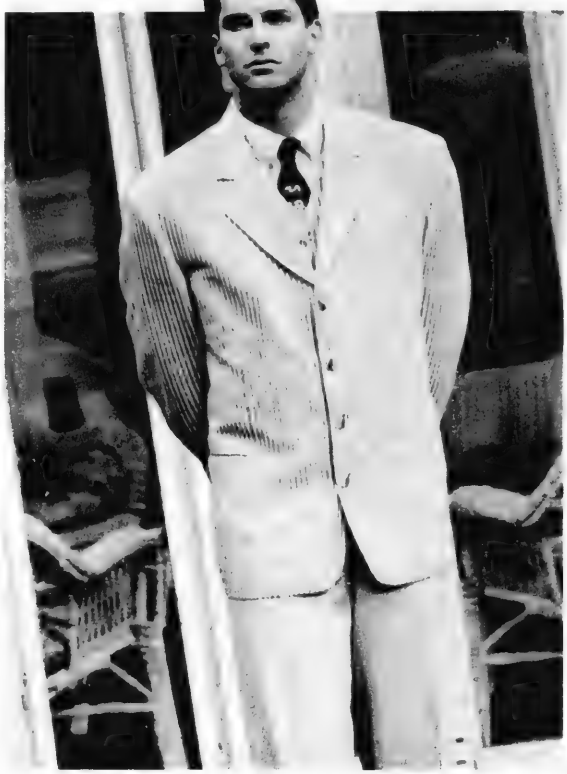


Distinctive Styling

Ecology theme is popular

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

Dénommé Vincent. The name sounds as if it were created specifically for a designer, but Marcel Dénommé and Louise Vincent, partners since 1980, have put together their monikers to the benefit of Quebec design.

Together, the two graduates of College Marie-Victorin have gained a reputation for designing men's clothing of casual, affordable elegance.

Their combination atelier/retail store, located in a spacious second floor walk-up on Berri Street, has been supplying fashion-conscious men from Montreal to Vancouver with distinctive style since 1982.

The theme of the spring 1994 collection is simplicity and ecology. The result is a mix-and-match, totally modern look emphasizing natural colors and fabrics.

The servicability of 100 per cent wool, a mark of Dénommé Vincent, is put to use in two distinctive silhouettes.

Unpadded shoulders, roomy and unstructured jackets mix with a stand-up collar which doesn't require a tie. There are fewer details, with the emphasis on excellent cut and pure lines.

The second look, more structured, nevertheless emphasizes supple construction and easy wearability. Co-ordinates are important: wearability from season to season, combined with comfort in wearing, is what the '90s man wants.

The vest has re-emerged as an important fashion statement after years of blending into the background. Vests are bright and bold, striped, polka-dotted — "avant-garde," says Vincent. They can be cut traditionally in a V-neck, or rounded to the neck. Textures are light or heavy, made from shirt fabric to match, or from wool for a more formal look.

Fabrics accentuate natural fibers, "noble material," says Vincent. Linen, cotton, and blends of linen/cotton and viscose/linen continue the ecology theme. Wool remains very important. The wide range of wools, particularly elegant tropical wools which can be worn through the seasons, is vital to the collection.

Natural shades dominate the palette. Navy blue and charcoal are big in the collection, offset by natural colors like cream, off-white and eggshell.

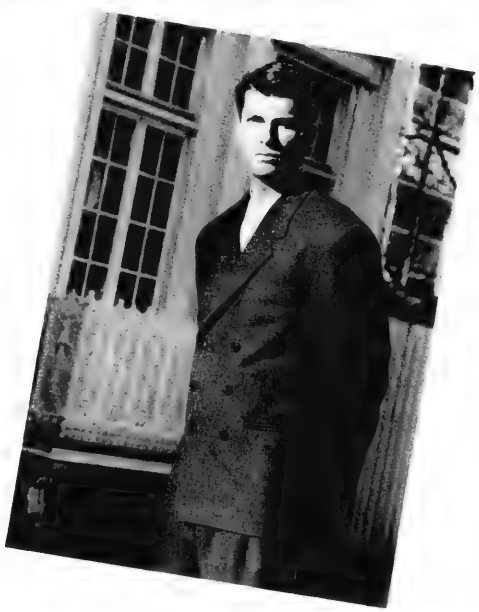
Checks and plaids in the sports jackets are highlighted with touches of khaki or spicy paprika red.

A mark of Dénommé Vincent is their uncuffed pants. "Uncuffed pants are more convenient to the customer," says Vincent. "The client can create his own length, his own style." Crisp and clean flat-front pants are spring and summer's favorite styles. Higher waists are also in evidence.

Double-breasted jackets with three or four buttons set apart the Dénommé Vincent client, who averages from 30 to 45 years old.

Dénommé Vincent uses only imported European fabrics, most of which come from Italy. The clothing is made almost entirely in Quebec, with certain items made for the designers in the Czech Republic.

"Friday has become the weekend at work," declares Vincent, and as a result, men are dressing more casually and comfortably on that day. Toss out the ties and the suits: Friday dressing has switched to vests and sports jackets, as lifestyles change to the new rhythm of the economy.



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By CAROL WISE
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This has definitely been the longest coldest winter I can remember. The thought of spring truly warms my heart. Good-bye to those cold blistering days. HELLO sunshine. Flowers blooming and trees budding are all sure signs that spring is here.

"What's new?" is the question that I am asked repeatedly at this time of the year. Your palette will be filled with a multitude of soft warm colors and application will be delicate and subtle.

Taking care of your skin is probably the most important thing you can do at this time of the year. After the long cold, dry winter, you have likely accumulated many dead cells that are sitting on the surface of your skin. This not only detracts from your skin color, but makes your skin appear dry and dehydrated and at worst will cause you unsightly crinkles. It is imperative that you exfoliate with a facial scrub or perhaps invest in a professional facial.

Spring is a wonderful time for your skin. The air becomes moist with humidity, your heating system is shut down and you will naturally have an added glow to your skin. However, be sure to lighten up your moisturizing regime. Rich creams used through the winter months are no longer necessary; they may cause you unwanted blemishes. Your spring moisturizer should be light and airy in texture.

The sun's rays are everywhere, and the problem with the ozone layer is definitely not improving, so be sure to wear sun block on a daily basis.

When you are choosing your makeup-look for the spring, keep it delicate and subtle. Choose a foundation that matches your natural skin shade and apply it sparingly, just enough to even out your tones.

Apply your blush-on with a soft large brush high on your cheekbones. A fabulous look this spring will be a combination of the colors rose and brown. Do blend well, you don't want that striped look.

Most popular eye shadow colors will be mocha, ivory and chocolate. Ivory under your brow, mocha on your lid and chocolate in the crease of your eyelid. Your brows should be full and well shaped. Pencil them to give them added definition.

Lips are still your focal point. Outline with lots of lip pencil and choose a color that best suits your skin tone. Most popular shades will be earthy beige and brown, and of course, burgundy. However, these colors are not for everyone, so be careful choosing, it is better to look good than wear the most fashionable color that doesn't suit you.

Have a great spring and smile, summer is on its way.

Carol Wise promotes a total concept of beauty. She specializes in makeup application and instructions for women in all walks of life. Carol's career in beauty has taken her to work in New York and Los Angeles. Her host of clients has included such celebrities as Sally Struthers, Sara Purcell and Lynda Carter. She now works exclusively in the Toronto area and can be reached at 510-2243.

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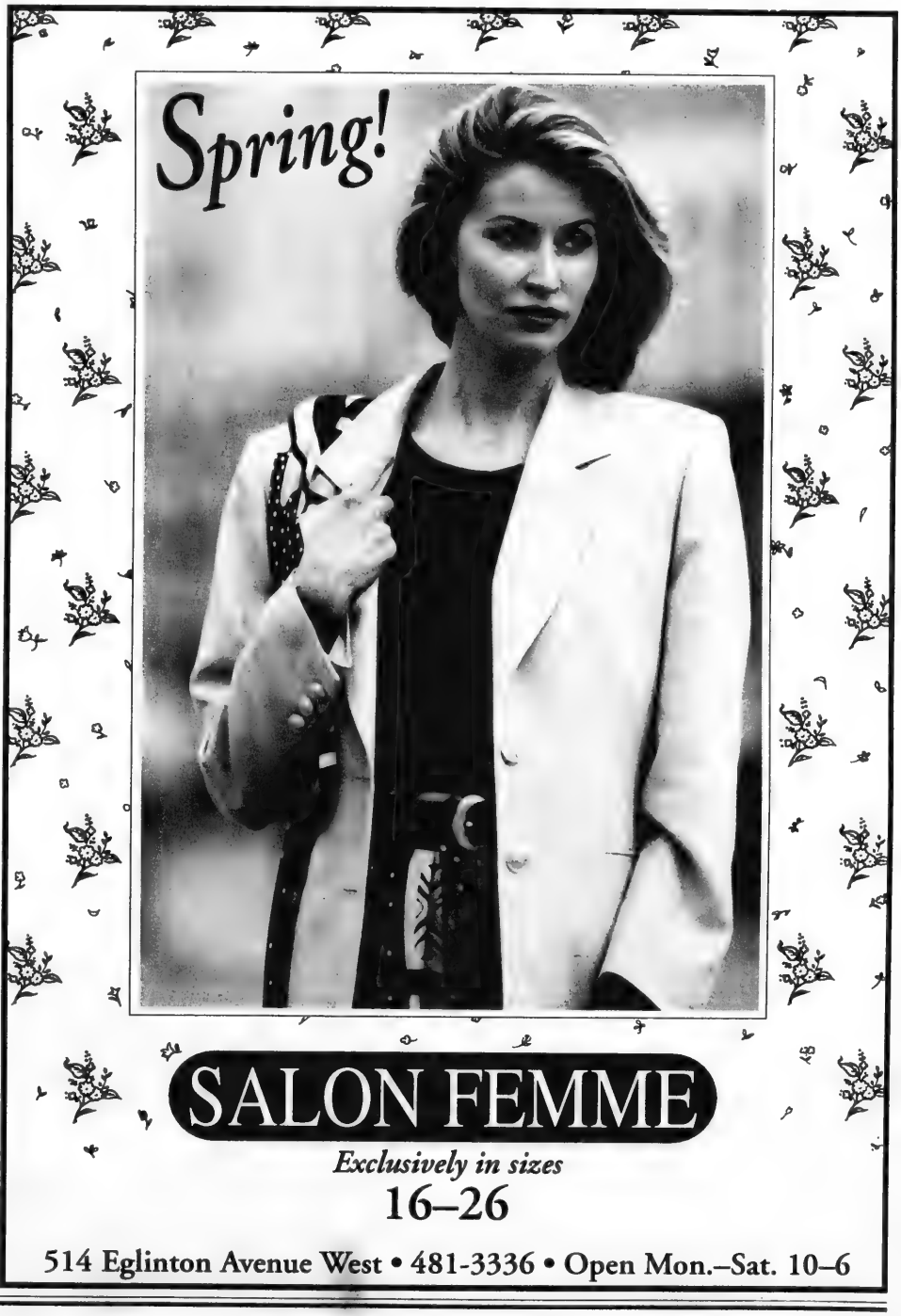

The business of mail ordering

This outfit appears in the Big, Bold and Beautiful catalogue.

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

Who among us wouldn't welcome the opportunity to shop from home? Instead of jostling for a parking spot, fighting the crowds and standing in line at the cash register, you could put up your feet, flip through a catalogue and place your order by phone.

Canadians are being bitten by the catalogue bug. Catalogue shopping accounted for almost $2 billion in sales in 1991, according to a study done for the Canadian Direct Marketing Association (CDMA). While only 50 catalogue companies pay membership dues, the CDMA estimates there are an additional 575 such companies in the country.

Specialty clothing catalogues like Mercury Clothing Company for children, Big, Bold and Beautiful for plus-size women, and Disney merchandise for kids of all ages are relatively new to the catalogue scene, combining unique merchandise with the comforts of home shopping.

Toronto store Big, Bold and Beautiful has produced catalogues for each of the past four seasons. Designed by owner Jackqueline Hope, the fashions in sizes 14 to 28 include lingerie, comfortable casuals, figure-flattering separates and evening wear.

Home shoppers can choose from a wild Wild West outfit consisting of an oversized fringed and rhinestoned rayon blouse in black ($179) paired with gold-studded stirrup pants in a cotton/lycra blend ($69), or substitute an oversized animal-spring shirt ($179) for a different look. Foundation teddies in white or black cotton/lycra blends come with underwire cups, removable shoulder pads and snap bottoms for $79. Equally comfortable are v-neck sweat tops in three colors (red, black and purple) for $72, which can be paired with black leggings for $69.

Items from the Big, Bold and Beautiful catalogue can be ordered by phone, mail or fax. Canadian and U.S. customers can call toll-free 1-800-668-4673, or (416) 923-4673 in Toronto between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Merchandise is delivered between four and six weeks after receipt of payment. Delivery charges range from $4 to $16, depending on the size of the order, and refunds on items only can be made within five days. The spring catalogue will be available sometime in March.

The Walt Disney Co. found a Canadian catalogue partner in Regal Greetings and Gifts. Since the fall of 1992, quarterly catalogues — spring, summer, fall and holiday — have let Canadian shoppers buy American-made fashions and gifts without the bother of exchange rates and duties.

The response has been phenomenal, says Sheridan Antoniuk, Regal's director of new business development. She reports 55,000 purchases in the 17-month period leading up to Dec. 31, 1993, with clothing sales counting for more than 50 per cent of the total. The average catalogue order is $60.

The spring 1994 catalogue spotlight is on Winnie-the-Pooh; previous catalogues have featured 101 Dalmatians, Snow White and Aladdin. Many of the items available through the 32-page Glossy catalogue can also be found at Disney stores throughout the country, but the catalogue has many exclusives. Among the biggest sellers are 100 per cent cotton boxer shorts printed with Pooh, Piglet, Tigger and Eeyore, which sell for $20. "They're doing well for Father's Day," says Antoniuk.

Another Disney catalogue exclusive is a slimming exercise suit for women. The two-piece outfit includes black biking shorts with a grey racing stripe and matching tank suit with Mickey Mouse silkscreened on the chest. The shorts sell for $30 and the top for $32. Both are made from a polyester/cotton/lycra blend and are available in small, medium and large sizes.

Just in time for April showers are Minnie Mouse raincoats for girls sizes 4 to 10. Made of white vinyl and patterned with pink hearts and Minnie Mouse faces, the raincoats come with drawstring hoods, two pockets and snap closures and sell for $15. "We can't keep them in stock," says Antoniuk. The matching umbrella can be ordered for $12.

Also popular this season are 101 Dalmatians baseball caps for children ages 2 to 6. The red caps ($15) have a puff-printed character above the visor and black paw prints scattered all over. "They're a great seller for us in spring," says Antoniuk.

Merchandise can be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800-668-3437 or (416) 425-2072 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Orders are sent via Canada Post within 24 hours, and come with a no-risk return policy. Delivery charges are approximately 10 per cent of orders.

The Walt Disney Co. is smart to join forces with a Canadian cataloguer, says James Church of the CDMA. "Transplanted catalogues [from the United States] don't work. You have to take a look at the market as a distinct entity and be sensitive to the differences." He cites the example of an American cataloguer trying to sell an Abraham Lincoln daytimer in Canada.

Canadian cataloguers, however, can learn from their American counterparts. Mercury Clothing Company co-owners Nicole Swadron and Jodi Unger did extensive research of the American market before launching their first children's catalogue last fall.

The 12-page catalogue features active wear for infants and toddlers of both sexes, in sizes 6 months to 6x. Jeans and overalls are by Osh Kosh B'Gosh. Overalls in sizes 2 to 6x sell for $36 (infants $33), with snap-legged infant jeans and kid's jeans with zippered fly both for $30.

For infants, Mercury Clothing offers 100 per cent pre-shrunk cotton fleece jumpsuits in bubblegum, spearmint and denim colors for $28. A cotton flannel jumpsuit in a red plaid print sells for $30. Turtlenecks in red, white and black have domed closures at the neck and retail for $16. All infant clothing is available in sizes 6 to 24 months.

Older children have their choice of cotton fleece sweatshirts in navy and red for $23, or with hoods in dark green, bubblegum, spearmint and denim for $30 (red hood $35). For girls, there are striped tops ($28) and matching leggings ($26) in black and grey, or red and blue combinations.

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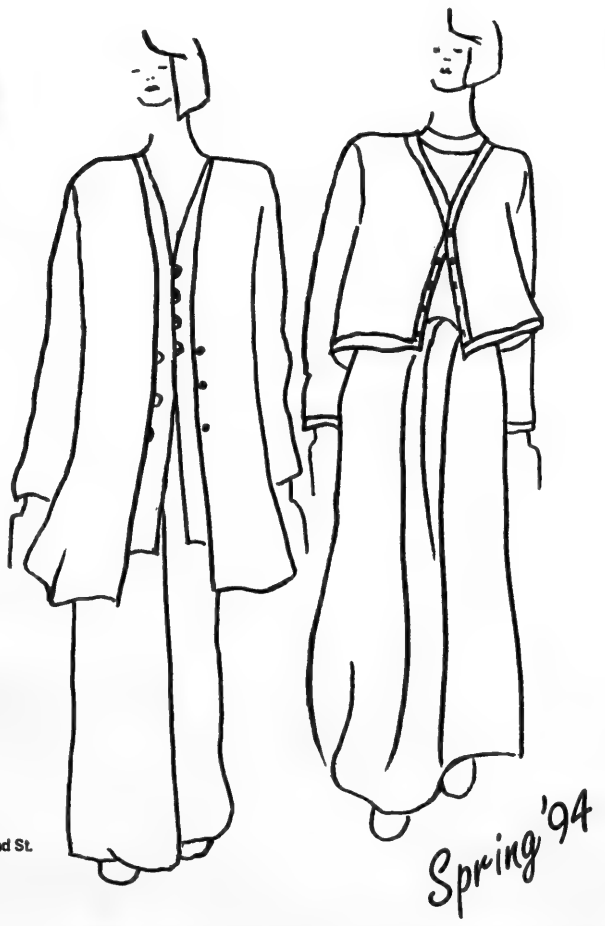

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A total eclipse in activewear

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Rising awareness of the dangers of prolonged exposure to the sun's rays has caused consumer demand for UV protective devices to increase dramatically in the past several years.

The most common device, however — chemical sunscreen lotion — has its limitations. The effectiveness of these lotions depend on such factors as swimming and perspiration and even if re-applied regularly, there is no safe way of determining when the effectiveness begins to wear off.

Fortunately, Total Eclipse Activewear has created an alternative to these messy lotions. A one-piece body suit for children made of quality, lightweight microspan keeps them covered from wrists to ankles and provides protection both in and out of the water. Tests performed at the University of Toronto's Laser Lightwave Research Centre confirm that Total Eclipse Activewear provides the equivalent protection of a sunscreen lotion with an SPF of 30 to 40 when the lotion has been adequately applied and maintained.

Designed by owners Janet and John Koleszar, who wanted to find a way to protect without sunscreen, the garments are not only perfect for playing in and out of the water, they are great for dance and gymnastics. "These one-piece outfits dry quickly, are flexible and tough and are so lightweight there are no heat concerns at all. Children will not get too warm, even on hot, sticky days," says Janet Koleszar.

Durability and practicality do not detract from the bright, cheerful designs. A feminine purple suit with rainbows, or a pink suit with stars and hearts, a unisex blue suit trimmed with a bit of fucshia and covered in thunderbolts or a masculine suit in black, forest green and red are sure to please even the fussiest kids. Sizes are available from infant to size seven and all are equipped with a full frontal zipper that allows young children easy dressing.

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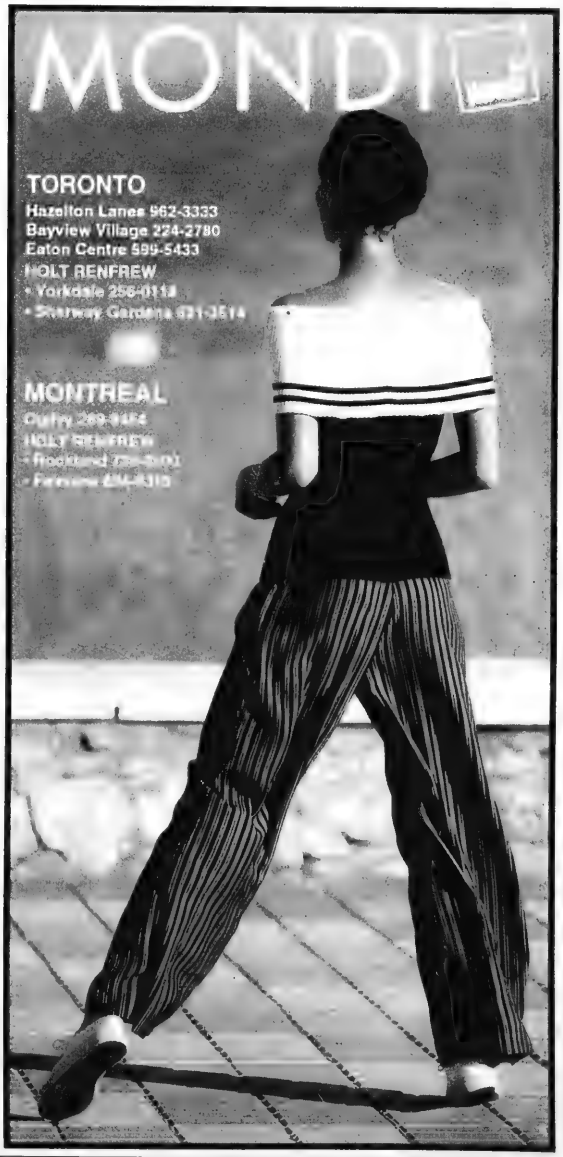

Ties: the businessman's form of communication

By DEBBIE HELLER
Special to The CJN

Real estate entrepreneur Gary Silverberg had to be coaxed into exhibiting his reactionary art work at a restaurant a couple of years ago.

What started out as a hobby for Silverberg — expressing his feelings about the business world and the tough challenges people are faced with every day — has snowballed into a second career.

"In the beginning, I wasn't really aware of just how different my art was in comparison to other artists until people in the communications industry made me realize that I was the first person who had attempted to paint the sub-cultures of the business world," he said.

After his second successful exhibit titled Ties, Trophies, Tombstones, Ties, Silverberg was approached by a number of licensees from both Canada and the United States to have his art reproduced on various articles of clothing.

Although he was flattered by the offers, Silverberg chose to have his work reproduced by Oscardo, a Canadian manufacturer and distributor. He said Oscardo respected his views about creating a limited edition.

Since ties are a recurring symbol in his art, Silverberg decided it would be the perfect garment on which to print his messages. "The flag or banner of the business world is the tie."

Silverberg said he noticed ties had become a form of communication amongst businessmen. "The tie is the only piece of clothing that a man was allowed to wear to express his eccentricity as well as conformity . . . and was not chastised or ostracized for it."

"It is the one garment that allows you to express your political alignment in camouflage."

His designs are serious and comical. From the global economy to vertical integration, the images from Ties, Trophies, Tombstones, Ties have been produced on the finest jaquard silk. The series includes He Who Would Be King, The Last Bureaucrat, The Screamer, Canadian American Dream?, Baby Makes Three, The Last Power Breakfast and Drinking Goes With The Territory.

Each tie is numbered and signed. It is tagged with a philosophical explanation attached to the back — "the price you pay for success or is it the price others pay for your success" is one example.

The ties cost between $60 to $65 and can be found in better men's wear stores throughout the Toronto area including Florence Lewis, Men 2000, Corby's, Andre For Men, Caruso Enrico Designs, Times For Men and Carlin Enterprises.

Baby Makes Three is the name of this tie pictured above. Silverberg explains that as milk nourishes the newborn baby, the imparting of business knowledge to ones children will assure a healthy future.

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Chemical peel can improve skin

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

Young, beautiful skin is everyone's dream. Although medical science has not been able to achieve this, there are many new advances that can help keep your skin looking youthful.

As the aging process begins, several quite obvious changes will occur. The most apparent change will be that your skin becomes looser and perhaps thinner in some areas. The color of your skin may become dull and your skin may take on an irregular pigmentation, in the form of so called "age spots."

Today, with modern science and technology there are many choices available that can keep your skin looking young.

Chemical peel is becoming a comparatively popular procedure in the cosmetic surgeon's office. The peel itself is an old technique that has been used mainly for the treatment of acne. The procedure involves the application of a peeling agent that, when applied to the skin, produces a burn. There are many different peeling agents and the depth of the peel can be varied according to your specific needs.

At the Centre for Cosmetic Surgery, a detailed skin analysis will be undertaken to decide which peeling and what depth of peel will be required for your individual requirements. The chemical peel removes the top layers of the skin, enabling the skin to regenerate and tighten. The treatment thus helps to remove fine lines, improve the texture and color of the skin, and eliminate broken blood vessels and age spots.

Preparation of the skin prior to the peel is crucial, says Dr. Michael Bederman, MD, FRCS, of the Centre for Cosmetic Surgery. It is basically a cleansing regime that should begin at home approximately six weeks before your peel. Retin-A is probably one of the most effective ways of preparing your skin and will certainly make your peel procedure more effective and last longer, says Bederman.

During the initial application of Retin-A, your skin may become red and sometimes blotchy and flaky; however, this will usually settle down after a few weeks. Retin-A, in addition to cleansing the skin, helps to regulate and speed up the regeneration process of the skin so that your skin becomes smoother and has better elasticity. It is essential that you be under the supervision of either a plastic surgeon or a dermatologist when you begin treatment.

Travel inspires knitwear designer

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

Like her knitting needles, Toronto knitwear designer Rachel MacHenry is straight, sharp and to the point.

"People are looking for value today," she says. "If they're going to spend their money, they're going to buy just one special thing."

MacHenry, 31, has no formal training in textiles or design. When injuries ended her career as a modern dancer, she began creating headpieces and masks for the stage before growing into knitwear. She says it was a natural progression. "I always have made things."

What MacHenry is making now are marvelous woollen knits. The 10 designs from her fall 1993 collection included two jackets styles, unisex vests plus six hats, all made from the finest Brazilian wool. Jackets range from $400 to $700, vests are $300 and hats run between $85 and $90. All can be hand washed or dry cleaned. A spring collection in cotton is not yet in production.

Her pieces are popular with members of the arts communities; she says the women range from their late teens to their 50s, and men of all ages wear her vests. She also produces shawls, blankets and throws, as well as commissioned pieces. Anything but pullovers, she says.

"Sweaters come in from the Orient for a gazillionth of what it costs to produce them here."

The pieces are inspired by her extensive travels in Asia, South America, India and Israel, where relatives of her mother live. The architecture she sees is transformed into hats, and buttons could come from antique markets in Katmandu or New Delhi.

While tracking down a matching set of wood-and-bone buttons in Nepal may be difficult for some, MacHenry says the hardest thing about producing her designs is finding skilled knitters at home.

"When you find someone good, you hang on to them."

The 15 or so who work for her include professional women who knit during daily commutes on the GO Train; stay-at-home mothers and students looking to earn extra cash; and a wheelchair-bound Hamilton man "who does the most exquisite work." She says it can take between 10 and 15 hours to knit a jacket, and six more to assemble and finish the garment.

For those looking to cross needles themselves, MacHenry has designed a number of do-it-yourself knitting kits available at the Art Gallery of Ontario. The kits, which range from $40 to $120, include patterns, yarn and instructions for a child's cardigan and pullovers for children, men and women.

MacHenry's designs for adults and children can be found exclusively at Bounty in the Queen's Quay Centre, and at Julie's in New York City. She also designs mid-priced knitwear under the Koochee label.

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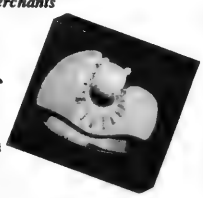

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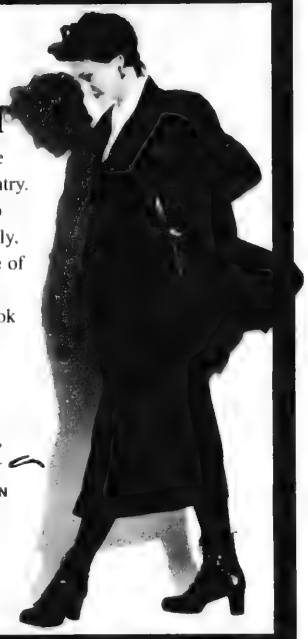

Custom-made Shirts

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Whether you are in the market for a shirt, silk pajamas or boxer shorts, if you cannot find what you want in the stores, you may want to try Bauer Custom Shirts.

Company representative Elyce Kay, says that one thing that should never be compromised when purchasing shirts is a proper, comfortable fit. "Even the best ready-made shirt has one serious fault — it is a compromise. Because it is designed for the average figure, it ends up like most compromises, fitting almost no one. A custom-made shirt is designed specifically for the customer so it is always a good fit. It will not bind, sag or rub.

"Many people are tired of buying what the stores want them to buy. They know what suits them, but if it is not in style that season they will not find it. In a custom-designed shirt, whatever your choice of cut, color, cuff or collar, you get the exact look you want.

"It is these details like cuffs, collars and stitching that make the difference between a good and average shirt. A well-designed, custom-made shirt shows care and skill in every detail. Such things as single-needle stitching, perfect pleats and faultless cuffs add richness and class to a shirt."

Kay adds that the design and execution of the collar, the most noticeable feature on a shirt, is an art in itself. "It is one of the difficult features of a shirt to do well and many otherwise excellent shirts can be spoiled by an indifferent collar. Whether the choice is wing-tip or button-down, every collar should have removable stays so that it looks good for the life of the shirt."

Kay advises that when having a shirt custom made, consumers should ensure they are having it done by people who are aware of the care and quality required for a good-looking shirt. "A common reason why many custom shirt makers do not do well, is that they are staffed by people experienced only in mass production. They may not realize the importance of stitching, or proper monogramming and logos. Little things like that make a shirt."

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Soft and simple

SEHM sums up what's happening in men's wear this summer

Simple and soft are the two watchwords for summer 1994 men's fashion.

A fashion which softens the shoulder line, favors comfort and gives full power to flowing, light fabrics in basic colors.

This season's big hit: the waistcoat in knitted, plain or printed fabric to be worn with jackets so unstructured that they can sometimes look like long shirts.

The neutral colors, blues and sun-drenched spicy tones take the lead. Make way for linen in all its forms, cotton and more technical fabrics.

Silhouettes

Spotlight on three-button jackets. With suits, jackets button up higher than usual. On their own, jackets are completely unstructured and take inspiration from workwear or are worn as long shirts. Trousers are more tapered or '50s drainpipe style.

The sportswear world welcomes back the blouson which barely covers the waist. Still very much in favor is the yachting style with reefer jackets and parkas with metallic clips similar to those found on firemen's jackets which have become classics for all seasons.

Among the latest hits, city shirts with small soft collars or long and loose shirts. A strong comeback of the short-sleeved shirt. Knit polo shirts with details in fancy fabric, long T-shirts with loud designs, rugby-style stripes or fine vertical stripes are big.

Fabrics

Some coolwool in false plains at the start of the season. Lots of linen in its pure state or mixed, crumpled and worn. Smooth or embossed seersucker-style cotton with madras, gingham or window checks. Still a lot of viscose mixed with noble fabrics to give softness, as well as strong fabrics like tarpaulin, canvas and twill, often waxed to offer protection against sea spray or showers and denim in all its forms.

Four Main Themes

A Story Of Balance

Simple, fluid and relaxed look. Layering unstructured jackets, long shirts and waistcoats. Distressed, crumpled, ultra-light or heavy fabrics in plain, checked or fine pyjama stripes. A few tropical notes like Nehru collars, trousers with a drawstring waist, Indian trousers draped up to the ankle. The whole range of neutrals colors to contrast with black.

A Story Of Spices

Mixing the city and sporty look in a color range inspired by spices — pepper greens and reds, paprika, saffron and curry for suits and unstructured jackets and blousons. Very little total look but a desire to go for monochromes.

A Story Of Blues

A rustic look for an authentic fashion in a very wide range of blues. Workwear inspired shapes. Checks of all sizes and rustic-style fabrics: dishcloth fabric, twill, suedette and mostly stone-washed jeans. Still lots of knitted or leather waistcoats in plain or striped ticking fabrics. Shirts with rolled-up or short sleeves.

A Story Of Mixes

A graffiti-style fashion which combines explosive mixtures of both colors and prints. Juniors want sleeveless denim waistcoats worn over a loose T-shirt with gigantic prints, baggy overalls, tight or slightly flared jeans, boxer or cycling shorts.

Relance offers casual, practical, garments

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

The influence of Africa, a return to nature and the mystery of the Orient sums up the groupings available this spring from Relance.

The innovative Quebec company, with its origins in the Beauce region of the province 40 years ago, has grown into a company with associates showing their wares at home parties throughout Canada.

The emphasis is on customer service and hands-on work with the client. Twenty managers work closely with 200 Relance associates of the family-owned and operated company. Ideas are brought from Europe and recreated here in their entirety in the factory of 200-300 workers at Saint-Georges.

The Relance concept utilizes hostesses who give fashion shows in their homes, organized and coordinated by the Relance associate, who helps choose the outfits modelled by three of the guests.

Participation and fun are key words in the Relance philosophy. The work of Relance's Quebec designers is blended with the European fashions derived from the Pret-a-Porter and Premier Vie collections in Paris, and tailored to the needs and taste of the Canadian woman.

The company creates two collections yearly, with 45 to 50 styles in each. The collections offer casual, practical and highly wearable clothing for day and evening. Mix and match is essential in the Relance collection, which is tailored to the working woman with a family and an active social life.

Natural tones dominate this year's spring/summer collection.

Long, lean silhouettes characterize the Meditation line. Tunic-style dressing with narrow pants for more casual wear; ultra-long wrap-around skirts inspired by the sarong for the office. The essence of femininity in crinkly crepe, raw cotton/linen blends and shaded-off tapestries. Ecru is warmed by shades of red, orange and rose in prints influenced by the designs of the East.

The Harvest collection celebrates nature in the countryside. The colors: honey, hops, hemp, wicker and sesame are balanced by mint green and lavender in solids and prints. The simplicity of a gardening outfit which is roomy and supple and bares the arms and neck, provides comfort with wide skirts and unstructured jackets. Inspired by the painter Millet's *The Gleaners*, the Harvest collection is a gentle return to the simpler, quieter styles of nature.

Miami is an exuberant carnival of pastel pairings. Pink flamingos take flight from beds of hibiscus. Ocean blues and glittery crystal shades. Candy colors of mint green, pinkest pink, marmalade. The drama of the tropical south is played out in a tailored jacket and bermuda shorts combo. Wrap skirts and pants suits in shantung evoke the glamor of Miami at its dramatic best in the fifties. Big novelty collars and long chiffon scarves add to the romance.

Roots is a return to Africa in big, bold, mysterious brown and black prints. Relaxed, natural fabrics drape into blouson and long, straight sleeveless dresses. Cotton and printed rayon, softly finished in peachskin add a nonchalantly elegant look. Fawn and blush colors are highlighted with ecru and white and turned brilliant with Polynesian prints of hot fuchsia, essential green and classic blue.

Spring and summer of '94 promises to produce cool, classic comfort for the fashion-conscious woman.

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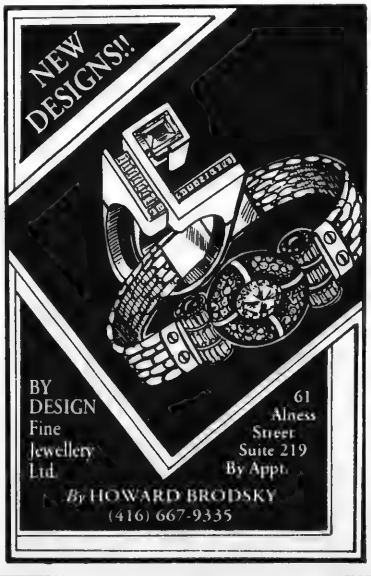

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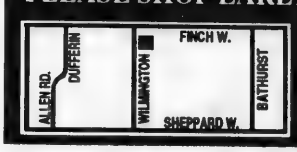

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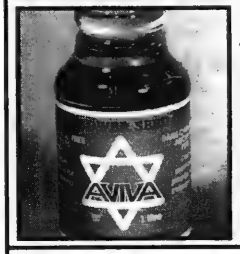

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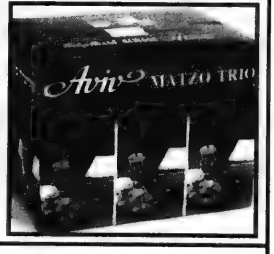

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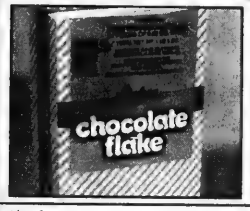

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- ☐ Freeze Dried Coffee
- ☐ Instant Coffee
- ☐ Hot Chocolate Mix
- ☐ Cocoa
- ☐ Mineral Water
- ☐ Vichy Water
- ☐ Seltzer Water
- ☐ 7-Up
- ☐ Cream Soda
- ☐ Cherry Soda
- ☐ Lemon Soda
- ☐ Orange Soda
- ☐ Cola Soda
- ☐ Club Soda
- ☐ Ginger Ale

CAKE MIXES

- ☐ Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix
- ☐ Honey Cake Mix
- ☐ Brownie Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Fudge Brownie Mix
- ☐ Marble Cake Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Crumb Cake Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Loaf Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix
- ☐ Chocolate Mocha Cake Mix
- ☐ Spice Cake With Vanilla Icing
- ☐ Sponge Cake Mix
- ☐ Griddle Cake Mix
- ☐ Carrot Cake Mix
- ☐ Yellow Cake Mix
- ☐ Honey Cake Mix
- ☐ Microwave Cake Mix
- ☐ Pancake Mix ☐ Coffee Cake Mix

FRUIT, JUICES, JAMS AND HONEY

- ☐ Fruit Compotes
- ☐ Peaches Halves/Sliced
- ☐ Pears Halves/Sliced
- ☐ Plums
- ☐ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ Pineapple Sliced/Chunk
- ☐ Apple Sauce
- ☐ Apricot Halves
- ☐ Cranberry
- ☐ Cherries
- ☐ Apple Juice
- ☐ Tomato Juice
- ☐ Grape Juice/Muscat
- ☐ Lemon Juice
- ☐ Cranberry Juice
- ☐ Blueberry Jam
- ☐ Blackberry Jam
- ☐ Cherry Jam
- ☐ Wild Cherry Jam
- ☐ Grape Jam
- ☐ Orange Jam ☐ Gooseberries
- ☐ Raspberry Jam ☐ Orange Juice
- ☐ Strawberry Jam ☐ Pineapple Juice
- ☐ Pineapple Jam ☐ Grapefruit Juice
- ☐ Apricot Jam ☐ Orange/Pineapple Juice
- ☐ Currant Jelly
- ☐ Plum Jelly ☐ Stewed Prunes
- ☐ Orange Marmalade
- ☐ Lemon Marmalade
- ☐ Grapefruit Marmalade
- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Orange Blossom Honey
- ☐ Cranberry Jelly

DESSERTS & SYRUPS

- ☐ Chocolate Pudding
- ☐ Gelatins (Assorted flavours)
- ☐ Chocolate Pudding
- ☐ Vanilla Pudding
- ☐ Lemon Pudding
- ☐ Cherry Jello
- ☐ Strawberry Jello
- ☐ Raspberry Jello
- ☐ Pancake Syrup
- ☐ Raspberry Syrup
- ☐ Lemon Syrup ☐ Assorted Spreads
- ☐ Chocolate Syrup ☐ Assorted Toppings

CAKES & COOKIES

- ☐ Wine Cake ☐ Fresh Cakes
- ☐ Dobosh Cake ☐ Fresh Muffins
- ☐ Nut Cake
- ☐ Honey Cake
- ☐ Marble Cake
- ☐ Sponge Cake
- ☐ Brownies
- ☐ Nut Square
- ☐ Jelly Roll
- ☐ Macaroons (All Varieties)
- ☐ Passover Cookies (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Mandel Loaf (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Mandel Cuts
- ☐ Fruit Cuts
- ☐ Muffins Plain/Blueberry
- ☐ Jumbo Kichel
- ☐ Egg Kichel
- ☐ Chocolate Cookies
- ☐ Macaroon Cookies
- ☐ Jelly Tarts

CANDIES, NUTS & SNACKS

- ☐ Lolly Pop
- ☐ Assorted Gums
- ☐ Potato Chips Plain/Salted/Ruffled/ unsalted
- ☐ Marshmallows (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Bartonettes Parve/Passover Assortment
- ☐ Viennese Krunch
- ☐ T.V. Munch Parve/Milk
- ☐ Nut Cluster Almonds
- ☐ Chocolate Almond Kisses
- ☐ Chocolate Bars (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Chocolate Bars Parve (All varieties)
- ☐ Nut Cluster Almond
- ☐ Assorted Nuts Plain/Chocolate Covered
- ☐ Sesame Crunch
- ☐ Orange Peel
- ☐ Assorted Dried Fruit & Nuts/Unsalted/ Chocolate Covered
- ☐ Calimyrna Figs
- ☐ Dried Figs
- ☐ Dried Peaches
- ☐ Mixed Fruit
- ☐ Marshmallows Plain/Toasted
- ☐ Dried Apples
- ☐ Dried Apricots
- ☐ Dried Pears
- ☐ Prunes (Assorted Varieties)
- ☐ Raisins

SOUPS, SOUP & OTHER MIXES

- ☐ Schav
- ☐ Borscht Regular/Unsalted
- ☐ Clear Chicken Soup
- ☐ Matzoh Ball Soup
- ☐ Matzoh Ball in Broth/Chicken Flavour
- ☐ Spinach Soup
- ☐ Mushroom Soup
- ☐ Cabbage Soup
- ☐ Onion Soup
- ☐ Egg Drop Soup
- ☐ Pot Pancake Mix
- ☐ Potato Kugel Mix
- ☐ Matzo Ball Mix
- ☐ Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Matzo Ball & Soup Mix
- ☐ Country Style Soup Mix
- ☐ Potato Soup Mix
- ☐ Spring Veg. Soup Mix
- ☐ Asparagus Soup Mix
- ☐ Vegetable Soup Mix
- ☐ Mushroom Soup Mix
- ☐ Onion Soup Mix
- ☐ Chicken Cubes
- ☐ Mushroom Cubes
- ☐ Beef Cubes
- ☐ Vegetable Cubes
- ☐ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Instant Chicken Flavoured Mashed Potato

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- ☐ Liquid Detergent
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Soap Pads
- ☐ Cleanser
- ☐ Dishwasher Detergent
- ☐ Silver Polish
- ☐ Stainless Steel Scour Pads
- ☐ Steel Wool Soap Pads
- ☐ Kosher Soap Bars
- ☐ Steel Pot N' Pan
- ☐ Bronze Pot N' pan
- ☐ Sabbath Candles
- ☐ Memorial Candles
- ☐ Havdala Candles
- ☐ Disposable Candle Holders

GEFILTE FISH

- ☐ Fish Slices ☐ Fishlets
- ☐ No Salt Fish
- ☐ White Pike
- ☐ Old Vienna Fish
- ☐ Pike Jelly/Liquid/Sweet
- ☐ No Sugar Fish
- ☐ Old Jerusalem
- ☐ Regular-Jelled/Liquid

VEGETABLES CANNED & GLASS

- ☐ Olives
- ☐ Cucumbers in Brine/Plain
- ☐ Hot Peppers ☐ Water Chestnuts
- ☐ Beets ☐ Bamboo Shoots
- ☐ Potato/Whole ☐ Instant Potatoes
- ☐ Tomatoes ☐ Tomato Puree
- ☐ Mushrooms
- ☐ Tomato Paste
- ☐ Gherkins
- ☐ Dill Pickles
- ☐ Tomato Puree
- ☐ Eggplant
- ☐ Asparagus
- ☐ Sliced Carrots
- ☐ Saurkraut
- ☐ Red Kidney Beans

MATZOHS AND MATZOH PRODUCTS

- ☐ Matzoh
- ☐ Egg Matzoh
- ☐ Shmurah Matzoh
- ☐ Tea Matzoh
- ☐ Onion Matzoh
- ☐ Dietetic Matzoh
- ☐ Matzoh Meal
- ☐ Matzoh Farfel
- ☐ Cake Meal
- ☐ Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Mini Egg Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Chocolate Covered Matzoh,
- ☐ Soup Nuts
- ☐ Matzoh Crackers
- ☐ Cake Meal

FISH—CANNED, GLASS & FROZEN

- ☐ Solid White Tuna in Oil or Water
- ☐ Chunk White Tuna in Oil or Water
- ☐ Imported Sardines
- ☐ Sole Fillets
- ☐ Flounder Fillets
- ☐ Cod Fillets
- ☐ Mackerel
- ☐ Trout
- ☐ Pink Salmon
- ☐ Kipper Snacks
- ☐ Spratt
- ☐ Sardines
- ☐ Lunch Cut Herring
- ☐ Shmaltz Herring
- ☐ Herring Fillets In Wine

•PASSOVER RECIPES•

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

4 eggs, separated
3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
5 tbsp. boiling water or coffee

Beat egg whites stiff and set aside. Combine chocolate chips and boiling water or coffee in saucepan. Simmer slowly & blend until smooth. Remove from stove and let stand until lukewarm. Add egg yolks, blend well. Pour chocolate mixture over egg whites, fold gently and throughly. Spoon into individual dishes or one-quart serving dish. Refrigerate until well chilled. Serves 6.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. C. Huberman

LEMON ALMOND STRIPS

CRUST
1-3/4 cups cake meal
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup almonds
1 cup butter or margarine

LEMON FILLING
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup cake meal
1 tsp. baking powder

CRUST. Combine cake meal and ground almonds in mixing bowl. Cut in butter or margarine until mixture is crumbly. Press into greased 13" X 9" cake pan. Bake at 350º F (180º C) for 15 minutes or until light golden. Cool 10 minutes

FILLING. Beat eggs, sugar and lemon juice together well. Combine cake meal and baking powder. Stir into eggs thoroughly, pour over baked crust. Bake at 350º F (180º C) for 18-23 minutes, or just until set and light golden.
Cool, then cut into bars

From The Kitchen of Esther Koyen

CHOCOLATE CHIP MERINGUES

2 egg whites, room temperature
1/2 tsp. potato starch
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 chocolate chipits
pinch of salt
OPTIONAL:
1/2 cup almonds, slivered

Beat egg whites until frothy, add salt, gradually beat in sugar, beating well after each addition. Beat 5 to 10 minutes. Fold in other ingredients. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls on baking pan which is lined with foil wrap & lightly oiled. Meringues should be 1 inch apart. Bake 225º 1-3/4 hours

From The Kitchen of Mrs. C. Huberman

MOCK KISHKA

1 large spanish onion or 3 small onions
1 large carrot
2 stalks of celery
1/2 medium green pepper
6 finely sliced mushrooms
salt and pepper

Grate or process in food processor first 4 ingredients. Transfer to a large bowl and add 2 cups matzo meal and slightly less than 1/2 cup oil. Mix well and make 2 or 3 long rolls. Place each roll on long sheet of aluminum foil. Roll up tightly and bake on cookie sheet for 45 minutes at 375ºF.

From The Kitchen of L.. Shainbaum

PASSOVER DATE AND NUT BARS

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup plus 2 tbsp. matzo meal
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup chopped nuts

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs well; add sugar and matzo meal. Add dates and nuts. Pour into a greased 8 inch square pan. Bake for approximately 40 minutes in 350º oven, until light brown. Cut into 2" squares with a sharp wet knife while still very warm. Allow to cool in pan thoroughly before removing squares to avoid crumbling.

From The Kitchen of S. Cohen

COFFEE CHOCOLATE CREAM

Strong coffee (1 pint)
2 eggs
chopped almonds
potato flour 1 oz.
sugar 1-1/2 oz.
cocoa 1 oz.

Mix cocoa, sugar and potato flour with a little cold coffee. Boil remainder and pour it over, beat eggs. Add to mixture, turn into a double boiler, stir until it thickens. Wisk lightly, serve cold sprinkled with chopped nuts

From The Kitchen of M. Torem

CARROT SOUFFLE

6 eggs separated
2 cups grated carrots
3/4 cup sugar
2 tbsp. red wine
1/3 cup matzo meal
1/2 cup ground nuts
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup grated apple
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon

Beat yolks, gradually adding sugar until light. Fold in remaining ingredients except whites. Fold in stiffy beaten whites. Pour into greased tube pan or 8" square pan. Bake at 350º. 1 hour

From The Kitchen of S. Haberman

LAYERED CHICKEN LOAF

Mix together
1-1/2 Lb. ground chicken (or beef)
2 eggs
1/4 cup matzo meal
1/4 cup tomato ketchup
2 tsp. horseradish
onion powder, salt & pepper

Farfel filling
2 tbsp. oil
1/2 onion diced
1/2 red or green pepper, diced
1/2 lb. sliced mushrooms
2 cups farfel
1 egg
2 cups chicken stock
1 can tomato/mushroom sauce

Saute onion, then pepper and then mushrooms in oil. Remove from pan and fry farfel with beaten egg until dry. Add stock. Cover and cook over low heat until all liquid is absorbed. Add to vegetables with tomato/mushroom sauce. Place half of chicken mixture in loaf pan or casserole. Place farfel filling on top. Cover with remaining chicken mixture and bake, uncovered, 325º for 1 hour.

From The Kitchen of M. Nathan

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

LOW FAT RECIPE
197 CALORIES PER SERVING, 7.1 g OF FAT PER SERVING

1/2 cups light process cream cheese product
1 cup sugar
1 cup 1% low-fat cottage cheese
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
1/4 cup cake meal
1/2 cup red wine
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg
2 tablespoons semi-sweet chocolate mini-morsels.
Use 7" spring form pan.

In food processor or blender add cream cheese and next 7 ingredients processing until
Add egg and process just until blended, fold in chocolate morsels, pour mixture into pan. Bake 300º for 65 to 70 minutes or until cheese cake is set. Let cool in pan on wire rack. Cover and chill at least 8 hours.
Remove sides of pan, and transfer cheese cake to a serving platter

From The Kitchen of Esther Koyen

From the response, the Passover Recipe section of our guide has been a big hit, again this year.

I'd like to thank all the participants of our 1993 Passover Recipe Contest who took the time to send in their recipes. Believe it or not, every recipe was prepared and the best were chosen and appear in this year's issue of the Passover Guide. If you come across any recipes that you would like to share, send them to me...

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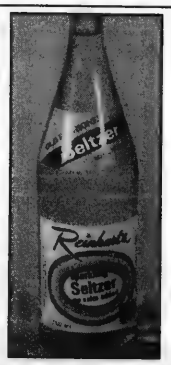

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Syria assures Canada it will stop pogrom

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Canada has received assurances from authorities in Damascus that Syria's remaining 1,100 Jews will be protected against a pogrom threatened for this Sunday.

Canada's ambassador to Syria, John McNee, met Monday with officials in the Syrian Foreign Ministry and was told that authorities have taken "measures" to protect the country's Jews, Foreign Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* Monday morning.

Moore could not elaborate on what those measures are.

For much of last week, the Canadian Embassy in Damascus was trying to verify letters sent to every Jewish home and business in Syria, stating that "the blood of all Jews living in Syria will be spilled" starting March 13, which marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The letters, written in Arabic, threaten retaliation for the Feb. 25 massacre of Muslim worshippers at a Hebron mosque. "You only shoot your enemies when they are praying," it said. "We are going to take revenge from you... You will see that Hitler was weak in comparison [to] what we will do to you," states an English translation provided to *The CJN*.

The notes are signed by the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice.

Moore wouldn't say whether the letters were found to be authentic, but he did state that Ottawa "is taking threats of this type seriously," and that Monday's meeting between the Syrians and McNee was a formal diplomatic step on the part of Canada.

Canada has a long-standing policy of pressing Syria to allow Jews to leave the country.

"Our representations won't cease until all Syrian Jews can leave," Moore added.

Jews in Syria are "hysterical" and "petrified" as a result of the letters, according to Judy Feld Carr, head of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews. "I treat this letter with great seriousness," she added.

Carr said Canada informed the U.S. State Department of the letters.

Last week, U.S. administration officials said they had never heard of the letter's signatory.

Carr has called on rabbis, task force members and the community at large to send faxes and telegrams to Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet, asking for Canada's intervention.

The Australian ambassador to Syria will also raise the issue of granting exit visas to Jews, Carr said.

Most of the country's Jews have exit visas allowing them to travel, mainly to the United States. Syrian authorities, however, have been splitting families, with many young children being denied the documents, Carr claimed.

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PASSOVER'S COMING

Shoppers in a Jerusalem supermarket fill their carts with matzohs and cleaning supplies. [IPPA photo]

See The CJN's *Passover Food Supplement inside for menus and recipe ideas.*

Hebron Jews' future debated

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A sizable number of Israeli cabinet ministers favor the forcible dismantling of the Jewish settlements inside the West Bank city of Hebron.

They favor the measure because of fears there will be further violence in Hebron following the Feb. 25 murders of 30 Palestinians at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Israeli settlers and their political supporters reacted with rage at reports suggesting that seven out of nine ministers who spoke at the weekly cabinet meeting last Sunday support removing the approximately 400 settlers currently living among 70,000 Palestinians in Hebron.

A spokesman for the Hebron settlers, Noam Arnon, said a decision to dismantle the settlements was "inconceivable."

Rehavam Ze'evi, leader of the right-wing Moledet party, said it would spell "the end of Zionism."

West Bank settlement leaders said there would be a widescale campaign of civil disobedience if the government made any attempt to evict the Hebron settlers.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz party said it was possible the decision would be taken at this Sunday's cabinet meeting.

There are 42 Jewish families living in three closely guarded sites inside Hebron: Beit Hadassah, Tel Romeida and the Avraham Avinu Synagogue complex. And about 150 youngsters study at a yeshiva in the city.

Some residents are affiliated with the Kach and Kahane Chai movements.

Residents are guarded by Israel Defence Force troops night and day.

One of the two ministers who opposed the eviction of the Hebron settlers, Agriculture Minister Yakov Tsur, said that he, like the majority of the ministers, was opposed in principle to any Jewish settlements in the heart of Hebron.

But, he said, ordering the evictions now would send "the wrong message, a message of caving in" to the Palestinians.

The other minister opposing the move, Economic Minister Shimon Sheetrit, said that evicting the settlers would fly in the face of the self-rule accord, which specifically put off the issue of settlements to a later time.

Several cabinet ministers, especially those with dovish leanings, called for sterner action against anti-Arab extremists.

The army has issued five administrative detention orders against leaders of extremist movements. Two of them have been apprehended.

Over the weekend, the army announced that an unspecified number of anti-Arab extremists would no longer be called for reserve duty, adding that their army-issued weapons would soon be impounded.

N.Y. Lubavitcher student dies after drive-by shooting

CJN wire services

NEW YORK — Lubavitcher student Aaron Halberstam was buried on Sunday after succumbing to wounds suffered in an attack on a van carrying 15 Orthodox students on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Halberstam, 16, died in St. Vincent's Hospital with his family around him. He had been declared brain dead by doctors one day after the March 1 attack in which the van was sprayed with gunfire. He had been kept on life support systems in accordance with his family's wishes.

Three other students were injured in the attack. Nachum Sossonkin, 18, was in critical condition following surgery.

Yaakov Schapiro, a third victim, was treated for minor wounds to the head and hands and released, while the fourth victim, Levi Wilhelm, was in stable condition in hospital with a bullet wound to the buttocks.

The incident occurred when the van was shot at by a gunman in a car as it approached the Brooklyn Bridge on the Manhattan side. The car pursued the van and fired at it two more times.

The van was part of a convoy accompanying Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson back to the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn after successful eye surgery in Manhattan.

Within one day of the assault, police charged Rashad Baz, a 28-year-old Lebanese national, with 15 counts of attempted murder, various assault charges and numerous weapons violations. Baz had entered the United States in 1984 on a student visa.

Police impounded the suspect's car, a 1978 Chevrolet Impala, as well as a cache of weapons that included a submachine pistol, a semi-automatic shotgun and 50 rounds of ammunition.

Police commissioner William Bratton said in a news conference that preliminary ballistic tests linked the weapons, which were found in Baz's car, with the shooting. Police declined to comment on a possible motive for the attack or say whether it was linked to the Hebron mosque shooting in which more than 30 Muslims were killed.

Officials at the news conference, which included Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, would also not comment on whether the suspect was tied to any group, although they did say they were questioning other individuals.

The alleged gunman was apprehended by police after he left his car in a Brooklyn body shop to have its window repaired. Someone from the body shop tipped off police that a vehicle matching the description of a blue car with a shattered window, had been left in the shop. The window was apparently shattered when the suspect fired through it and into the van.

Giuliani praised the Jewish community for its co-operation in the incident and he called on New Yorkers not to view the shootings along racial lines.

"This act of evil is not the act of a people," he said. "It's the act of a person or persons."

Commissioner Bratton said members of the Arab American community gave "significant" assistance in locating the suspect.

Jewish leaders met with Giuliani in a closed session last week to discuss the case and what the Jewish community can

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Associated campus may open in August

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Associated Hebrew Day Schools' board of directors have voted to go ahead with the construction of the $10-million Thornhill campus, with a view to open the building for classes by this August.

The board last week voted to accept a recommendation to complete the school, either in time for the next academic year or by next January, which translates into a sigh of relief for hundreds of parents north of Steeles Avenue.

"We are going to resume building and build as quickly as possible," Associated president Harry Krakowsky told *The CJN* last week. "We don't know if it [will be ready] by Sept. 1, but that's we're aiming for."

Because of the early High Holidays this year, classes for Jewish day school students begin at the end of August. That means the campus would have to be ready, or at least usable, by mid-August in order to move in furnishings and equipment, Krakowsky said.

"It didn't make any sense not to go ahead" with construction, he added. "Not proceeding costs money too."

The 100,000-sq. ft. building, at Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights Boulevard, is currently closed in with a roof, walls, floors and windows. Mechanical and heating systems are roughed in.

According to building chair Lou Greenbaum, about $5 million has already been spent on construction.

Associated's Thornhill campus gets green light for completion.

School officials are not considering the provincial Ministry of Housing's rejection of a joint bid by Associated and the Baycrest Centre to construct senior housing on Associated's Neptune campus site a setback. Approval of the bid was said to be a key factor in whether the Thornhill campus would be completed sooner rather than later.

Krakowsky said the application was turned down because "we didn't meet the criteria." He said the bid will be resubmitted by the March 15 deadline and both he and Greenbaum said they are confident it will be approved.

Linked to other projects

The Thornhill campus is still linked to several other Associated projects:

- Renovating the Hurwich (Finch) campus to accommodate a junior high school;
- Renovating the Danilack (Leslie) branch to accommodate Associated's administrative offices, which are now at the Neptune campus;
- Tearing down the Neptune campus to replace it with a smaller building that will house a pre-school and elementary classes. Part of the site would be sold to a non-profit housing corporation for the seniors project (provided the government's approval comes through).

The sale of the Neptune site was expected to bring in about $4 million, while the various renovations are estimated to cost between $2 million and $3 million.

In the meantime, Neptune classes will resume there in August and stay until a deal is struck. When the building is finally knocked down, students will go to rented, temporary quarters for one year, Krakowsky explained. "But there is absolutely going to be a new school there," he stressed.

A few months ago, when the bid on Neptune was still before Queen's Park, Associated's board of directors authorized bank borrowing of up to $2.5 million toward the Thornhill campus. That sum, in addition to the $2.5 million it had in pledges and the $4 million expected from the Neptune site, meant the new branch was on prudent footing, officials said.

But last week, the board revised its figures. It is now authorized to borrow up to $6.5 million in order to finish the school, Krakowsky said.

Some parents who attended an information meeting on the Thornhill campus in January said they would be willing to pay more in tuition fees to ensure the school's completion.

In the meantime, said Krakowsky and Greenbaum, Associated will continue with an "aggressive" fundraising campaign.

A worst-case scenario, said Krakowsky, would be Associated "being stuck" with the Neptune campus for a few years, before finally selling it.

He said Associated won't have more debt than any other Jewish day school in Metro.

Greenbaum said the school's debt can be handled because of the equity in the Neptune site.

A meeting on whether tuition at the Thornhill campus will be hiked will be held next month.

New skinhead group eyes Toronto

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An American-based skinhead group with a reputation for violence is attempting to set up shop in Toronto, according to two Jewish organizations which monitor racist activities.

The Northern Hammerskins, a coalition of skinheads with branches across North America, has been recruiting young people who are shifting allegiances from the Church of the Creator and the Heritage Front, said Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber and Josh Schwarcz, Ontario director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

The Church of the Creator (COTC) has "lost its cool" among young people because prominent COTC figures are facing criminal charges arising from a number of incidents, Schwarcz said.

In addition, members of the Heritage Front, including its leader Wolfgang Droege, are also facing criminal charges, as well as an action under the Canadian Human Rights Act for its telephone hotline.

"The Heritage Front and COTC have lost their appeal to some extent due to these arrests and judicial proceedings that have caused them tremendous grief," Farber said. "They're too busy defending the action to recruit."

The Northern Hammerskins, he continued, "are short on philosophy and long on violence. They have enticed young people to join."

Farber said the group is "young with little structure and with violence as part of their credo."

The group is "hardcore, openly racist, violent," said Schwarcz.

A recent concert held in a hall on Danforth Avenue attracted about 50 young people — as well as several uniformed police, Schwarcz said.

A New Jersey band that was to have performed, called Aggravated Assault, was deterred from entering Canada after Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi announced they would be stopped at the border, Farber said.

A local band, White Riot, took their place.

Det. Steve Irwin of the Metro hate crimes unit said police "were aware [of the concert] and did monitor what took place." He said it is routine for uniformed officers to enter premises to check on liquor licenses and to see that a hall is not overcrowded.

Irwin pointed out the concert was originally booked for the basement of a Roman Catholic Church but that the priest who took the booking did not know it was for an event involving racist bands. He cancelled it when police informed him about the event, and concert organizers then staged it in the Danforth Avenue hall that last year was booked for a celebration marking Hitler's birthday.

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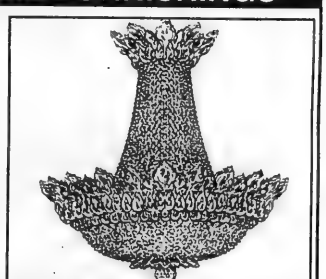

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Efrat rabbi denounces Hebron massacre

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —There is no possible justification for the massacre at Hebron, asserts Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat and a personal friend of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, the gunman who on Purim burst into the mosque at the Cave of Machpelah and killed 30 Arabs at prayer, before being himself killed.

"The act was unforgivable and reprehensible," Rabbi Riskin said. He was giving the David and Lois Buckstein Endowed Lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"There is no justification for a Jew slaying an Arab while he is in the midst of prayer, or for raising a hand against an Arab who has not raised his hand against you," he said.

Calling it a day that "changed Purim and may change Jewish reality for generations to come," he said that "what Goldstein did is a desecration of G-d's name, with untold ramifications for Israel and the world."

This view of the event is shared by the rabbinate of Israel, including the Chief Rabbi, and by most of the settlers in the territories, Rabbi Riskin said.

However, the rabbi told the hushed audience of nearly 300 people, one must understand the context of the act.

Baruch Goldstein, he said, was "not merely a fanatical Kachnik: in fact, he was called the tzaddik of Kiryat Arba. He never refused a call from either an Arab or a Jew (until last year, when he stopped treating Arabs), and he treated everyone with skill and compassion."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

In fact, Rabbi Riskin noted, in the chaos of the massacre, before it was known who the gunman was, "the call went out for Dr. Baruch Goldstein."

What happened, Rabbi Riskin believes, is that "he snapped." First, there was the killing of 33 and wounding of over 300 Israelis after the Oslo accord "and the handshake" by Arab terrorists.

Even worse, said Rabbi Riskin, was the murder of Mordechai Lapid, Goldstein's best friend, and his son Shlomo, "the most brilliant student I ever taught."

Shlomo Lapid had left his yeshivah training to go to the army, where he was headed with his father at his death.

"Baruch Goldstein was the one who declared his best friend and his best friend's son dead in his arms."

Insanity, the rabbi repeated, is no excuse for such an act, but "if we don't understand what happened, there is no chance for reaching a peace."

The Arabs have also done terrible things, the rabbi said, citing the 21 children killed at Ma'alot in 1974, the 22 worshippers killed in a synagogue in Istanbul in 1986, and the 14 people, including two young Canadian women, killed on the Tel Aviv to Jerusalem bus in 1989.

The Israeli government and rabbinate, with only a very few exceptions, expressed contrition for Goldstein's act.

Rabbi Riskin and the mayor of Efrat, in fact, went to see the muktar (village elder) of the neighboring Arab village, to express their condolences and their shame.

But when Israelis or other Jews were killed, "the Arab world only urged more killing."

"It is only when the Arab world responds with the same contrition and revulsion as we did that there is a chance for peace."

The Arabs, he said, are trying to paint all the settlers as extremists. That, the rabbi insisted, is wrong. "The majority are moderates, who serve in the army, support the state, and use arms only for self-protection."

Most of them don't, he said, share the philosophy of Kach, which he called "a lunatic fringe."

There is no place for a Judaism that is racist, that sees gentiles and Arabs as inferior beings, he affirmed.

Rabbi Riskin believes that it is possible for Jews to live in peace with Arabs, as is the case between Efrat and the neighboring Arab village. No one, he said, should be asked — or forced — to give up their home.

'Arafat is wrong partner for peace'

Arafat, he said, is the wrong partner to have chosen for peace. He is a terrorist, the rabbi said, and "when you give such a victory to a terrorist, you are giving a victory to terrorism."

Arafat supports the right of return for Arabs, which, the rabbi said, "would mean the return of millions of Arabs to Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Hebron. It would be the death knell of the Jewish state"

Most important, he said, is that "Arafat has not kept one single agreement he has made with anyone, including Arab states."

We should be proud Jews, he said, proud that in spite of the act of a madman, we have responded in a way the Arab world has never responded (to our tragedies.)

It is essential, he reiterated, that the entire settlement movement must not be discredited. Where once the moral and actual leadership of the military and the country came from the non-religious kibbutzim, he said, now it is from the hesder yeshivot, those institutions that combine Torah study with military service. The settlers in the territories, he said, are part of this trend.

In an interview with *The CJN* the next morning, Rabbi Riskin said that he and the other settlers are citizens of Israel, just as much legitimate settlers as those who first came to Tel Aviv.

It is unfair, he said, to lump the settlers into one ideological framework. "The prime minister just took a poll that said that only 35 per cent of the people of Israel are in favor of the Oslo agreement. The settlers are just as divided as the rest of the population."

The settlers will not be disarmed, as some are suggesting they should be, he said. "As citizens of Israel, who serve in the army, they have to be armed, especially when the wrath of Hamas is directed most against the settlers."

When asked what the settlers would do if the army tried to force them to disarm or to move, — neither of which, he insisted, could happen — Rabbi Riskin replied that "every Israeli has a red line — not to raise a hand against the Israel Defence Force."

Jewish groups, leaders receive .22-calibre bullets in the mail

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Metro Toronto Police are paying special attention to Jewish facilities and individuals who received live, .22-calibre bullets in the mail last week.

In a new and frightening twist to anti-Semitic mail, between nine and 12 of the bullets were sent to several Jewish communal organization, including Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith Canada (BBC).

The bullets arrived wrapped in paper, with no notes, and enclosed in envelopes addressed in child-like block letters.

In some instances, cancelled stamps were used on the envelopes. The stamps were glued on.

The matter has been passed to the Metro Police Hate Crime Unit.

The slugs contain no markings and are "virtually impossible" to trace, Det. Steve Irwin told *The CJN*. But they are being treated for fingerprints, he added.

"We're treating this as the serious crime it is. A lot of [methods] are available to us," Irwin said.

CJC has a suspect in mind, someone with a history of sending vicious anti-Semitic messages through the mails, said Bernie Farber, director of the community relations committee.

That person is being investigated along with several others, Irwin noted.

Farber said he believes the sending of the bullets has "no connection" to the recent slaying by a Jewish settler of 39 Palestinians at the Hebron mosque.

Police have stepped up their patrols of Jewish facilities, Farber added.

He said he has a few questions for Canada Post, namely, how live bullets get through the mails, and how previously-used stamps can be employed.

BB executive vice-president Frank Dimant said he thinks events in Hebron were the "catalyst" behind the incident.

"But it's really a locally motivated thing," he noted.

Both Congress and BB praised Metro Police for the way in which the case is being handled.

ROBERTO ALOMAR VISITS WITH TRANSPLANT PATIENTS
Toronto Blue Jay and Mount Sinai Hospital patient Roberto Alomar (centre) is shown with David Oshell (left) and Jordan Parham (right), two knee transplant patients. Due to a shortage of donors these Jan. 8 transplants are the first performed since July 1993. Mount Sinai Hospital's fresh bone and cartilage transplant program is in jeopardy because of a lack of donors. First pioneered here in 1972, Mount Sinai Hospital, led by Dr. Allan Gross (pictured second from left), Head of the Division of Orthopedic Surgery, has performed over 200 fresh bone transplants. The patients are young individuals, usually involved in a traumatic or sports-related injury. One donor provided the bone and cartilage needed for the two recent knee transplants.

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Maccabi World Union seeks funds for global projects

Col. Ilan Egozi (third from left) met with several Maccabi Canada officials while visiting Montreal, including (from left) Quebec chair David Vineberg, Quebec fundraising chair Stephen Favor and national fundraising chair Gordon Schwartz.

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canada and other countries affiliated with the Maccabi World Union (MWU), the governing body overseeing the Maccabiah Games, will be part of a new initiative to establish an international fundraising and programming profile.

So said Ilan Egozi, the MWU's director of fundraising, during a recent visit to Montreal.

In an interview, Egozi, a 49-year-old Israeli veteran, admitted that this new effort to galvanize more of a "global" program for MWU countries is long past due.

Despite MWU's venerable age — about 90 years old — Egozi is the governing body's first-ever fundraising professional.

Why so late coming?

Because, says Egozi, the MWU has deservedly had a reputation for not co-ordinating itself all that efficiently.

"Not all Maccabi countries," he says, "have been well-defined. There has been no real sense of the international movement because countries, understandably, have had to focus on their own needs."

Now, the MWU is starting to get its act together in terms of trying to create more mutually-supportive links among MWU member nations, and to enhance the movement's founding principles of sports and education among the world's Jewish youth.

One of the first priorities, Egozi said, will be to raise $150,000 in "emergency" funding to build 13 Maccabi centres in Russia.

This project has to get off the ground soon, Egozi says, to be eligible for promised Israeli government matching funding and because it is not known how long Russia will give the "green light" for the centres.

The MWU also wants to bring more sports and education programs to Turkey, Hungary, and France and "wherever Jewish communities exist."

The international effort will work both ways. Egozi said the MWU will help individual nations in their own fundraising efforts while Maccabi countries will give support to the MWU. The funds raised will subsidize more athletes, pay for more international competitions and for visits to Israel by Maccabi athletes for sports and education programs.

Those last two ingredients, in Egozi's mind, remain the most useful tools in bringing "youngsters and a Jewish identity together."

As it is, the MWU does not come by its funding easily. According to Egozi, there is no set budget. Funding for the Maccabiah and Maccabi activities in Israel comes from the Israel government and through a national lottery. The Jewish Agency pays for Maccabi shlichim.

But the MWU is basically on its own when it comes to getting money together for putting international programs into place.

Canada has been one of the first countries Egozi has visited since taking on the job at the conclusion of the last Maccabiah in July, and he has been impressed after meeting with Maccabi Canada officials in Montreal.

Maccabi Canada, he said, seems to have a solid infrastructure in place and has been at the forefront in supporting its Jewish athletes. "It thinks at a higher level."

Egozi also plans to visit other Maccabi nations to learn about their operations, to galvanize the international fundraising and programming efforts, and also to get his own feet wet. He got what he considers good training for his current job as a shaliach for the Jewish National Fund in London, England. "But for me, Maccabi is very new."

Another major part of Egozi's work will be to raise the public relations profile of the Maccabi movement.

This aspect of the MWU is vital to the success of its new initiative but has historically been neglected, Egozi says, due to other priorities and a lack of resources and co-ordination.

Next month, MWU officials will be taking part in a conference at Haifa University to help develop new MWU educational programs.

Another step, hopes Egozi, towards bringing the movement's ideals closer to Jewish youth around the world.

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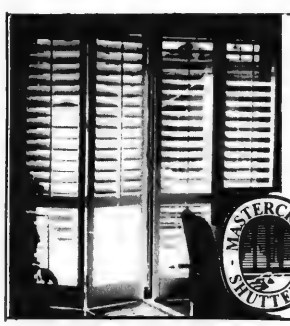
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Israeli Olympic skater finishes 16th

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The audience in Norway liked it; the announcers doing the color commentary on TV were tickled pink by it; friends and colleagues back in Israel and in Canada admired it too. Unfortunately, the judges at rinkside who evaluated it were not that impressed.

Putting aside any admiration they might have felt for the plucky figure skater representing Israel, they awarded Misha Shmerkin mediocre marks in the high "4s" (out of a perfect mark of 6.0) for both technical merit and artistic impression in the men's figure skating competition at the recently concluded Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

The scores were good for a 16th place finish.

Shmerkin was a little disappointed by the marks and his final placing, said Yossi Goldberg, head of the Israeli Figure Skating Association (IFSA). Speaking in a telephone interview from Metulla, where he also serves as mayor, Goldberg said Shmerkin had hoped to finish somewhere around 10th.

Although he did not meet that goal, the 24-year-old skater did serve notice to a world audience that winter sports and Israel, though hardly synonymous, are not beyond the realm of the possible.

Shmerkin, meanwhile, is continuing to train in Russia in the hopes of recording an even better showing at the upcoming World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

In Norway, Shmerkin found himself in 15th place following the compulsory skate, just ahead of Canadian champion Kurt Browning. His free skate program was long on artistic interpretation but short on the spectacular jumps and fast footwork expected of top skaters.

Towards the start of his program, Shmerkin landed a triple axel — barely — and he later hung on to avoid hitting the ice on a triple toe loop jump. He startled the color commentators on CBS with a second triple axel that was not originally part of the program (a hand on the ice prevented him from crashing on landing) and he also managed to complete another triple toe loop without any major disaster.

Israeli skater Misha Shmerkin shows the form of an elite Olympic athlete.

When it was all over the audience gave the Odessa-born skater a warm ovation. As the cameras panned to capture IFSA chief Goldberg clapping enthusiastically, one commentator quipped that the Israeli skating hierarchy has no problems holding meetings. "He and Misha have lunch."

Shmerkin's participation at the winter games was a first for Israel. Though the Jewish state has participated in many Summer Olympics, his participation marked the first time Israel sent a "team" to the winter event. Naturally, Shmerkin carried Israel's flag at the opening ceremonies and a closeup of him after his free skate showed a gold Magen David dangling around his neck.

Israelis who tuned in to the Eurosport TV network were able to follow Shmerkin's skating live, while the Israeli print media carried stories about him on a daily basis, Goldberg said.

While the idea of an Israeli in the winter games is currently something of a novelty, the Jewish state may be represented by other elite athletes in future winter games, Goldberg suggested.

There were other Jewish sportsmen at the Olympics, he said, but when pressed, he declined to say who they were or what country or countries they represented. He would only say that one athlete is planning to make aliyah to Israel this summer. If that person requests it, he will get a job at Canada Centre, he added.

Canada Centre is the skating and recreational complex in Metulla that was built with funds allocated by the United Israel Appeal of Canada. Goldberg said he expects construction of a new Olympic-size skating and hockey rink will be completed there sometime in 1994.

From left, George Weber, secretary general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Brian Morris and Paul Marcus of B'nai Brith Canada discuss Israel's Magen David Adom at a recent meeting in Geneva.

UN rights body recognizes reality of anti-Semitism

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two senior officials of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) noted small but significant changes when they attended proceedings last month of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

A resolution on combatting racism, for example, mentioned in its preamble "racism, racial discrimination, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and related intolerance."

Despite the fact that the inclusion of anti-Semitism in the list provoked a lengthy, heated debate, "the fact that it got this far is important," Paul Marcus, director of BBC's Institute for International Affairs, told *The CJN* in a recent interview. "The fact that the whole UN has been seized with the issue is important."

Marcus, who attended the meetings with Brian Morris, BBC vice-president and institute chair, also noted the significance of Turkey, a Muslim country, having introduced the resolution as lead sponsor.

"The experience of this century and particularly the Holocaust makes it imperative [to include anti-Semitism]," said Marcus. "Anti-Semitism is not easily captured by the term 'racism.' Because of the religious connotations, anti-Semitism is a unique phenomenon. Anti-Semitism is the most ancient hatred and the UN [was] silent on it. It's a very important word."

"You have to go very slowly," noted Morris. "It's year by year. It's very much creeping diplomacy."

B'nai Brith also had concerns about the wording used in resolutions regarding Israel. Marcus noted "a significant alteration of the language" in reference to the Jewish state.

He pointed out that a reference to "concentration camps" for Palestinians in a 1993 resolution was changed to "detention camps." He also noted that many resolutions contained positive references to the peace process.

"Israel is moving to be more of a full participant [in the UN], rather than a bystander," Marcus said.

Of the countries represented at the commission, the United States is the most vocal supporter of Israel, he noted.

"We would like to see Canada be more vocal. We believe that they play an important role behind the scenes and have a lot of credibility."

He noted that Canada was supportive on the issue of anti-Semitism, but added that it is "troubling that [Canada] voted in favor of [the resolution against] Israeli settlements [in the territories]." Canada abstained on the issue of self-determination for Palestinians.

"I think it's very important now that the Jewish community send information on anti-Semitism to the [UN's] special rapporteur on racism and related issues," said Marcus, noting that the rapporteur position was created only last year in what he termed "a very significant step."

In addition to attending the UN sessions as representatives of the Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organisations (made up of B'nai Brith International, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies), Marcus and Morris met with officials of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, as well as with the Israeli and Canadian ambassadors and with members of Geneva's 2,000 family Jewish community (there are 5,000 Jewish families in all of Switzerland).

Issues discussed with Red Cross officials included Israel's version of the organization — Magen David Adom, which is not recognized by the international movement — Israeli servicemen listed as Missing in Action and documents held by the Red Cross containing the names of many Jews killed at Auschwitz.

But most of the BBC officials' time was spent discussing Magen David Adom. The Red Cross agreed to study the issue of recognizing the Magen David Adom, which uses the Star of David in its emblem, said Marcus.

Currently, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement accepts only the cross and crescent as its official emblems. Because both symbols have religious implications, B'nai Brith rejected a Red Cross suggestion that a third, neutral symbol be introduced for those countries not wishing to use either of the two existing symbols.

"If there was one neutral symbol for everybody, that would be acceptable," Marcus said.

"By accepting the Red Crescent, the universality they were striving for [was lost]," Morris said. "They are being hypocritical and I would say anti-Semitic." A symbol has to be accepted by a majority of countries in a vote, Morris said.

Marcus acknowledged that the Red Cross has "some valid concerns. When you add emblems, there's a risk there won't be that recognition factor, but it's clear there's already a multiplicity of emblems, and they're acting to exclude a group."

Marcus and Morris found that local B'nai Brith members share such concerns as assimilation and right-wing extremism with their overseas counterparts.

The Swiss parliament recently passed a law forbidding public manifestations of hate, said Marcus, but the law will be put to a referendum because thousands of signatures were collected in opposition to it. Local B'nai Brith chapters are encouraging people to vote against the referendum, Marcus reports.

The local rate of intermarriage is over 85 per cent, Morris was told. "I was shocked at the rate of assimilation."

It was the local community's own prediction, Morris said, that by the year 2020 there would no longer be a Jewish community in Geneva. He noted that the Israeli ambassador there disagrees, because community members are strong supporters of Israel. The city has three synagogues and a kosher bakery/supermarket.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

ALTER — LACHAVICH — CREEK — GAD

Helen Lockwood of Toronto has presented me with a wholesale order to research four names: Gad, Alter, Lachavich and Creek.

Alter, more commonly a given name than a surname, literally means "the old one." It was bestowed on a seriously ill child to deceive the Angel of Death if the name of the sick child was on his list.

Lachavich has two possible sources, from the village Lyachewick in White Russia or Lyakovitse in the Ukraine.

Creek was probably Krik, which, in turn, emanates from either Krug (a jug) or Krieg (a quarrel).

Gad derives from Hadas or Hadassah, the Hebrew word for myrtle. It has yielded many surnames. The most familiar is probably Adaskin. My friend David Ades owes his name to the same source.

Other variations are: Hodel, Godel and Udel; Hodes, Godes and Godin; Adesman and Gudesman; Adinov, Adkin.

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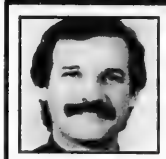

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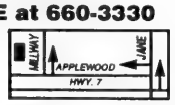

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Nathan Sharony

Nathan Sharony, 59, has some big shoes to fill. On Jan. 18, Sharony succeeded Meir Rosenne, whose five-year term was generally regarded as highly successful, as president and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds. However, Sharony has equally impressive credentials.

Born in Petach Tikvah, Sharony joined the Israel Defence Force in 1952 and rose to the rank of major-general. He was commander of the military corps and chief of staff of the southern command. He is a veteran of the 1956 Sinai campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, the 1969 War of Attrition and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

After retiring from the IDF, Sharony entered the private sector as a vice-president of logistics for Tadiran Electronics Industry Ltd., one of Israel's leading electronics firms. Subsequently, he became president and CEO of Electro Optical Industries Ltd.

In 1992, Sharony was named director-general of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. Although he moved to New York with his wife Zelda to head up Bonds, his permanent home is in Savyon. The Sharonys have three daughters, one of whom has just joined the army.

Less than a month after assuming his post, Sharony sat down with The CJN's *David Lazarus in Montreal to discuss the future of Israel Bonds under his leadership.*

CJN: *You spoke today to a group of rabbis about the future of Bonds. What was your message to them?*

Sharony: The message was composed of a few components. The first one is due to some articles in the press and some quotations that came out of Jerusalem as to Israel not needing the money being raised in the Diaspora ...

I wanted them to realize the fallacy in trying to take it [that] way because the vehicle that is called Israel Bonds is of the highest importance to the government of Israel — especially at a time of [Israeli] economic growth, when reserves of hard currency are at the largest amount ever, [when] exports are growing tremendously, [when] the GDP [Gross Domestic Product] per capita is growing, [when] jobs are being created. In spite of all that, the need [for Bonds] exists, and for a very simple reason: it is especially [needed] at a time of growth, when the resources needed to support growth are higher.

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All that calls for money. Israel puts $3 billion a year into infrastructure, which is way beyond what it used to put previously, and it has to double it in order to really meet the rate of growth and the absorption of newcomers.

CJN: *You're filling some big shoes as successor to Meir Rosenne. What personal stamp do you see yourself putting on Bonds under your leadership?*

Sharony: I'm not trying to go into anybody's shoes. I'm coming from not only the military community, but from the industrial and private business sector.

I spent close to nine years in the industrial private sector as a vice-president of a big corporation and as a president of a smaller corporation, so I'm talking with the insight of what takes place in Israel in the high tech and non-high tech industrial community.

I spent some years being the economic minister for the State of Israel [Investment Authority] to North America in New York, which gave me some understanding of interfacing with the business community in North America.

I also came recently from being the director-general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which gave me a real insight into the business sector, trade and industry in Israel.

CJN: *How concretely will you be using those linkages in your capacity as Bonds' world leader?*

Sharony: I see it very simply. First, I'm delivering a message which includes economic growth and an understanding of the economy of the State of Israel, which I think is very important because Bonds is an investment in Israel.

Secondly, I'll call upon my [former business] colleagues [to network] with the business community in Israel. I think this is another avenue, another added value to the Bonds organization, to network beautifully into the communities — Jewish and non-Jewish — in the United States and Canada.

The third thing, which I think is to an extent a deviation from previous trends, is to introduce Bonds as an instrument for creating a bond between more Jewish people and the State of Israel.

CJN: *You feel there has been a decline in the number of Jews "bonding" with Bonds?*

Sharony: Yes, [and I feel it is attributable to the] perception of Bonds' role as an organization.

At some time, the organization probably felt the need to go to the financial institutions on account of the Jewish community and raise the higher sums of money, which is easier to raise [there].

[But] I think that our role in the life of the Jewish people — and that's why in some cases the government of Israel is willing to pay a higher premium — is to get close to *as many Jews as we can*. To [meet] the needs of the hundreds of thousands of people instead of the tens of thousands.

CJN: *What personal qualities or skills do you bring to your job?*

Sharony: I've been working with people since I was 18. I haven't worked with slogans or with small, tiny groups. I've worked with people and I've worked with a lot of people. So this is something I bring as an asset.

Another one is managing. I think this organization has to have management to really cope with its mission. Third, [I bring] an insight into the economy of the state of Israel — first-hand insight — which I think is also an asset.

CJN: *During Mr. Rosenne's tenure, 15 Bonds offices were shut down as part of a process of streamlining. Will this continue?*

Sharony: No. [Instead, we'll be] optimizing resources and maybe even opening a new office or two. If I want to reach more Jews I have to be present at more places.

CJN: *Are you suggesting it may not have been in Bonds' interest to close the offices?*

Sharony: Everything has to be judged on the merits of when it happened. You're asking me at the time, was it the right thing to do? I don't know. I wasn't there.

My intentions today are to reach as many more Jews as I can. If this calls for optimization of existing resources on account of A, B and C within the organization, to be present at more places, I'll do it. If it calls for opening or reopening offices, I can tell you that in 1994 I will open one office.

The message has to get out: We want to reach more Jews. It's not only a slogan. It has to be presented on the ground. People have to see that something is being done, even as a token indication.

CJN: *Have you yet set up a specific agenda for Bonds as you begin to direct its course?*

Sharony: No. I've established only goals and targets that I want to be achieved. To set an agenda I have to be more familiar, more acquainted, have more insight into the organization. One thing I do know: I will meet the goal we have set of selling to investors in Israel.

The other thing is the number of Jews we want to reach. We want 25 per cent more purchasers than last year. I'm talking about $1 billion, but with 25 per cent more purchasers.

CJN: *Bonds raised slightly less in 1993 than in 1992. Was this the result of a specific strategy by the government of Israel to put a cap on the amount sold?*

Sharony: No, that wasn't the reason. There were quite a few reasons. The 7½ per cent variable rate instrument disappeared. The other reasons are not known to me. I didn't analyze it.

What I have seen is that we went down in the United States in transactions. We went down in transactions, which means we went down in purchases. I want to [develop] a higher number of purchasers. It's important. If we can provide another kind of glue that binds Jewish people together with the state of Israel, I will do that. I see that as a major role of the organization.

CJN: *You speak of the $1-billion goal for 1994. But by increasing the number of purchasers by 25 per cent, would that not mean having less from the "big givers"?*

Sharony: Arithmetically, you are right.

CJN: *Why not continue the amount of big givers, plus increase the number of purchasers?*

Sharony: I would like to, but I want you to realize I have a given amount of effort, of energy, to radiate to that many people and that many offices and that much of a budget.

Assuming you can always stretch a little more, if you want to increase the number of purchasers by 25 per cent, then it's going to be on account of something. It couldn't be out of the blue sky.

We will be in the range of what we raised last year. But I want to have 25 per cent more purchasers, which means the "big buyers" will stay.

No matter how many more we're going to get, we'll still have to be dependent on the big sales. How to optimize our stretch, the additional stretch of doing more — this is the target of the organization in 1994.

CJN: *How big a problem is the plan by some American Orthodox rabbis to boycott Israel Bonds?*

Sharony: I don't think it is a big problem.

I'll tell you what bothers me. In Israel we are trying to reach peace. Even the opposition — that talks the way it talks [against the peace plan] — would like to get peace. [It may be] on their terms, but peace is not an issue that you argue about.

The total responsibility [of this issue] lies on the shoulders of the government of Israel. [You can't] sit anywhere else in the Diaspora and boycott the efforts of the government of Israel. There have been congregations that had in a difference of opinion with previous governments, but they didn't boycott them. I think we have to support one another. Boycotting is the wrong way.

CJN: *But if one way you hope to reach more Jews is through the synagogues, a boycott by some rabbis will make your job all the tougher.*

Sharony: Yes, of course.

CJN: *Was this issue one of the reasons you met here in Montreal with local rabbis?*

Sharony: No. I wanted to start a Pesach campaign. I don't want to wait for the High Holy Days, but to start a campaign now. If we want to reach more Jews, if we want to talk to more people, we want to start it now. It's an on-going campaign. If you want to reach more people, and the resources you have are limited, then time is of the essence.

The other reason for the meeting was wanting to answer some questions being raised.

For example, there are some people who say they don't want to give money to any organization that provides money to the Palestinians. But Israel gave a token sum of $25 million, out of $2 billion committed. We didn't give it yet. We committed ourselves to give, like any other country.

At the same time it is only a token amount that provides an entry ticket into the braintrust that deals internationally — together with the World Bank — with the regional projects. If you take it from this perspective, you understand exactly what has been done. If you want to use it as a flag irrespective of anything else, there's no way I can convince you. You'll do whatever you want to do. I'm trying to give you the picture in numbers, intentions, why it has been done, and what the benefit of doing so is.

CJN: *How do Bonds rates compare with others right now?*

Sharony: Notes are being sold at 5¼ per cent, unless it's a $5-million note, which takes 5½ per cent floating. The Economic Development Issue sells for six per cent, flat.

CJN: *Locally, at least, federation and Bonds have been rivals in their campaigns. Do you see the Pesach campaign as increasing that rivalry?*

Sharony: I'm not going to fight with the federations. That's not my intention. My intention is to start a Pesach campaign in the synagogues and to reach as many Jews as I can in Canada and the United States.

CJN: *At $100 million, Canada comprised about 10 per cent of Bonds sales last year. Do you see Canada with a special role to play?*

Sharony: Yes, because it set an example last year of having more purchasers and more items. It has gone up in numbers and in numbers of purchasers. This is very important because it shows that the potential [for increasing purchases on a world-wide scale] does exist.

Palestinians, Jews rally to support peace process

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — In a show of solidarity, throngs of Jews and Palestinians from Israel and the territories rallied last Saturday night in a show of support for the peace process and to denounce the murders of 30 Palestinian worshipers in Hebron.

Sponsored by Peace Now, the rally attracted an estimated 10,000 Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze, many of whom had traveled by the busload to attend the demonstration.

Placards proclaiming "Dismantle the Settlements" and "There is a Mandate for Peace" were held aloft during the demonstration.

Following a moment of silence in memory of the murdered Palestinians, peace activists such as Dr. Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli Arab confidant of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, and Chanah Meron, an Israeli entertainer who lost her leg in a terrorist attack, spoke in favor of the peace accord and called for an end to violence by both Jews and Palestinians.

Across the street, several hundred right-wing demonstrators burned a Palestinian flag and brandished placards depicting Arafat leading Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by the nose.

A large police contingent equipped with riot gear formed a human barrier between the two groups of demonstrators, preventing clashes.

For the most part, a feeling of good will prevailed at the rally. Palestinians and Jews mingled before and after the speeches, and it was clear that many had come to the rally together.

"We're here to support the government," said Baruch Shifman, who attended the demonstration with his wife and 13-year-old daughter. "The country is undergoing a difficult period, and we have to show our support and solidarity."

Like many demonstrators, Shifman's wife, Judy, called on the government to remove all Jewish settlers from Hebron, where on Feb. 25 Dr. Baruch Goldstein, an American-born resident of Kiryat Arba, gunned down 30 Palestinians praying at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a place holy to Jews, Muslims and Christians.

"It's about time we stopped fascist activities by right-wing settlers in the territories, especially in Hebron," Judy Shifman said. "The government must stop them from bullying Arabs in their homes."

Asked whether she is in favor of removing all Jewish settlements in the territories, Shifman shrugged her shoulders and said: "I'm not certain. I think that most settlers should leave, but we must let the peace process decide this question."

"After what happened in Hebron, I felt I had to do something to show the government how upset I am," said Gagu Eshet, an 18-year-old soldier from Tel Aviv.

Attending the rally with her friends, Eshet, wearing jeans and a Peace Now T-shirt, said: "We want to change the situation in the territories. People need to know that not all Israelis behave like that psychopath in Hebron."

Of her army service, she said, "When I served in Jerusalem, I felt very uncomfortable, as if I was some kind of conqueror. I've always wanted peace, but the feeling has become even stronger since I became a soldier.

"We will have peace," she added. "I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe that."

Hanna Khoury, a Christian Arab from Jerusalem, said he was "very happy to see so many people working toward peace."

Holding a sign declaring "Peace Is the Way" in Hebrew, English and Arabic, he said, "Peace is going to happen, despite what happened in Hebron. Revenge, by Arabs or Jews, won't solve anything."

According to Khoury, "The majority of the Palestinians support the peace accord. It's a small majority, maybe 55 percent, but I'm convinced that most Palestinians desire peace."

While he conceded that the Hebron incident has hurt the peace talks, he said, "If the Israeli army begins to withdraw from the territories, I think the momentum will increase."

Ali Mosbah, a Muslim from Hebron, agreed that the Palestinian people back the peace plan, despite the murders at his local mosque.

"The people of Hebron aren't opposed to the peace process, although they are overwhelmed by grief," he said.

"There is no word to describe the despair we are feeling right now. Still, we want peace instead of terror. We want to be able to live in our homes and sleep soundly at night, knowing that no one will attack us," he said. "Parents make their children stay indoors after dark, fearing that settlers will attack them."

Pausing to gaze at the rally, Mosbah said, "There are too many Baruch Goldsteins, but not all Jews are the same. This rally is proof of that. I have Jewish friends. I'm not saying I can't live with Jews — just not religious ones."

Referring to the army's closure of the territories since the murders, which prohibits Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Israel proper, Mosbah said, "I'm a student in Jerusalem and therefore have a Jerusalem identity card. Without that card, I could not be at this rally. Believe me, thousands more Palestinians would have attended this rally if they could have."

Hamzeh, a 23-year-old Muslim from eastern Jerusalem, admitted that "there are many people who would like to see the peace process die. I believe this is our only chance for peace, and we can't afford to lose it. I honestly think we won't get another opportunity."

Israel releases Arab prisoners

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Amid continuing hopes that the move will ease tensions following the killings of 30 Palestinians at a mosque in Hebron, Israel last week released a second group of Palestinians held in Israeli jails.

The prisoner release — last week's second and the fourth since Israel and the PLO signed the self-rule accord last September — involved some 400 prisoners, bringing the total of those freed last week to nearly 1,000.

The earlier prisoner release was not applauded by PLO leaders, who said the move offered too little and too late after the killings in Hebron.

But Israel Defence Force and police officials were nonetheless hoping that the second prisoner release would contribute to a calmer atmosphere in the territories, which have witnessed violent confrontations between Palestinians and the IDF for most of last week.

The second release of prisoners coincided with the publishing of a report by the leading Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem, that harshly criticized the IDF's handling of the past week's unrest in the territories.

B'Tselem called on the army to stop pouring reinforcements into the territories at a time when emotions already were at fever pitch.

The group also called on the IDF to lift its curfews and closures of the West Bank and Gaza, steps it said could only further heighten tensions.

A spokesman said the group had studied 12 cases in which Palestinians had been killed by Israeli troops, and the group found that in not one of the cases had the lives of Israeli soldiers been threatened.

Israeli troops have longstanding orders not to shoot unless their lives are in danger.

B'Tselem further urged the IDF not to send poorly trained troops into the territories, particularly those who were not fully aware of crowd-dispersal methods that do not involve lethal force.

Last Thursday, the official commission established earlier in the week to investigate the killings in Hebron invited Israelis and Palestinians to provide any information that might prove useful for the inquiry.

The commission published advertisements in the Palestinian daily newspaper *Al-Nahar* and in Israeli newspapers saying: "Anyone who wishes to give evidence, or submit a document or exhibit to the committee should apply in writing, giving an outline of the evidence he wishes to give, or of the text of the document, or a description of the exhibit."

The committee gave a March 23 deadline for those wanting to respond.

Israel previously set up a commission of inquiry following the 1982 massacre of hundreds of Lebanese in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps outside of Beirut by Lebanese militias allied with Israel.

A similar commission was established to investigate the killing of 18 Palestinians by Israeli police at Jerusalem's Al-Aksa mosque in 1990.

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VIENNA PREMIERE

Director Steven Spielberg chats with Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal prior to last month's premiere in Vienna of Schindler's List. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Jordanian officials cool to Schindler's List

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Jordan may not allow cinemas to screen the film *Schindler's List* because of the tense atmosphere following the Hebron massacre, officials in Amman said last week.

The film premiered here last Thursday evening. The gala premiere, at Tel Aviv's Shahaf Cinema, was held under the auspices of Yad Vashem and the Hebrew University, whose Holocaust research will benefit from the proceeds.

President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak all attended, as did the film's director, Steven Spielberg.

"But if it is totally designed to show sympathy to the Jews, we will not allow it in because of the current situation after the Hebron massacre," he added. "How can we expect our people to show sympathy to the Jews if the Jews are not showing any sympathy to the Arabs?"

About two dozen Israeli Holocaust survivors sat in a Tel Aviv cinema last Tuesday to watch a special, emotionally-charged screening of *Schindler's List*.

"The movie is done well and is authentic, but for one like me who lived through it, it is nothing like what really occurred," said Hana Rojansky.

"The move is too rosy in comparison to what actually happened," she added. "Apparently [Spielberg] didn't want to horrify too much."

"As a movie it is genius, but as history..." survivor Yosef Bau said, shaking his head.

Bau's marriage to his wife Rivka is depicted in the movie and they both appear on the film's list of Jews moved to Schindler's special camp for factory workers outside Auschwitz. In reality, Rivka never worked for Schindler.

Bau laughs off the couple's marriage scene in the film as overplayed, portraying a group standing around the couple, who are being blessed under the chuppah. The real wedding had no trappings or guests, he said.

The Hebrew University senate, meanwhile, has decided to confer an honorary doctoral degree on Spielberg.

Screening committee

Jordan has allowed the showing of other anti-Nazi films and has not banned any of Spielberg's previous movies.

"Until now, we have not received any request from any movie house to stage [*Schindler's List*] here," a member of the committee that authorizes the screening of new films in Jordan told the Reuters news agency.

Brussels police block rioters from synagogue

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BRUSSELS — A pro-Palestinian rally organized by North-African immigrants in the center of Brussels last week turned into a serious riot, with a synagogue among the rioters' targets.

Also targeted by the rioters, who destroyed property and clashed with police on Sunday evening, was the hotel where Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal was guest of honor at a reception for the premiere here of *Schindler's List*.

The rally, which had not been permitted by the city's authorities, was organized by two local groups, the Anti-Imperialist League and the General Union of Students of Palestine. It was staged to protest the Feb. 25 massacre of 39 Muslims at a Hebron mosque by Dr. Baruch Goldstein.

At least 250 people took part in the rally, which turned sour after a few dozen masked youths mingled with the crowd.

Police forces in riot gear rushed to the area to try to restore order when serious disturbances broke out. The demonstrators hurled stones and bottles at police, damaged dozens of cars, including police vehicles, and smashed shop windows in Brussels' main shopping area.

"They were some 100 to 150 very young rioters who used this occasion to cause trouble," Brussels Police Commissioner Pierre Van Doorselaer said later.

Some of the rioters tried to march to a synagogue but were stopped by police. Others targeted the Metropole Hotel, on Brussels' main boulevard, where Wiesenthal was attending the reception for *Schindler's List*.

Wiesenthal and the other guests at the reception had to be protected by police when the protestors crossed the boulevard toward the hotel.

Seven rioters were arrested, police officials said, adding that no one was injured during the clashes.

Later that night, police set up heightened security around Jewish schools, synagogues and Israeli diplomatic buildings in the Belgian capital.

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פֿיל ליינער, וועלכע שטאַמען פֿון קליינע אָדער גרעסערע שטעט אין פּוילן, וועלן זיכער געדענקען די שיינע טראַדיציע פֿון „אויסלאָזן שמאלץ אויף פּסח". אין וויסן, אַז היינטיקע ציימען איז דער דאָזיקער פּראָדוקט מעדיצינישע „טריפֿה". מען וועט אויך אונדזאי אָנקומען ווי אַ משוגענעם, אויב איך וועט וועלן דאָס קויפֿן.

אין אונדזער שטעטל **סטאָפּניץ** איז דאָס געווען אַ שיינע טראַדיציע, וואָס איז איבערגענאַנגען פֿון דור צו דור. דער סוף איז געקומען, ווען דער נאַציזם שפּיטל האָט עס צעטראָפֿן צוזאַמען מיט אַ סך אַנדערע שיינע טראַדיציעס אין די יידישע קהילות פֿון פּוילן.

אין **סטאָפּניץ**, ווי אין אַנדערע יידישע ישובים, איז שמאלץ געווען אַן איסטערליכער טייל פֿון פּסח. איך געדענקס דאָך אונדזאי ווי דאָס איז געווצט געווארן: די קאָסטלעפֿן האָט מען געפֿולט מיט שמאלץ; די ציבעלעס — איז שמאלץ; די אייער — אין שמאלץ. און ווער קען פֿאַרגעסן דעם טעם פֿון אַ שטיקל מצה מיט שמאלץ. די מצות איז דער אלטער זיידע זיינען געווען פֿיל דיקער ווי די היינטצייטיקע. זיי האָבן אויך געהאַט „בערגלעך און טאָלן". האָט מען דאָס „אויסגעגליטשט" מיטן שמאלץ. און אז מען האָט געגעבן אַ ביס אין אַזאַ שטיקל מצה, האָט מען טאַקע גרויס הנאה געהאַט.

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עס האָט זיך געווייזלעך אַנגעהויבן נאָך סוכות. די יידישע באַלעבאַסטעס זיינען אַרויס אויפֿן מאַרק אין יאַריד-טאָג, צו זען וואָס זיי קענען איינהאַנדלען. די פּויערים פֿון די אַרומיקע דערפֿער האָבן שוין געוואוסט, אַז אין דער צייט פֿון אָר קויפֿן יידן געדרז צום אויספֿאָרן. זיינען זייערע וועגענער געווען פֿול מיט עופֿות. די יידענעס זיינען אַרויס באָר פֿרי, כדי צו האָבן דעם בעסטן אויסקלויב. מען האָט באַקוקט די גאַנדז, זי געהויבן אין דער לופֿט אַפֿ-צושאַצן וויפֿל זי וועגט, זי באַסאַפֿט אין אַלע וויי-קעלכן, אַריינגעשטעקט דעם פּינגער וואו מען דאַרף אין... מען האָט געמוען זיך דינגען וועגן אַ פּרייז. נישט געווען אַזאַ זאָך, מען זאָל באַלד באַצאָלן, וויסל דער פּויער האָט געוואָלט. די אַרימערע האָבן געקויפֿט אין גאַנדז אַדער צוויי. די מער מאַרמעלעכע — פּינקי אַדער זשקס.

מען האָט מאָר די גענדז געפּונען פֿאַסיקע פֿלע-צער: אַ קאָמער, אַ קעלער, אַ בוידעם, אַדער גלאָז אַזוי אין אַן אָרומגעצימטן הויף. מען האָט די גענדז געפֿאַשעט מיט ווייץ אין פֿון ציים צו ציים אַריינגעשטופּט אין זייערע מיילער פֿלעשער אָנגע-פֿילט מיט ספּעציעלע קליסקעס. אַזוי זיינען די גענדז געווארן פּעטער פֿון טאָג צו טאָג.

דער פּריילעכער יום-טוב חנוכה איז טראַדיציע-נעל געווען דער זמן פֿון אויסלאָזן דאָס שמאלץ. די מאַמע ע"ה האָט אַזוי־ווי־אַזוי דאָס שמאלץ, די שפּעטער צו אַ פּרוי, וועלכע האָט אַפֿגעפֿליקט די מערערן אין דעם פּוך באַזונדער. די פּרוי האָט דאָס נאָכהער פֿאַרקויפֿט צו רייכע פּוריען, וועלכע האָבן אַזוי־ווי־אַזוי אַ ריכטיקע „אויסשטייער" פֿאַר זייערע טעכטער. וויפֿל די מאַמע האָט אַהיימגעבראַכט, די גענדז אין זיי אויסגעליגט אויפֿן טיש אויף אויסגעשפּרייטע „כשר"-געוואַשענע האַנטכיכער, איז געווען אַן אימה אויף זיי צו קוקן. מיט די איבערגעשטיסענע גאַרגלען, אַפֿגעפֿליקטע גופים אין צעשפּרייטע גלעק „פֿאַרשוועסטע" האָבן זיי אויסגעזען ווי... ווי... ווי געקרילעטע גענדז.

אין אָוונט זיינען צו אונדז געקומען פֿרייַנד און משפּחה אין מען האָט זיך געגעמען צום אויסלאָזן דאָס שמאלץ. די הויט איז צעשניטן געווארן אויף קליינע שטיקלעך און יעדעס שטיקל פֿעטס איז אַראָפֿגענומען געווארן פֿון דער גאַנדז. מען האָט דאָס אַלץ אַריינגעווארפֿן אין ספּעציעל גע'כשרט'ע אייזערנע טעפּ און מען האָט תיקף דערהערט דאָס צישען פֿון פֿעטס. דאָס שמאלץ איז אָפּגערונען און זיינען געבליבן די גריבן. מען האָט געכאַפּט די הייסע גריבן און נישט אויסמאָל זיך אָפּגעבריט די פּינגער און די צונג. (אגב, איז דער רעשט פֿליש און ביינער געווארן אויף קאַכן אַ גוטן יוך, אַדער אויף מאַכן „קלאָפּסן".) מען האָט באַלד געוצט דאָס פּרישע שמאלץ צו מאַכן חנוכה-לאָטקעס סאָר אַלעמען, מען האָט געשפּאָלט אין קאָרטן, געטיילט חנוכה-געלט צו די קינדער און ס'איז געווארן פֿרילער איז שטוב.

דאָס אַלץ איז געווען אמאָל. סאָרשוואונדן איז דאָס יידישע שטעטל, די יידישע איינוואוינערס, דאָס יידישע פּוילן, און פֿאַרשוואונדן זיינען די שיינע טראַדיציעס, ווי דאָס „אויסלאָזן שמאלץ אויף פּסח".

Sharansky criticizes absorption efforts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Former refusenik Natan Sharansky firmly believes that the aliyah of a half-million immigrants from the former Soviet Union since 1989 constituted an unprecedented historic challenge — one the Israeli government failed to meet.

Charging that Israel allowed the unique opportunities presented by the mass migration of Soviet Jewry to slip away, Sharansky stated that another million Jews in the former Soviet Union might make aliyah if they got the encouragement they need.

But the Israeli government has not understood the significance of events, he said, and has instead adopted a "business as usual" approach rather than offering a comprehensive vision for the absorption of the olim.

Sharansky made the comments during an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the Zionist Forum, an advocacy organization he heads for immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

He cited the current political and economic instability in the former Soviet Union as presenting Israel with a "window of opportunity" of historic proportions for absorbing more Russian immigrants.

But the instability is not in itself sufficient cause to lead to more waves of immigration from the former Soviet Union, he said.

"After all," Sharansky noted wryly, Jews "know how to survive. Even if today is worse than yesterday, (they) can imagine it could be worse tomorrow.

"While at the same (time) that we keep having the desire and the dream of 'next year in Jerusalem,' we feel that life is full if it is a life among other people in the Diaspora. We feel very comfortable (there)," he said.

Thus, in spite of all the instability, the Jews of the former Soviet Union need some kind of incentive to come to Israel, Sharansky said.

Because of the reports prospective emigrants get from their families or friends already in Israel, "each day they're comparing why they should leave and why they should stay," he said.

"That's why, in this unstable situation, when the arguments for and against (emigrating) have almost the same weight, one little argument from here (Israel), one more encouragement from here, can change everything," said Sharansky.

He noted that potential immigrants' biggest fears and uncertainties, based on the information they get, are whether they will be able to work in their professions and whether their children will integrate happily into the Israeli school system.

For Sharansky, the core problem is the Israeli government's concept of absorption, although he does not blame Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban.

The activist said Tsaban has little power to fight Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who have maintained that successful absorption of the olim will occur as a natural byproduct of a healthy Israeli economy.

"That's what's good for a normal country," and would be appropriate for the absorption of 30,000 to 40,000 immigrants annually in Israel, according to Sharansky.

But "it's not good for a unique historical situation when (there was a) 10 percent increase in population in the space of three years," he said. "And it's not good for a Zionist state which has the aim of encouraging people to come as quickly as possible."

And it certainly will not succeed in drawing a significant percentage of the Jewish population of the former Soviet Union to Israel, he maintained, noting that the Israeli government has to develop a plan to encourage more people to come.

The plan, he said, should focus on their specific concerns about jobs and schools and should recognize the unprecedented nature of this aliyah.

"After all, why are they making aliyah? Because of their children.

"But our leadership is not even thinking in these terms," he said. Instead, "the government (absolved) itself (of) the responsibility to think about how to solve the problem (in the belief) that it would take care of itself.

" 'We will give them some money and they will take care of themselves,' " is how he described the official attitude of the Israeli government to the situation.

Sharansky said he was told by top officials as early as 1988 not to be concerned because the immigrants would be absorbed the way they were absorbed in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

But the old models do not apply, he said.

At the heart of the matter, he stated, is the challenge to the "orthodox, fundamental concept of the Jewish state" that this aliyah poses.

"After all," he said, "the idea with which the Jewish state was (founded) is that it was like a melting pot where a new type of Jew is born" after shedding his characteristics and identity from the Diaspora.

It meant that those who came here had to become Israelis as quickly as possible.

While this may have been appropriate at the beginning of statehood, said Sharansky, it no longer applies.

"Thank G-d, we already exist and we are a nation which justifies its existence correctly as a continuation of the Jewish people," he said.

He noted that there is no longer "an absorption of Diaspora Jews by Israel, but a kind of synthesis, a mutual change of all of the Jewish world."

There is no doubt that the Jews from the former Soviet Union have to change, and they are changing, said Sharansky.

But, he said, Israeli society, whether it wants to or not, is also changing, and officials are resisting that change.

"That's why (officials) say, 'In the '50s it was like this, why should it be different now?' " he said.

But this aliyah is different, according to Sharansky, who said that it is not Zionist in nature.

Olim from the former Soviet Union are professionally strong and very ambitious, and Israelis, whether working in universities, hospitals, hotels or gas stations, feel the competition, he said.

"So the aliyah becomes threatening and is hard for (Israeli) society to accept," he said.

Sometimes "it is difficult not to despair," he said. "But I hope that Am Yisrael, the Jews of the world, have much more inner power than their leaders (believe) they do."

Damascus school, synagogue close

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Those with the visas are trying to get seats on regularly scheduled flights from Damascus. Just 24 Jews were on last Sunday night's flight, she noted.

Carr said the synagogue and Hebrew school in Damascus have closed and Jews leaving the country are not permitted to sell their homes or businesses.

Over 2,600 Jews left Syria between April and October of 1992, when the country relaxed travel restrictions. The policy was abruptly halted for no stated reason.

American Jewish groups called on the Clinton administration to ask the Syrian government to prevent any of the violent threats from being carried out.

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said that while the department had not yet seen the actual leaflet, it had read a translation "which has clearly got a great deal of inflammatory and despicable language" in it.

A department source said that, according to U.S. Embassy officials in Syria, the Syrian government is aware of the pamphlet and has taken "appropriate actions."

Ukraine, U.S. sign agreement

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — The United States and Ukraine have signed an agreement designed to protect historic Jewish cemeteries and synagogues in the former Soviet republic.

The agreement, inked during a visit here last week by Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk, was a follow-up to a series of such promises Kravchuk made to Jewish groups since Ukraine became an independent state.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Anatoliy Zlenko signed the accord, which also seeks to preserve other historic sites in Ukraine.

Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, who is chairman of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, hailed the agreement, on which he had worked for nearly two years with Ukrainian officials.

Rabbi Schneier, who is also founder of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an ecumenical group promoting religious freedoms, was host to Kravchuk in his Manhattan synagogue when the Ukrainian leader made his original promise to American Jewish leaders that Jewish life would be protected and encouraged in Ukraine.

Ukraine was historically a centre of Jewish religion and culture, but there were also strained relations between many Ukrainians and Jews.

The two countries also agreed to cooperate on drawing up lists of historic places, including houses of worship, monuments and cemeteries. The commission headed by Rabbi Schneier was named as the U.S. executor of the accord.

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do to protect itself from the possibility of further attacks.

Police said security has been increased at Jewish schools and synagogues and 500 officers were dispatched to Crown Heights in the immediate aftermath of the attack.

The mayor's office established a hotline for information connected to the case and offered a $30,000 reward.

Halberstam, who was known to his classmates at the Oholei Torah Yeshivah as "Ari," was said to be a favorite of the Lubavitcher rebbe. A classmate described him as a quiet, athletic boy who was very involved in the Lubavitch movement's Jewish outreach programs. His father, Chesed, was a butler and aid to the rebbe's late wife, Chaya Moussia.

A spokesman for the Lubavitch community said President Bill Clinton had telephoned the Halberstam family to express his grief over the incident and to promise to pursue justice with vigor.

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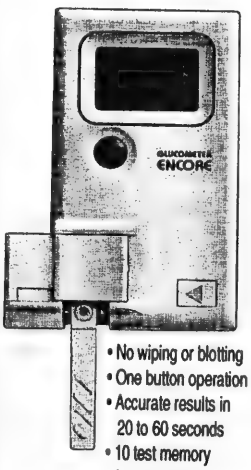

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The News in Brief

Bomb Hurled at Rabbi's House

OXFORD — A petrol bomb was hurled late last month at the home of Rabbi Shmuel Boteach, director of Oxford University's L'Chaim House and Chabad House of Oxford, the university's on-campus group for Jewish students. The bomb crashed into a second-storey window, just a few feet from where the rabbi's infant son slept in a crib. The fire was soon put out and no one was hurt. There is speculation that the attack was connected to the Hebron massacre. With 1,500 student members, the L'Chaim Society is Oxford's second largest student organization. Rabbi Boteach denounced the attack as "cowardly" and said it was intended to cause personal injury.

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Prosecutions May 'Die'

LONDON — Britain's home office minister has told the House of Lords that the country's War Crimes Act will, in all probability, die "a natural death" if no prosecutions can be initiated against alleged former Nazis living in Britain

Earl Ferrers made the assessment after a former Conservative minister, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, suggested that the expenditure to date of the equivalent of about $8 million on war crimes investigations without any resulting prosecutions showed "what a nonsense the whole operation had been."

Ferrers said 27 cases of alleged Nazis are still being investigated.

But, he added, "when the police have carried out their investigations and found there is nothing further to be investigated, it will die a natural death."

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Iran Executes Jewish 'Spy'

JERUSALEM — Iran executed a 78-year-old Iranian Jew as a spy for "Zionism" just hours after the Hebron massacre, Israel Television reported last week.

Fisulam Mechubad, jailed for two years, was executed at a prison in northern Teheran shortly after the massacre, the reports said.

Mechubad was buried in a Jewish cemetery in the presence of his wife and a handful of relatives, it added.

Iran had not publicized the execution and had forbidden the family to mention it publicly. The report said news of the execution reached Israel last Wednesday, but did not say how.

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Radio Shack Pulls Game

NEW YORK — Radio Shack has cancelled all future orders for an electronic pinball game that displays a swastika. The company also issued an apology to anyone who might have been offended by the game.

The U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League, which had notified the company of the problem, praised Radio Shack for its prompt action.

The swastika is one of several images, including a tree, a tank and a telephone, to appear in the "Pinball Master" game, as a player advances from one round to the next.

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Decision Lets Demjanjuk Stay

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court in Cincinnati last month refused to reconsider a previous ruling allowing John Demjanjuk to remain in the United States. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the sixth Circuit let stand its decision overturning Demjanjuk's extradition.

The Justice Department may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court within 90 days

The Cincinnati appellate court's decision reaffirms a ruling made in November, when a three-judge panel of the appellate court invalidated a 1985 order calling for Demjanjuk to be extradited to Israel.

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Muslim Driver In Israel

TEL AVIV — The Serbian Muslim driver for the Jewish community in Sarajevo has been allowed to emigrate with his family to Israel.

Jewish Agency officials said that Rasheed Hoznic, 45, arrived in Israel with his family over last weekend.

When hostilities broke out in Sarajevo, Hoznic, along with his wife, Zorica, and their sons, Zlatan, 16, and Goran, 13, decided to throw in their lot with the Jewish community.

Hoznic began helping out at Sarajevo's Jewish Community Center. Confronted by sniper fire, he would nonetheless drive around the city on missions for the Jewish community.

His "salary" was a plate of soup each day.

Zorica and their children fled to Belgrade, where they began undergoing conversion to Judaism.

When a bus convoy left Sarajevo four weeks ago with Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from the besieged city, Hoznic was allowed out to be reunited with his family.

Together with those Jews who decided to make aliyah, he traveled to Budapest. But there disappointment awaited him: his family had not yet arrived, and because he was not Jewish, Hoznic was not eligible to enter Israel under the Law of Return.

But his wife and sons soon made their way to Budapest. Because they had already converted, he was eligible to join them for the trip to Israel.

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Satmarers, Parents Fight Over Boy

NEW YORK — An Israeli teenager, allegedly kidnapped two years ago by a Brooklyn Satmar rabbi, has retained a lawyer who claims the boy wants to stay with the Hassidic community that took him in.

A civil case to determine the boy's custody and a criminal case charging a Satmar rabbi and his wife with kidnapping, both started last week.

Shai Fhima, 15, who disappeared in April 1992 on his way to bar mitzvah lessons in Brooklyn, surfaced early last week in Rockland County, an hour north of here.

Shai's father, Michael Reuven, who lives in Israel, and the boy's mother, Hana Fhima of New Jersey, are both battling Rabbi Aryeh Zaks for the boy's custody. The boy's parents, who are divorced, are secular.

The boy's lawyer claims that Shai wants to stay with Rabbi Zaks and does not want to return to his mother. Hana Fhima has alleged that Shai was "brainwashed" by the Borough Park Satmar yeshiva she sent him to for studies two years ago, and claims her son was abducted.

Shai's whereabouts during the past 22 months are still unknown. He is a ward of the family court and will be placed in a foster home until guardianship is determined.

Meanwhile, jury selection began last week in Brooklyn State Supreme Court in the trial of Rabbi Shlomo and Malka Helbrans, the Satmar couple charged with conspiracy and kidnapping in the Shai Fhima case. Rabbi Helbrans was the boy's bar mitzvah teacher.

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Heeeere's Louis...

LOS ANGELES — Despite opposition from Jewish and other groups, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan appeared on the syndicated *Arsenio Hall Show* late last month, and repeated his well-worn charges that Jews had controlled the African slave trade, while rejecting his label as a "black Hitler."

Farrakhan, known for anti-Semitic ravings, shelved most of his histrionics in favor of a modulated delivery heard over some 160 TV stations across North America.

His appearance on the show had been opposed by the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, gay groups and even numerous black viewers — including actress Whoopi Goldberg — as a clearly nervous Hall acknowledged.

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Serbs Doubt Tudjman Apology

TORONTO — Members of Metro Toronto's Serbian community say they doubt the sincerity of Croatia president Franjo Tudjman, who has apologized for his book questioning the Holocaust. Tudjman recently sent a letter to B'nai Brith officials in Washington, D.C., saying he would purge offensive passages from the forthcoming English edition of *Wastelands of Historical Reality*, which expresses doubt about the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust. Serbs regard Tudjman's statement to BB as "mere tokenism," according to a recent edition of *Voice of Canadian Serbs*, a weekly newspaper. "No Serbian organization has received an apology from [Tudjman] for the book's contents. The genocide in Croatia [during World War II] was directed at Serbs and Jews alike."

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Kosher Restaurant Opens

VANCOUVER — A local synagogue and a major hotel chain have formed a partnership to open a kosher restaurant once a month. Richmond's Eitz Chaim Synagogue and the Hyatt Regency Hotel have formed Yum Tov's Kosher Restaurant, to be located in the Hyatt. If the eatery works, it is expected to be opened daily.

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Charities Headed for 'Crisis'

TORONTO — Canadian charities are headed for financial crisis due to government cutbacks and slower increases in private donations, according to a report released here last week by the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy.

The report said even if private donations double over the next five years, they likely would not be enough to offset government cuts.

Registered charities in Canada last year received $49 billion from various levels of government; $8.2 billion from private donors and $1.2 billion from corporations.

Congress calls for 'heightened awareness'

CJC Calls for Awareness

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) advises that Canada's Jewish community should be in "a heightened state of awareness" and more security-conscious in the wake of threats of reprisals over the Hebron massacre and the attack last week on Lubavitch chassidim in New York.

CJC has struck a "security consultative committee" composed of about six lay and professional leaders, ready to help any region of the country with security.

There's no need for alarm, just to be more aware, suggests Bernie Farber, national director of community relations.

Farber calls the Hebron and New York attacks "red flags" for Jewish communities everywhere.

CJC's advice includes maintaining alarm and lighting systems at Jewish institutions in top working order, being aware of suspicious parcels, vehicles or persons, and having either volunteers or professionals act as security at communal functions.

Congress has been in touch with police forces at all levels to ensure Jewish community facilities are being watched.

CJC also has a booklet outlining security precautions. They are available from all CJC regional offices.

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Knesset, Rabin on Massacre

JERUSALEM — The Knesset has expressed "profound shock" and condemned "the criminal and revolting murder" in Hebron last month by Dr. Baruch Goldstein. The resolution, adopted Feb. 28, said the Knesset "shares the grief of the families who have lost those dear to them." Israel's parliament expressed its "disgust and rejects the expressions of solidarity and sympathy voiced by a few extremists for the murderous acts which occurred in Hebron. The Knesset disassociates itself from any generalization or sweeping accusation against broad segments of the public, including the settlers." The resolution passed 93 to one, with seven absentions.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking in a solemn and quiet tone, said, "As a Jew and an Israeli, as a man and a human being, I am humiliated by the shame brought upon us by the lowly killer."

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Peres on Supporters

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last week described Kiryat Arba as a "breeding ground for murder," and accused those who supported Baruch Goldstein's act of mass murder as "enemies of the people."

In a strongly worded address to the Labor Party, Peres said he was just as shocked by the expressions of "joy and exultation" coming from those who agreed with Goldstein's act as he was with the act itself.

"We must take away their weapons and get them out of Judea and Samaria," said Peres. "Look what [harm] one man caused the state of Israel, the nation. We must prevent others from doing the same."

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Yesha Rejects Weapons Confiscations

JERUSALEM — The Yesha Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza also expressed its "shock and deep sorrow" at the Hebron massacre. But the council "rejects out of hand the proposals by irresponsible politicians, with well-known political agendas, to confiscate the weapons of Jews living in Yesha and to punish Israeli citizens without a trial." Yesha also said it is considering ending co-operation with Kach. Some Kach activists have been involved in the council and its activities in the past.

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Peace Now Sends Message

TORONTO — The Canadian Friends of Peace Now "share the communal outrage at the brutal and senseless killings in Hebron," according to a letter to Itzhak Shelef, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, from Mel Shipman, the Canadian Friends' president. "We grieve with the families of the innocent victims and stretch out a hand of friendship to the Palestinian people ... It is clear that the resumption of meaningful negotiations between Israel and the PLO can only occur if the armed and extremist elements among the settlers are neutralized." The Friends say they support the call from Peace Now in Israel for the removal of settlers from the Hebron area.

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NIF Slams Attack

TORONTO — The New Israel Fund, which provides financial and technical assistance to a variety of organizations working toward Arab-Jewish co-existence in Israel, also condemned the Hebron massacre. The fund called the shootings "monstrous and reprehensible. We cannot let this stop our efforts to heal animosities between Arabs and Jews and work toward a society that is pluralistic, tolerant and just," said Norman Rosenberg, the fund's Washington-based executive director. "Perhaps this senseless and loathsome act will actually serve to expedite peace and bolster democratic values in Israel."

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Commission Members

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar last week appointed the following members to the commission of inquiry investigating the Hebron massacre: Shamgar himself; Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg; Nazareth District Court Judge Abdel Rahman Zu'bi; Open University President Menahem Ya'ari; and former chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen.(Res.) Moshe Levy. The commission is scheduled to hold its first meeting this week.

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Israelis Polled

JERUSALEM — While a vast majority of Israelis condemn the massacre in Hebron, a poll conducted last week found that 10.8 per cent of the population refused to do so, saying "it must be understood against the background of Arab terror against Jews."

The poll of 500 adults, conducted for the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, also found that 3.6 per cent of the population praised Dr. Baruch Goldstein for his act, 51.7 per cent strongly condemned him, 27.1 per cent condemned him, and 6.8 per cent had no opinion.

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Call For Ban

JERUSALEM — Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban last week recommended that American Jews who are active in the Jewish Defence League, Kach and Kahane Chai should not be allowed to immigrate to Israel.

"The only proper way to do so is to declare that these organizations are illegal and to state that anyone who is associated with them cannot enter Israeli borders," Tsaban said.

But the Association for Civil Rights in Israel said it was impossible to ban all members of an organization collectively from entering Israel, even if the group is outlawed in Israel.

Under the Law of Return, the ACRI said, persons who endanger state safety, have a criminal record, or are likely to endanger public safety or work against the Jewish people, can be prevented from entering the country. "But this has to be done on an individual and not a collective basis," the group said.

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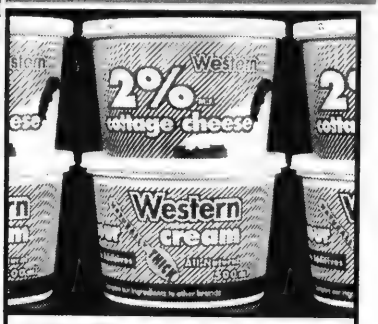

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By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

If we really want to know about a culture, we ought to look at the books people are reading. Even a cursory examination of any Canadian bookstore would reveal a burgeoning business in self-help books. People want to learn how to diagnose themselves, treat themselves, fulfill themselves spiritually, and relieve themselves emotionally. While I do not dispute the efficaciousness of this genre of literature, I do believe it reveals much about the challenge that Judaism faces.

All the fuss about the self is indicative of our culture that puts the self first. Self-respect, self-assertion, self-help are all important traits. But when people become self-absorbed, life loses its meaning. Judaism stands as a brake to this growing trend, just as Judaism has been counterpoint to other contemporary trends. The Western, liberal tradition in which most of us have been raised stresses individual rights. Judaism, on the other hand, has always stressed individual responsibilities. The Western, liberal tradition insists that we are free to do whatever we want. Judaism insists that we are free to do only what is right and what is good. This may not always be what we want. Contemporary culture emphasizes living for today; the here and now. Judaism counsels us to live for the future. The acquisitions of our society teaches that everyone ought to strive to gain while the altruism of Judaism teaches that we ought to strive to give.

The subliminal message of our society is that we must put ourselves first; that we must fulfill our own needs. Contrast this with the eternal message of Judaism that tells us to always give prominence to the needs of others. It is true that the Mishnah (Sanhedrin 4:5) argues that each individual ought to think that the entire world was created for him or her. But this is intended to be a warning against underestimating the value of others. It is also true that Hillel taught (Avot 1:14) that people cannot expect others to take on their cause when they do not take on that cause themselves. Self-assertiveness and self-respect are important. But Hillel also followed that statement with a warning to those who think only of themselves. Human life would be demeaned and rendered valueless if all we did was think of ourselves. Indeed, self-absorption makes us less than human. It makes us no different than animals who seek only their own gratification.

The challenge that Judaism faces today is to offer an alternative to the self-centredness of popular culture. Judaism needs to convince enough Jews that the most beneficial way of serving themselves is to serve God by serving others.

Rabbi Wayne Allen is the spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and the vice-president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

Agudath Israel will not join commission on intermarriage

Committee consensus 'deluded, futile,' rabbi says

NEW YORK — Agudath Israel of America has announced that it declined an invitation to sit on the newly formed North American Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity.

Agudah maintains that the commission's hope of reaching a consensus among Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews on combating intermarriage is "unrealistic, deluded and futile."

In a letter last fall to Marvin Lender and Shoshana Cardin, chair and vice-chair of the commission, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of Agudath Israel, commended the founders of the commission for "recognizing the urgent need" to address the issues of assimilation, ignorance and intermarriage, which are endangering Jewish identity.

However, Rabbi Sherer added that the problems could not be addressed "by pretending that 'virtually every segment of the Jewish community' [as the Commission leaders expressed it], can come together under one banner to develop a common approach."

With the existence of "such a fundamental divergence of perspective" with regard to the cause of the problems, Rabbi Sherer wrote, a meaningful consensus on a solution is impossible.

"I wonder how any of the major Orthodox organizations could go along with the creation of an Orthodox-Conservative-Reform-Reconstructionist-Secular Jewish body to combat [these] plagues," he asked.

While acknowledging that his analysis was pessimistic, Rabbi Sherer claimed that it was also "painfully realistic." He pointed to the fact that approaches such as that recommended by Reform Rabbi Alexander Schindler to proselytize among non-Jews, can be seen as "profoundly anti-halachic," and expressed his own skepticism over the contribution the Reform movement could make in a commission devoted to preventing intermarriage.

Although he recognized that his own views may be considered as extreme, he said he believes that "anything less than classical Judaism cannot and will not stem the hemorrhaging that our people is suffering." As proof he pointed to the success of numerous Orthodox outreach programs.

While concluding that his sitting on the commission would be a fruitless confrontational exercise, Rabbi Sherer thanked Lender and Cardin for their recognition that the view of Agudath Israel's constituency was one to consider.

Agudath Israel's stand was not universally followed by other Orthodox organizations. Representatives of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the Rabbinical Council of America, Yeshiva University, and the Rabbinical Assembly are taking part.

Canadian representatives include Orthodox rabbis Reuven Bulka of Ottawa and Toronto's Mark Dratch; Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation; Prof. Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress; and Stanley Plotnick, chair of the Canadian Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity.

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Front Line

Tolerance of Jewish fanaticism must end

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

After the swift victory of June 1967, the government of the time had a free hand in the newly conquered territories. The occupied Arab population was stunned, passive and submissive. A year later Yigal Allon, the popular Labor leader, became the driving force behind the establishment of Kiryat Arba in the outskirts of the biblical city of Hebron, the site of the 1929 pogrom that had put an end to the centuries old Jewish presence in that town, which is older than Jerusalem. Then in 1977, Menachem Begin authorized the settlement of Jews in the heart of Hebron.

Kiryat Arba and Hebron attracted a very special brand of ultra religious and wildly nationalist settlers from Israel and overseas, and the two outposts became the breeding ground for Jewish fanaticism until then unknown. In time, clashes with the Arab population became almost daily occurences. But as national policy demanded that the right of Jews to live wherever they wanted should rank higher than any other consideration, an ever-growing presence of military units was necessary to secure these Jewish settlers in one of the most hostile Arab environments. That some of these settlements created permanent tension with the local population was inconsequential and never affected their right to be protected, whatever the cost.

The temptation to describe the massacre of Feb. 25 as the insane act of a lonely madman must be resisted, because it was the premeditated crime of a very well-known and determined resident of Kiryat Arba and a devoted follower of Rabbi Meir Kahane. Dr. Bauch Goldstein had repeatedly hinted, also very recently, that he was preparing "something big" to torpedo the ongoing peace process which he regarded as an outrage. The Brooklyn-born physician, father of five, had considered the possibility of dying during the action and has left a revealing farewell letter behind.

The explosion of Arab anger and humiliation in the wake of the monstrous crime was more violent than even the murderer could have hoped for, and its repercussions can still not be fully assessed. The territories erupted in fury and even the hitherto calm Arab community in Israel lost its self-control. Israeli repression was also harsh and added more Arab dead to the long list of the casualties in the mosque.

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The curfews in the territories have momentarily blocked all attempts at massive revenge, but restrictions will inevitably have to be eased. The international reaction to the massacre was one of enormous dismay and greatly affected Israel's image which has so spectacularly improved recently. The world community, which shared Israel's preocupation with the security of its own citizens, including those who live in the disputed territories and are exposed to daily Arab terrorism, now became aware of the dangers to which the Arab population is exposed at the hands of Jewish terrorists.

The evidence that Jewish terrorism exists and that there are common interests between extremists on both sides is now overwhelming. Both are engaged in sabotaging the peace process. Both represent the same fanatical aims: one group want the whole of their Palestine for the Arabs, and the other the whole of their Eretz Israel for the Jews. Both reject any compromise. Neither has room in "his" land for the other people and both groups are fanatically religious, sure they are carrying out God's will.

Israeli governments of every composition, whether Labor or Likud dominated, have been inexcusably insensitive to the activities of fanatical Jewish extremists who had openly exposed their destructive ideologies and intentions. Arab terrorism got enormous publicity, but there is plenty of evidence, much of it filmed and even televised, of wild rampage, of destruction of Arab property, of shooting of civilians in the area of Hebron and elsewhere, at the hands of the Jewish fanatics. Perpetrators were rarely apprehended and all too often released by a benevolent judiciary. Jewish "underground" members who had murdered or wounded a number of local Arab leaders in the '80s were pardoned by then President Herzog.

While Arab terrorism was fought with all the means of the powerful security machine, Jewish terrorism was treated as a rather lunatic aberration of a few, unlikely to have a major impact. In this atmosphere of official indifference and inexplicable tolerance, the semi-clandestine agenda of the Jewish extremists had no difficulty in prospering. So far, the massacre in the mosque has been its climax. And even now, after the tragic events, the effectiveness of measures announced by the government to prevent known Jewish extremist groups from pursuing their objectives, remains to be proven.

In an effort to avoid disastrous consequences and to save the peace process from collapsing, an opportune reaction came from U.S. President Bill Clinton who swiftly invited all the participants to come to Washington and remain there until agreement is reached. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat agreed at once, but then Arafat, under growing pressure by his assistants, withheld his acceptance and posed conditions that are hard to accept.

The peace process is now on hold and may resume — or not — within a month or two. If it does, Israel will find that some of its assets, as envisaged by the Cairo agreement, may have been lost. On the other hand, while Arafat's bargaining position was probably strengthened by the tragedy on the international scene, his clout in the territories was dangerously undermined.

The interruption of the peace process is not the only political result of Dr. Goldstein's crime. He has also irreparably compromised the future of the Jewish presence in the city Hebron and in Kiryat Arba, which will probably become unsustainable. His act has also endangered the entire structure of the Jewish settlements in the territories, which the government had managed to secure in the Oslo agreement with the PLO for the interim period, in the hope of preserving many of them in the the final peace settlement.

But these are only details. Much more than the peace process has been destroyed by Dr. Goldstein's bullets, and a wave of Arab revenge terrorism everywhere must still be expected and be decisively confronted. Two weeks after the massacre in the mosque, any prognosis is premature. On the peace front, the awareness of what is at stake will require intense co-operation between Washington and Jerusalem and the moderate forces of the Arab world. This may work. Meanwhile in Israel, the tolerance for Jewish fanaticism must come to an immediate end, whatever the political cost. Otherwise this country's destiny will be at the mercy of those who, here and overseas, venerate the murderer's memory and example.

Some painful lessons from Hebron

By RABBI REUVEN P. BULKA

The outrage at Hebron was a black day in our lives. Although the act was perpetrated by one person, the knowledge that it was done by "one of us" generated a broad sense of collective responsibility.

This feeling is best summed up in the words of Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi Doron: "To say that I condemn the act is an understatement. I am simply ashamed that a Jew carried out such a villainous and irresponsible act."

We are revulsed at what happened in Hebron, and the reaction of Israel's leaders in the wake of the massacre has been exemplary. Israel's leaders denounced the act in uncompromising terms, sent condolences to the Palestinian people, clamped down on the group involved, set up a commission of inquiry to fully investigate this heinous crime, and is already talking of extending financial aid to the families of the victims.

All this has come forward in less than a week after the incident. I challenge anyone to offer a precedent for anything like this by any government anywhere. Yet for some strange, or perhaps not so strange reason, Israel's reactions are being branded as "Not enough."

There are lessons to be learned from this incident, painful lessons about who we are and where we are going.

Did the attacker represent any religious tradition? According to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, "The attacker did not act in the name of the Jewish faith; he had no authority to act in its name. It is a desecration of God's name to connect faith to this incident."

What Chief Rabbi Lau says is true beyond debate. Authentic Judaism vehemently rejects terror, violence, murder, no matter who is the perpetrator. Murder is murder even if committed by a religious Jew.

Not everything that religious Jews do is religious. Religious Jews are capable of sacrilegious behavior. And they are also capable of sacrilegious thinking, including the thinking that justified the Hebron massacre in the mind of the one who carried out this despicable deed.

We must realize that there is sacrilegious thinking and sacrilegious behavior even in religious circles. No, it is not an epidemic. But silence in the face of such reality makes all of us accomplices to the potential horrors.

There is violence in Jewish homes, with husbands thrashing their wives, parents beating their children and even sexually assaulting them.

How tragic it is that when a rabbi forcefully stands up to abusers, and rails publicly against abuse, that rabbi is branded as courageous. What a shame it is, that standing up for elementary values is courageous.

The rabbi who fights abuse is not courageous. Rather, the rabbi who is silent in the face of abuse is a coward. Let us not lose sight of this vital distinction.

The religious community has a legitimate claim to represent what Judaism ought to be, and the leadership of that community can likewise claim to be the leaders of the Jewish people.

But that claim is legitimate only if carried out in a responsible, forthright, and uncompromising way. Groups who espouse violence must be rejected a priori. Abusers, no matter how religious, must be denounced, in public if need be and denied the advantages of community.

Pedophiles must be dealt with swiftly and strictly. There is no greater desecration of God's Name than to be silent in the face of these breaches of elementary decency.

And we must vehemently reject derogatory attitudes to others, no matter who they are. The derogation is wrong for so many reasons, not the least of which being that it breeds a false and unwarranted sense of superiority. Worse, it puts into place a process of delegitimization that leads to nothing good.

It hurts to write this. It hurts even more to realize that it is necessary to write this. But it is better to swallow this painful pill, and react with resolve, than to allow the hurt and pain, the ignominy and shame, of wayward thinking gone violent, and violent behavior gone haywire.

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Ghastly massacre spawns numerous repercussions

By YISRAEL HAREL

At Baruch Goldstein's funeral this week in Kiryat Arba, his friends felt a need to praise him to journalists.

They said his act was a mitzvah meant to save the people of Israel, the land of Israel, and Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

The massacre in Hebron was not for the sake of Eretz Yisrael or the settlers. It was against them, against all that is sacred and precious to us, that 118 bullets were fired by Baruch Goldstein.

This Purim "gift" — our vocabulary does not have a more sarcastic term to apply to the massacre — was delivered not just to the dead, the wounded, and their families. Goldstein sent his gift to the Jewish residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, as well as Israel proper. Here are some of the components:

• The "mitzvah" will bring a bloodbath in its wake, whose main victims will likely be pure and innocent civilians like those on the Brooklyn Bridge last week and those of Kiryat Arba and other settlements and in the rest of Eretz Yisrael who will be murdered in revenge. And in the current atmosphere of incitement and breastbeating at the massacre, the general public has been conditioned to show understanding for future murderers. As a result, the settlers, not the killers, will be held responsible for the casualties.

• The government, forced to redouble its efforts "to save" the collapsing Oslo agreement, will make further concessions. These could eventually lead to the attainment of a long-held goal of Yasser Arafat and Meretz adherents: the disarming of the settlements in stages, with Jewish Hebron, over which so much blood has spilled, likely to be the first victim.

• The release of some 1,000 Palestinian terrorists, which is like handing them and potential murderers a licence to continue slaying Jews.

• The Oslo process, in all its gravity, succeeded in easing the pressure on foreign countries, especially the United States. Now, to accelerate the peace process, the Americans have summoned the Arabs and Israel to Washington and will present their longstanding plan: retreat to the 1949 borders, including Jerusalem.

• Resentment is felt toward Kiryat Arba and the other settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza by a not insignificant portion of Israeli society, including many whose basic instinct is national but whose Jewish soul absolutely cannot acquiesce in such massacres.

The public tells itself that if this is the price we must pay occasionally for maintaining settlements (and the memory of the Jewish underground also comes to mind) then the inescapable conclusion is that the two peoples must be separated. That includes the evacuation of the Jews from Kiryat Arba and Hebron, a policy which enjoys the support of a majority in the government.

• Before Israel's establishment when the disturbances ran riot in the land, Jews were forced to travel in convoys; now, 60 years later, we are being forced to return to the travel procedures of a besieged society — and to do so in Kiryat Arba, which bears the flag of Israeli pride and fought faithfully through the years for Israel's honor.

For years, those hating the settlements, including champions of law and justice, sought to impose emergency regulations on the Jewish residents of these strongholds, thus equating their standing with that of the Arabs.

Now, in addition to all the moral, security, settlement, and political "achievements" of the massacre, emergency regulations have been imposed. For it is not difficult to mobilize support from a conformist attorney-general, the self-righteous media, and academia's legalists. That backing is provided with relish.

And those are just some of the political, security, psychological, and existential results to be visited on us because of this ghastly massacre.

"He was a righteous man," assert those who knew him well; perhaps, but the moment he trained his gun at the backs of the men kneeling in prayer in the Machpela Cave, he ceased being righteous and became a mass murderer. There should be no mourning for him.

Several people, including some halachic authorities, saw the killing as a mitzvah. If that's the case, I have no part in such mitzvot. To the best of my understanding and knowledge, the thrust of Judaism and the great majority of the observant settlers in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza reject this interpretation.

In a deed which aroused passions almost 26 years ago, Rabbi Moshe Levinger and a group of pioneers laid the foundation for the renewal of Jewish settlement in Hebron and subsequently in the rest of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

In the same period, a child was growing up in New York named Baruch Goldstein who probably didn't know about the historic act of Rabbi Levinger. He later chose to become a lethal agent in demolishing the foundations of the Jewish community in Hebron and elsewhere in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

And the founding father of the settlement movement does not see that his handiwork is sinking in the sea. In a trance of self-destruction, and in the name of Israel's honor, he refuses to draw the necessary conclusions from the terrible act and continues to preach his message.

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After Hebron

As of this writing the grief and rage at the Hebron murders continue unabated. The hearts of all decent people are still in distress. The streets of many Palestinian communities are still in turmoil. And the peace process has been halted.

But it is now time to put the heinous incident into perspective and to provide a context to its evil perpetration.

The crime was unprecedented. Never before in Israel's history had a Jew committed, in the words of Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, such "a frightening expression of cruelty, devoid of human morality." It was isolated, detestable behavior condemned and abhorred by the vast majority of all Israel. It was not the norm. It was an aberration.

Though numbed by shock and sheer disgust at the murders, the government of Israel reacted swiftly and unequivocally. To its credit it was not immobilized. Seeking to uproot the pathology and to protect the peace process, the government invoked measures to curb extreme, militant, Israeli violence. It established a commission of inquiry. And it released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and detainees. It is also considering other possible interventions against those individuals who have publicly declared war against the effort to negotiate peace.

Israel's key objective is to shelter the peace process from the extremists who are intent on destroying any chance for co-existence and reconciliation. This must also be the objective of the PLO. Sheltering the peace process requires equal resolve on their part as well — and equally unequivocal words and actions.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat and his advisers should publicly reinvest the Declaration of Principles with commitment and confidence; they must condemn the use of terror and violence by *all* persons. That means by Palestinians — Hamas, Fatah, individuals — and by those terror groups sponsored by Arab governments.

The sorrow and contrition that during the past two weeks have almost overwhelmed Jewish Israelis, from the President of Israel to the ordinary citizen, has no precedent among any other leadership or society in the blood-soaked history of the Middle East. Not when innocent Jewish children were killed in Ma'alot; not when Israeli Olympic athletes died in Munich; not when a Canadian Jewish teenager was killed by a bomb buried on a Tel Aviv beach; and not when 35 Israelis died in a series of terrorist attacks *after* the handshake in Washington last fall.

Peace can only be achieved if both parties return to the table with an equal commitment to that peace. The PLO must make it absolutely clear, as Israel has already done, that there is no place in the process for the extremist, the hater, and the terrorist.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has committed the Jewish nation to what he has called the "irreversible road to peace." May history record that, while the road to peace passed through Hebron, it did not end there.

Yasher koach

Not many Jewish dance groups outside of Israel can lay claim to 30 years of public performance.

That is why the Winnipeg-based Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble deserves a special yasher koach for its three decades of original and creative dance work.

In 1964, Sarah Sommer, a young West Kildonan housewife, began to teach Israeli dancing to eight young girls who were actively pursuing dance studies in ballet and other forms of dance.

Sommer, who died tragically before her 40th birthday in 1969, had been teaching Israeli dancing as far back as her teen years, in Zionist groups such as Young Judaea and Habonim.

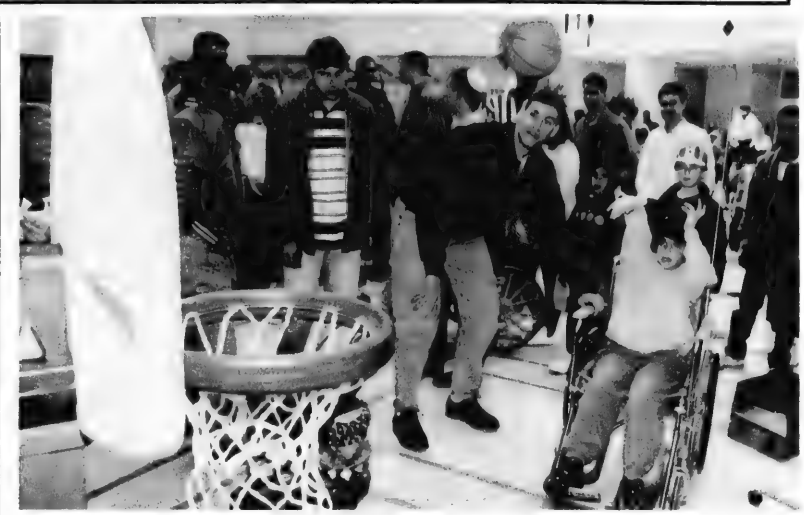
A strong disciplinarian, Sommer worked her young students hard and the experiment paid off handsomely. For 30 years the Chai Folk Ensemble has been entertaining audiences all over Canada with the beauty of Israeli, chassidic and experimental dance routines.

A 30th anniversary performance of the group was widely acclaimed in Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall in late January. More than 1,300 spectators, including five of the original members of the dance troupe, gathered to participate in a tribute to the group's founder Sarah Sommer, and to enjoy samples of the ensemble's repertoire of dances.

In addition to traditional Israeli and Yiddish folk dancing (the latter included a piece called melava malke, featuring prominent Winnipeg Yiddishist Noah Witman as a white-bearded rabbi presiding over a schoolful of yeshiva students), the Chai Ensemble also presented a new dance choreographed by Evans Coffie of Ghana. In this number, Hebrew lyrics were joined to African rhythms.

The Chai Ensemble represents the best in Canada's cultural community, as it combines the rich trapestry of Jewish and Israeli traditional dance culture with the most modern tastes.

Canadian Jews join their friends in Winnipeg in saluting the outstanding achievements of the Chai Folk Ensemble.



MINI-COURT THREE-POINTERS

Maccabi Tel-Aviv basketball star Nadav Henefeld coaches a young athlete at the Children's Medical Centre at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah. Players from Israel's most successful pro basketball team, visited children in hospitals throughout Israel last month. At Beilinson, the players set up a mini-court for their young fans, distributing sound on-court advice and a few delicious goodies as well. [Photo: Israpet]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

SETTLEMENTS OR PEACE

Our collective communal outrage at the murders in Hebron is now followed by concern over the fate of the peace negotiations. What can be done to get these negotiations back on track?

Given the intense and widespread reaction to the killing among the Palestinians, it is becoming increasingly clear that no meaningful negotiations can occur unless there is some Israel/PLO understanding about the future of the settlements. While the Oslo accord deliberately left this question off the current agenda, the massacre on Feb. 25 has forced the issue back onto the negotiating table.

In an effort to reach out to the Palestinians, the Israeli government vigorously condemned the killings, issued a warrant for the arrest of five Kach leaders, vowed to disarm the Kahane extremists, offered to accept international observers in the territories, announced financial compensation for the families of the victims and advanced, by a few weeks, the release of 500 Palestinian prisoners. While these measures are commendable, they are not likely to break the current political impasse.

Shalom Achshav (Peace Now) in Israel, in assessing the gravity of the situation, has called for the removal of the settlements in the heart of Hebron. It is difficult, from this distance, to assess whether this proposal has a chance of getting Rabin's approval or whether, if implemented, it would get the PLO to resume negotiations.

In any case, the events of the past week have confirmed what we "peaceniks" have been saying for years: Israel must choose between settlements and peace. It cannot have both.

Mel Shipman, Chair
Canadian Friends of Peace Now
Toronto, Ont.

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DEFENDS QUOTATION

Permit me a few observations concerning your article, "MP quotes Hitler in newsletter" (Feb.17). You quote Renee Switzer Bellas, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, saying the quotation of Hitler's was offensive to all Canadians. This is simply not so. There is nothing in this quotation or in the context in which it was presented that in any way espouses racism or bigotry. On the contrary, it is a warning. I find the quotation, "What luck for rulers that men do not think" highly appropriate in the context of the newsletter alerting citizens of our free country to be vigilant in defence of their liberties. Abba Eban was similarly quoted.

Is Stalin never to be quoted because it may offend Ukranians whose ancestors died in his famines? Is Mussolini never to be quoted because it may offend the sensibilities of Ethiopians? Nonsense.

Laurie Goldstein in the *Toronto Sun* and a recent editorial in the *Globe and Mail* have eloquently deplored such sophomoric thinking by the likes of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Shame on the B'nai Brith and shame on Preston Manning for succumbing to such mindless ethnic hypersensitivity.

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WHERE IS MARK SUDKIEWICZ?

Professor Lawrence Powell, Department of History at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana is researching a book.

He is interersted in talking to survivors who worked at Big Schultz's Shop in Warsaw, survivors who know of or were hospitalized in Czyste Hospital in Warsaw, and survivors who lived as DPs in postwar Tirschen Reuth Germany.

He is especially interested in speaking to Mark and Janka Sudkiewicz or anyone who knows their whereabouts.

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GIVE YIDDISH ITS DUE

As one of the people Amy Sattin interviewed for her article "Yiddish Classes On The Rise" (Jan. 27), I would like to make a correction on one of her statements about me: ". . . she instructs . . . in the language of her parents' prewar Polish home." To be more precise — *I instruct in the language of my current Canadian home.* Both my children are trilingual (Yiddish, English and French) and we continue to speak Yiddish in our home. To us and to many Jews it is a language of the present which also binds us to our past.

The rest of Miss Sattin's article made me angry! Not at her, but at a community that allows such attitudes as were expressed by her other interviewees to continue unchallenged. "Students aren't going for it;" ". . . does not draw much interest;" "It's a supply and demand situation," etc. When was the last time a school asked its students whether they want to learn Mishnah, Hebrew or math? I wonder how many children would opt for those subjects when put alongside computer studies, for example.

How do children know whether they want to learn Yiddish if they've never been given the opportunity to study it? Students at Bialik Hebrew Day School accept Yiddish as part of their curriculum and don't think to question it. The joy and pleasure with which Bialik children begin to learn Yiddish carries on through the ensuing years. One just has to attend an assembly at our school and hear them singing Yiddish songs to know that this is as much a part of them as anything else they learn at our school. If other Jewish schools included Yiddish as a matter of course, it would be a natural part of Jewish education.

Students going into CHAT are offered Yiddish as a non-credit elective under General Studies. Since when does Yiddish belong in General Studies? What kind of message are we giving our students about an integral part of our Jewish cultural heritage?

Bialik High School in Montreal, where I taught Yiddish before moving to Toronto, has a more demanding French studies program and is able to include Yiddish in its Jewish curriculum not as an option but as part of its reading course of studies. It's a matter of fact, it is not a choice!

Anna Kuper-Berman
Toronto

Opinion

Rediscovering the Jews of Hawaii

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

We recently were in Hawaii for our second visit. The first one was in 1981 when we spent a few days in Honolulu, on our way home from New Zealand. This journey was different.

I had accepted the invitation of the Jewish community to spend the month of February with them. The synagogue is presently looking for a permanent rabbi, and while the search is on, a number of us who are retired from pulpit obligations have filled the vacuum. It has been a fascinating experience.

As in any sunny climate, there are two types of communities: the residents and the "snow birds" (the common name for vacationers). A rabbi, of course, must serve both, though my main responsibility lay with the local community.

Hawaii consists of a number of islands and is the 50th state of the United States. It differs from the other states in two major respects: it is five hours' air travel away from the mainland and its population is one large ethnic mix, found nowhere else on the continent. It has indigenous people who lately have staged a sovereignty movement, for which they find surprising popular support from other groups.

Jews have lived in the islands for some time. According to Kirk Cashmere, chronicler of Hawaiian Jewish life, the first Jews arrived about 150 years ago and soon established business enterprises. They had come from Prussia and Austria and went westward from California when the gold rush ended. In 1901 the first congregation was founded and not long thereafter disbanded. But clearly, Jews had come to stay and, with World War II infusing both military and civilian Jewish personnel, a community centre was established which, in 1950, became Temple Emanu-El. Today Cashmere owns the only Jewish property in Honolulu or anywhere on the islands, a lovely synagogue, with educational and social facilities and a very respectable library.

Rabbi Plaut

While the synagogue is affiliated with the Reform movement, its membership covers the whole gamut of practice and conviction, with the Orthodox component conducting their own separate services on Shabbat mornings. Since they do not permit aliyot for women, a Conservative congregation has been formed as well. It is separate from the temple, but a number of its members belong to both institutions.

There are currently six rabbis in Honolulu. They serve the temple, the Navy chapel at Pearl Harbour, the Jewish Federation and the newly-formed Lubavitch congregation. In addition, a retired Hillel rabbi guides the Conservative shul (Sof Ma'arav) and a former rabbi at Emanu-El has formed a second Reform temple (Beth Shalom).

The university has a Rambam scholar in the department of Philosophy, and a classic professor who is in the process of publishing a book on Jewish history. Former Israelis are the core of the small Hebrew speaking contingent, and I found a number of others whose Jewish knowledge is good. Generally, the level of knowledge is not much different from the average American town. After all, people have come from everywhere.

But that does not mean that they live in an average community, nor do they conform to the conventions of average American Jews. They live amongst people who are heavily mixed ethnically and racially: Polynesian (the sizeable indigenous element), Japanese, Chinese, South-East Asian, Filipino, African and Caucasian. In this social climate intermarriage between members of various groups is more the norm than the exception, and this has affected the Jewish community as well. Jewishly-raised children will often exhibit backgrounds of the other communities and, needless to say, Jewish education faces an uphill battle. One great plus: anti-Semitism is imperceptible.

Affiliation with the existing institutions — religious, social and fraternal — remains small, the lowest anywhere in the United States. Giving to the Federation is far below the national average, even though United Way scores fourth amongst the larger cities in the United States. Isolation and mobility add to the problem.

Participation in communal affairs parallels that of other American comunities. Hawaii's Attorney General is Jewish, and so is one of the state's Supreme Court justices.

How many Jews live on the islands? No one knows for sure, for many of them prefer to remain anonymous. Estimates are as high as 15,000 to 18,000, with most of them on Oahu. There are small congregations on Maui and the Big Island as well, but the action is in Oahu, where Honolulu is located, a bustling major metropolitan centre today.

And, of course, you see the tourists, especially in Waikiki, where we resided. Scenery and climate are spectacular, with mountains and volcanoes rising from the ocean, and daily temperatures around 27 degrees. In a way it's a never-never land, and one wonders how we will make it in such an environment. But it's a wonderful place to visit.

'Stay-at-home mom' tells the reason why

By KAREN GOLD

Being a "stay-at-home mom" is certainly not as common nowadays as it was in the '50s or '60s, but there are still lots of us around, at least in my neighborhood. That being the case, however, I recently realized that virtually every one of my friends who has one or more preschool age children has gone back to work outside of the home. After I'd had conversations with all of them, each one, without exception, came out with exactly the same comments at some point.

Not one of them could comprehend how I could possibly stand staying at home with my children and enduring the long hours of boring drudgery day in and day out. They were referring, of course, to changing diapers, dealing with three daily meals and the resulting mess, endless trips to the playground and noisy parent/child drop-in centres, watching *Sesame Street* and all the other children's shows and generally talking baby talk all day long.

All of the aforementioned activities are definitely tedious, but the realization that it will all end in the not too distant future makes it possible for me to deal with it now. Actually, some mothers I've spoken to insist that they enjoy every moment of it and genuinely don't want it all to end. But we all know that someday our kids will be in school full time, that the house will no longer have toys scattered from top to bottom and, once again, that we'll be able to drink a cup of coffee or have a telephone conversation without interruption. (Some career parents can at least do this at the office, which must be part of the reason why they enjoy going to work). In the meantime, this is what I've chosen for myself and my children, and it bothers me when so many others imply that there is something intellectually inferior or almost subhuman about my decision.

The way I figure it, there are four main reasons for going back to work after having a baby: (1) you absolutely have to or you'll lose your house; (2) you can meet your mortgage or rent payments and other bills but your budget will be extremely tight and you really want those little extras; (3) your career is just taking off and to leave work now, even for a few years, would cause irreversible damage to it; or (4) you would much rather work outside the home than look after young children all day. (Note: I said these were the four *main* reasons — I'm sure there are others that I haven't included.)

Now let's look at the reasons why you would choose to quit your job after having a baby. Again, I would say there are four main ones: (1) you don't really need a second income (you were only working to have something to do until the baby came along); (2) you could use a second income to buy all those little extras but you can get by without it; (3) your job wasn't really a career and/or you didn't enjoy working; or (4) no job or career is as important to you as taking care of your own children all day.

I believe that all of the above reasons are valid for either choosing to go back to work or deciding to stay at home. However, the next time someone looks at me as if I must be insane to want to be a full-time mom I may just blurt out my own deepest thoughts on the subject.

I might ask them how they can possibly stand the thought of some stranger (either a daycare worker, nanny or babysitter) spending all those hours every day with their child, being the first one to witness all those precious milestones in a baby's early years. Perhaps the caregiver won't respond to the child's needs as quickly and lovingly as a parent. For these reasons, I chose to stay home to look after my own children.

I also wonder how working parents can survive the mad rush every morning to get everyone dressed, fed and out of the house by a specific time so that no one is late for work or daycare. (School-age children are a little older and usually able to dress and feed themselves, not to mention emotionally more ready to handle such tight schedules.) Then there is the mad rush after work, to buy some groceries, stop off at the cleaners, pick up the kids and then try to make dinner while their children climb all over them, in constant need of attention from not seeing their parents all day.

I guess what it all boils down to is that old saying, "to each his own." So, please, all you working parents out there, don't put me down for wanting to be a "stay-at-home mom," and I promise not to criticize you for putting your career first. Neither viewpoint is fair. These are not decisions that were made lightly, so let us give them their due respect.

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Passover record book has some interesting entries

By ALLAN GOULD

My very dear friend and personal rabbi, Martin Lockshin, recently shared a joke with me. (The joke may not be original with Rabbi L, but then, he didn't write the Torah, either, and we enjoy that, together, too).

The story goes that a middle-aged Jewish couple drift away from their faith, and eventually convert to another religion. Years go by, and the husband and wife slowly but surely become interested in Judaism, and begin to study it in depth. Finally, the moment comes when the husband says to the wife, "You know, I really think we should become Jews — truly observant Jews — again."

And the wife replies, "I agree. But could we wait until after Passover?"

I pause for your laughter — especially my female readers. As I'm sure you will all agree, for all its importance — indeed, its centrality to our religion — Pesach is not a very easy holiday to observe: the complex avoidance of chometz; the four holy days; the seders; many special laws and observances. One really cannot blame the woman in the joke for wanting to wait until *after* the holiday to return to our faith.

Which leads me to some great records, achievements and concerns of this most essential of all Jewish holidays. But before I begin to list them, a note to my most religious readers: **There were no bread products anywhere near my computer when I typed this column. Okay?**

THE MOST CREATIVE USES FOR MATZAH

1. As a frisbee to toss around the table during lengthy dissertations by Rabbi Berel Waskansky; Lvov, Poland, April, 1887.

2. As third base during an important baseball game in a Brooklyn sandlot during the Intermediate Days of Passover; New York City, April 18, 1953.

3. As a hot-plate on which to place cholent on the Sabbath of Pesach in the home of Jack Zaldin of Baltimore, Maryland; April 6, 1969.

THE SHORTEST TIME TO KOSHER A STOVE FOR PASSOVER

1. Joe and Betty Sondheim, after five months' practice, managed to kosher their stove in time for Pesach in April, 1987, in less than 12 minutes, using a Black and Decker acetylene torch. "It's an ugly job, but it had to be done," stated Mrs. Sondheim, pushing her welding glasses back from her eyes. "I've had it with Easy-Off. This [pointing to her torch] is my Easy-Off!"

2. Harold and Roz Berman of Whitney Pier, Nova Scotia, decided to kosher their home for Pesach on April 3, 1973, by setting fire to it. "It wasn't an easy decision," laughed Harold from his detention cell in Sydney, where he was being held for arson. "But the house was hopeless. Crumbs in the living room, crumbs in the den; even crumbs in the beds. It would have taken us years to make it useable for Passover. So Roz will spend this holiday at a Kosher hotel in Miami Beach — I hear they're really nice — and I'm on a hunger strike until they provide me with matzah. At least in jail, there's not much bread around, ya know. And concrete is *much* easier to clean than shag rugs. You should have seen it — crumbs everywhere!"

Allan Gould

THE MOST DISPUTED FOODS, REGARDING THEIR KASHRUT, FOR PASSOVER

1. Beans, peas, lentils, rice, millet, sesame and sunflower seeds, and corn, for Ashkenazi Jews.

2. Vinegar, baking soda and baking powder, for most Jews, regardless of their religious leanings and backgrounds.

3. Being invited to a seder by your favorite relatives, who declared, "I know we're not *strictly* kosher all year, but we've been extra careful just so you can join us."

THE FIVE MOST COMMON MISSUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT PASSOVER

1. Karpas, the green vegetable symbolizing spring and rebirth and dipped in salt water early in the seder service, is *not* named for Al Karpas, a famous American-Jewish gangster of earlier in this century. Shame on you for even thinking that.

2. Passover wine does *not* have to be over 95 per cent sugar; it usually only tastes that way.

3. The beytzah, or roasted egg, which sits on the Passover plate, is a symbol of the sacrifices made during the festival in times of the Temple, and *not* of the Canadian economy in its resemblance to a zero.

4. The arba banim, or four sons of the Passover service, were *not* originally named Ryan, Izzy, Clint and Jason.

THE SHARPEST MAROR EVER RECORDED

The maror, or horseradish, of Reb Moshe Kapoya (the Dizzy) of Ozerov, Poland, which burned through his Pesach plate and right through his table; April 22, 1916. It was later confiscated by the United States government, and reportedly was used to bring the Great War to an early end. Since the United States has consistently denied using chemical warfare, this has never been verified.

THE MOST GENEROUS AFIKOMAN GIFT ON RECORD

Dustin Dembrowsky, the nine-year-old son of Dr. Harvey Dembrowsky of Houston, Texas, the world-renowned heart-transplant specialist, plastic surgeon, Talmudic scholar, stockbroker and plumber, held out and finally received the Caribbean island of St. Kitts; April 14, 1991. Dustin demanded, and finally got, a private Lear jet to reach his island during Pesach, 1992, and a 100-foot yacht during Pesach, 1993. He hopes to get a Nintendo this year.

Toronto-based author and lecturer Allan Gould is the author of 19 books, including a serious anthology of 350 famous Gentiles, What Did They Think Of The Jews? and his latest, a major anthology of the best comedy of his chosen country, *The Great Big Book of Canadian Humour.* He wishes all his readers a joyous, healthy, and — of course! — kosher Passover.

Features

Russian book will honor Jewish soldiers

In Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner interviews a Soviet war hero.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A project that would have been suppressed during the stultifying Soviet era is being readied for completion in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

A memorial book, enshrining the role of Red Army Jewish soldiers in that conflict, will be published under the auspices of the Jewish Invalids and War Veterans' Union (JIWVU) and the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities (Vaad).

Soviet authorities would have frowned upon it as particularistic, nationalistic or worse. But with the demise of communism and the rise of democracy in Russia, a volume of this kind presents no ideological problems.

"All of us who took part in the Great Patriotic War feel duty-bound to perpetuate the memory of Jewish warriors who were killed and are missing in action," explained Moses Maryanovsky, chairman of the JIWVU and a recipient of the Soviet Union's equivalent of the Medal of Honor.

Five hundred thousand Soviet Jews were conscripted into the Red Army and 200,000 fell, the majority fighting the Nazi hordes.

Jewish soldiers, pilots and sailors distinguished themselves on all fronts:

•Michael Plotkin commanded the first squadron to bomb Berlin in August 1941, two months after Hitler ordered the invasion of the Soviet Union.

•Brig.-Gen. Jacob Kreiser was mentioned in dispatches in the decisive battle for Moscow.

•The commander of German forces in Stalingrad surrendered to Brig.-Gen. Leonid Vinokur.

•Lieut.-Gen. Shimon Krivoshein commanded the armored corps in combat in Berlin.

•The surgeon-general of the Red Army was Maj.-Gen. M. Vofsi.

•Rear Admiral Paul Trainin commanded the Kerch naval base.

All told, 60,000 Jewish troops were decorated for heroism in the course of World War II. One hundred and forty five Jews, one-third posthumously, received the highest award, Hero of the Soviet Union.

Maryanovsky was one of the recipients.

A major in the tank corps, he joined the Red Army in 1941 at the age of 21. At the time, he was a worker in an automobile plant in Moscow.

Maryanovsky, a native of Ukraine, was assigned to the 187th brigade after finishing a tankist course in the city of Gorky. He served on the Western front, between Moscow and Bryansk.

In 1943, he was severely wounded near Moscow when his tank sustained a direct hit. He spent four months in a military hospital.

Having recovered, he was posted to the 23rd tank brigade in Belorussia.

In the summer of 1944, Maryanovsky's unit was ordered to capture the high ground held by the Germans on the western bank of the Dnepr River. The well-entrenched Germans had the advantage.

As the 23rd tried crossing on hastily-erected pontoon bridges, they were met by fierce German resistance. The casualties were frightful.

"The Dnepr became red with the blood of Soviet soldiers," recalls Maryanovsky.

The battles raged for three days and nights, until the Soviets were finally able to surround, and subdue, an entire German army group.

The victory, which paved the way for the capture of the town of Mogilov, came at a bitter price.

Maryanovsky's commanding officer was killed, as were one-third of his men. Many more were maimed. Maryanovsky, though badly wounded in the assault, fought bravely and smartly. Senior officers credited Maryanovsky with having helped turn the tide. His valor earned him the Hero of the Soviet Union.

Hospitalized yet again, Maryanovsky returned to the front several months later. He was sent to Poland. There, he was wounded for the third and last time.

He spent about two years in hospital, where surgeons attended to his wounds. The operations were considered successful, but surgeons were unable to remove grenade fragments from his head, arms and lungs, and he carries them to this day.

Yet he was more fortunate than his brother, who was killed during the war.

Demobilized from the army in 1947, just about a year before Stalin launched his notorious anti-cosmopolitan (read anti-Semitic) campaign, Maryanovsky enrolled at Moscow State University to study history. After graduating, he taught the subject at an institute.

Maryanovsky was a member of the Communist party from 1941 until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. He did not jump ship, like some communists, after the advent of perestroika and glasnost in the mid-1980s.

"I was a Communist to the end," he said.

But his party credentials did not shield him from the sting of state anti-Semitism. He, too, was affected by it, a topic he is loath to discuss.

These days, Maryanovsky is hard at work on the memorial book, which will list the names of every Jewish soldier who fought in the Red Army.

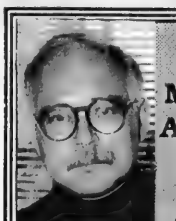
He has secured the co-operation of the president of the Vaad, Mikhail Chlenov, and established contact with the Historic Archival Centre of the Russian armed forces and the Moscow Scientific Research Institute.

"We are already gathering and registering the names and data of Jewish warriors," he said.

Last year, Maryanovsky met with Yitzhak Arad, the chairman of the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, who expressed an interest in the endeavor.

Maryanovsky has no doubt that the project is long overdue. "No steps were taken all these years to perpetuate the memory of those who fell. Our book will be a literary memorial to the fallen."

Moses Maryanovsky in 1945 as a highly decorated soldier in the Red Army.



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A'man, Israel's military intelligence, lacks the public image of the Mossad and the Shin Bet, the agencies in charge of external and internal operations. Yet according to Samuel Katz, a keen observer of the Israel Defence Force, A'man is Israel's "true shield."

By executing its mandate of gathering, analyzing and disseminating accurate intelligence, A'man protects Israel from conventional and unconventional attack, writes Katz in *Soldier Spies* (Presidio Press, $21.95 U.S.), a generally sober account of its history.

But A'man is not infallible. Its covert operation in Egypt in 1954 floundered. A'man failed to predict the 1967 Six Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War. It was surprised by Anwar Sadat's dramatic announcement of his intention to visit Jerusalem.

These failures, however serious, should not leave the impression that A'man — which is under the direct control of the chief of staff and the minister of defence — is a bumbling organization.

Perish the thought.

One of A'man's first successes occurred on the high seas. On the eve of the 1948 War of Independence, A'man operatives sunk the Lino, a ship ferrying arms and munitions to Syria. The Syrians recovered the weapons and loaded them aboard a leased Italian vessel, the SS Argiro. Just outside the Egyptian port of Alexandria, A'man hijacked the SS Argiro and diverted it to Haifa. The cache included eight million rounds of ammunition.

At times, A'man gathers intelligence by sending commandos into enemy territory. In 1954, a commando force sneaked past the heavily-fortified frontier into Syria and attached eavesdropping devices to the telephone lines linking Syrian fortifications along the Golan Heights. They proved extremely successful.

Around the same time, A'man secretly reconnoitered the Sinai to determine whether or not an armored and mechanized advance would be feasible through its rough terrain. The information enabled the Israeli general staff to draw up plans for the 1956 Sinai Campaign.

Military intelligence

Two agents recruited by A'man, Eli Cohen and Wolfgang Lotz, later made illustrious careers in the Mossad. Their exploits in Syria and in Egypt have become the stuff of legend. Far less known are the stories, related in *Soldier Spies*, of two A'man agents — a Jew and a Muslim — who funnelled vital data from Egypt before the Six Day War.

A'man planted electronic bugs throughout the Sinai, thus affording Israel the opportunity of monitoring supposedly top-secret telephone calls. During the Six Day War, A'man officers taped a revealing conversation between Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and King Hussein of Jordan. Nasser's boasts of "victories" against Israel convinced King Hussein to enter the war — a mistake he still regrets.

A'man committed a major blunder by underestimating the probability of war with Egypt in 1973. Nine days into the Yom Kippur War, A'man redeemed itself by discovering a crack in Egyptian lines, a development which enabled Israeli armor and infantry to storm across the Suez Canal, establish a beachhead and surround Egypt's Third Army.

A'man performed well in the 1982 Lebanon War. With exacting prescience, its director warned the government that Israel would be unable to destroy the PLO's infrastructure in Lebanon, nor be able to create a new political order there.

But in Katz's estimation, A'man's most important contribution during that war was its success in gathering real-time intelligence by deploying high-flying drones over the battlefield.

Katz believes that one of A'man's chief responsibilities in the future will be to forewarn Israel of potentially threatening developments in the former Soviet Union. Are unemployed Soviet nuclear scientists selling their expertise to the highest bidder? Will the new Muslim republics in Central Asia transfer nuclear secrets to countries like Iran and Libya?

Obviously, A'man has its work cut out in the years ahead.

Kibbutz inspires idealism

By CARL ALPERT

Not every Israeli lives on a kibbutz, and not every Israeli lives in the desert, but this is a story about a kibbutz in the wilderness wastes of the Arava. Its members are a breed to admire, for they are perhaps the last stronghold of the idealism which once served as the hallmark of the kibbutz movement. And their ability to overcome difficulties and to carve out an economically sound and spiritually rewarding way of life here deserves attention.

Our visit was to Ketura, population 350 (115 of them children), half of them Americans, a good many of whom are graduates of the Young Judea movement. What attracted them to this place, and why do they stay? It quickly become clear, in conversations, that they were not drawn by the desert, but once located here they fell in love with the surroundings.

Ketura is 40 miles north of Eilat, between the mountains of Moab on the Jordan side of the wilderness and the stony hills of the Negev to the west. There are fresh water springs, and the settlers have been able to transform the desert into a flowering paradise where the melons, peppers, dates and grapefruit which they grow reach markets in Europe before they are available from other sources. Their herd of cows provides dairy products which, merchandised through their neighboring kibbutz, Yotvata, are known throughout Israel.

But Ketura is also a cultural and spiritual oasis. From its very beginnings, 20 years ago, it emphasized the cultural elements of life, beginning with drama, music, arts and crafts and photography. The spirit of the kibbutz and the influence of nature provide an environment in which art and poetry can flourish — and do.

Ketura is unique in another aspect as well. It is a pluralistic society in which religiously observant members live in close and tolerant harmony with their non-religious colleagues. What do they mean by religious? Jeremy Benstein explained that the usual lines cannot be drawn, for to an Israeli anyone who is not Orthodox is said to be non-religious. Yet there are gradations of religious response and feeling. Four members wear a kipa. The kitchen is kosher, and services are held on the Sabbath for those who wish it, but others may go off to discuss at other settlements, and cars can enter the grounds on Shabbat.

The first born in Ketura, Nadav Soloway, is a true child of the desert. He is now 17, and admits that when he goes north he is struck by the abundance of trees, green plants and water. He wants to help bring more of that greenery to his home as well.

Life on a kibbutz is not for everybody, and all the more so a kibbutz in the desert; there have been families that have left, but always newcomers to replace them. Ketura has thus far been a holdout in the ideological decline among kibbutzim. There is little trend to privatization, and private TV sets for each family were approved only at the time of the Gulf War. There is still a strict rule against hired labor from the outside, and all the functions of the agricultural fields and the dairy farm are performed by members. They accept the services of volunteers from abroad, who come here for the unique experience.

Some members provide income for the kibbutz by working outside as teachers, gardeners, bookkeepers, biologists, lawyers, social workers, physical therapists and veterinarians in Eilat or other Arava settlements.

The high level of education, and the unique setting, have led Ketura to set up a format for study courses of long and short term seminars for high school and university students, senior citizens and other groups. Contents are tailored to requirements. It is hoped that this Jewish-Zionist-Wilderness program will be a memorable experience for its participants, and a generator of revenue for the kibbutz as well.

We spent four days there, under the auspices of the Continuing Education Program of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, and can recommend it heartily to groups looking for something new and meaningful.

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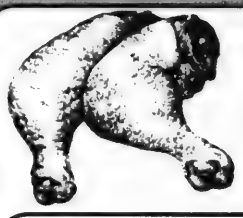

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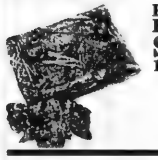

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Eliav optimistic on peace

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Arie Eliav

TORONTO — Consider a statistical graph with a variety of ups and downs. If you get too close to the chart at a time when the data is indicating a downswing, you get a distorted picture of the overall trend. Sometimes you have to take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

In a sometimes impassioned address at the Holy Blossom Temple last week, former Israeli soldier and Knesset member Arie Eliav described his perspective on the big picture concerning the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians.

The recent massacre in Hebron was one of the downswings on the graph, he suggested. Despite that tragedy, the trend is towards a resolution of the parties' differences, he said.

Those who throw up their hands and say Israelis and Palestinians can never live in peace are ignoring the lessons of history. Recalling his own experiences, Eliav said that as a young soldier in the British Army's Jewish Brigade in 1945, he would never have thought that such mortal enemies as Germany and France would one day be friends. Or that a continent riven by hatreds would one day have a common market, with international borders dissolving. Or even that the flags of West Germany and Israel would fly side by side at Ben Gurion Airport and that as a minister in the Labor government of the mid-1970s, he would greet a statesman from that European country. "But it did happen," he said.

"We are today in a process of peace through compromise," he said. "It's a very difficult goal. . . It's a 100-year conflict, four generations, with hatred and fear. But the road has been taken and there is no road back."

Eliav, who in 1977 helped found the Sheli party, said, "My generation saw Arabs down the barrel of a gun." But the Arab world has undergone important changes over the years. Israel has a full-fledged peace with Egypt, which represents about one-third of the Arab world. Relations with Morocco are good and in Tunisia, "many are changing their views."

He said Israel enjoys a de facto peace with Jordan and that among the Palestinians, there are many who are emulating the late Issam Sartawi, an aide to Arafat, who in the 1970s met with Eliav with the idea of building bridges between the two sides. (Sartawi was killed by forces loyal to terrorist leader Abu Nidal.)

"There is a change [in the Arab world]," he said. "A slow change, with ups and downs."

Eliav became most animated during a question period when commenting on the Kach movement. One of its members, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, shot 39 worshippers at a Hebron mosque recently.

Unlike most other Israelis, Kach members do not want peace, Eliav said. "Their ideology is a continuous war ideology. . . They hate peace, they love war."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and many in his cabinet are former soldiers who have fought the Arabs in many wars. "Kach didn't, we did."

He said, "The mood in Israel is not good. There is no quick remedy. But even deep wounds will heal and because the majority of Israelis are sick and tired of the situation we are in, they will support the government in the steps it has taken" to arrest Kach leaders. Even a majority in Likud support these measures, he added.

Eliav pointed to a youth village he has established that he hopes will foster good relations between Arabs and Jews. Called Niezana, it is about 70 kms southwest of Beersheba on the border between Egypt and Israel. "One day it will be a town on the crossroads of three continents," he predicted.

Eliav called on Diaspora Jewry to complement Israeli peace moves by fostering good domestic relations with Palestinians.

Seder offered for AIDS sufferers

TORONTO — The Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee, Brotherhood and Sisterhood would like to invite all our friends to our fourth annual The Third Seder: A Passover Celebration For Those Affected and Infected by AIDS and HIV.

This year's Seder, one of the outstanding events of the AIDS committee at Holy Blossom, will be held on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the 519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto. There is no charge but donations are appreciated.

A traditional Passover meal will be served and glatt kosher food will be available on request. As well, transporation is available for those who require it.

The AIDS committee was formed in 1988 as part of a resolution by Holy Blossom Temple to provide a Jewish response to AIDS. The committee is dedicated to meeting the needs of persons affected or infected by HIV and AIDS through programs such as The Third Seder, a memorial service during AIDS Awareness Week, support groups, and the AIDS Assist Buddy Program. The AIDS committee is currently made up of over 65 individuals from various congregations throughout Metro Toronto.

Last year's Seder brought together over 135 people to share in a ceremony of redemption and compassion articulated through a distinctive Haggadah that was compiled especially for the occasion by Jonathan Lampe, past chair of the committee. This year, the need is even greater. These mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and lovers need to know that there is a Jewish community that cares.

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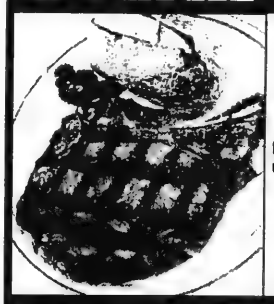

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Organizations and People

Howard Shore's home was vandalized with anti-Semitic slogans. [Ron Csillag photo]

Liberal hopeful targetted for anti-Semitic attack

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An anti-Semitic attack has left a Markham, Ont. man shaken but undeterred in his quest to become the Liberal nominee in the provincial riding of Willowdale.

Howard Shore woke up last Friday morning to find his home had been spray painted with a Star of David, a swastika and the message "Get out of Willow," a reference to Shore's seeking the Liberal nod in Willowdale, now held by Tory Charles Harnick.

The metre-high Star of David was near the front door, while the message and swastika were on the rear of the house. All were daubed in black spray paint. A firm specializing in restoration came to the house the same day the attack took place.

Shore says he's more angry than frightened, and that the attack is an attempt to oust him from the race.

"I'm outraged at this act of cowardice. Someone is trying to intimidate me to drop out of the race," he told *The CJN* just hours after the vandalism was discovered. "The message said to get out of Willowdale, and I live in Markham."

He said the attack left his wife distraught. The couple's telephone rang for most of Friday, with messages of support from friends and family, as well as B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress.

York Region police are investigating the incident.

Shore also said support came from Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod, who assured him that the party would conduct its own investigation.

A 29-year-old health care consultant, Shore has had his hat in the ring for the Liberal nod in Willowdale since last December. His campaign brochure lists his Jewish communal involvement and that he attended two universities in Israel.

His only opponent so far is Gino Matrundola, who held Willowdale for the Liberals from 1987 to 1990.

Shore said that the night before the attack, he had voiced concerns at a riding association executive meeting that proper procedure on the nomination process was not being followed.

According to Shore, "the atmosphere in the room became heated."

Matrundola said he is "appalled" at the attack.

"I was very sorry to hear what happened," he told *The CJN*. "I do not condone this type of attack on the Jewish community or on anybody."

He said he "resents" implications that he or members of his campaign had anything to do with the incident.

"We're on the same team. We're Liberals. This is not a political issue, and we had nothing to do with it."

Matrundola said relations between the riding's sizeable Italian and Jewish communities have always been "extremely good," and that his own doctor, lawyer and accountant are Jews.

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The satellite information will make possible the assessment of crop-growing methods; ecological monitoring of forests and radioactive contamination; search for oil/gas- bearing structures; mapping of mines, pipelines, archaeological remains; and detection of hurricanes and weather changes.

The Ukraine is one of only a handful of industrial nations possessing highly developed space technology and modern satellites. The Kharkov Institute is a world-class facility internationally recognized as a leading pioneer in the application of radiophysics to the field of remote sensing.

Immigration to Israel discussed

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The large number of marriages among Russian immigrants in Israel in which one partner is not Jewish has resulted in a "real problem," a symposium on refugee resettlement in Israel was told recently.

Because there is no separation of state and religion in Israel, "a disturbing problem has resulted over the identity of children in marriages where the mother is not Jewish," Professor Judith T. Shuval said.

The religious parties in the government coalition have been able to restrict performing of marriages and other rites to Orthodox rabbis only, she said.

"This problem is associated with more complicated things than immigration alone," Shuval told the symposium at the York University Centre for Refugee Studies.

"More and more efforts are being made via the courts to fight these issues, to get the right of civil marriages and for marriages to be performed by non-Orthodox rabbis. The Orthodox rabbinate is fighting against these efforts every inch of the way."

Shuval is professor of sociology at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and visiting fellow at Harvard University.

Arie Lova Eliav, a former deputy minister of immigration in Israel, and Alexander Bligh, lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and visiting professor of History and Political Science at York University, also spoke.

After only 30 months in Israel, 62 per cent of the 500,000 Russian immigrants who arrived between 1989 and 1992 were employed, about the same percentage of employment as in the Israeli population as a whole, Shuval said. These figures, obtained in February 1992, were based on interviews in their homes by Russian speakers, of 1,200 people between 25 and 64.

The 137,000 Russian immmigrants who arrived in the 1970s had an easier time because there was lower unemployment and a more receptive attitude from the general population. For example, she said, while 95 per cent of physicians arriving in the 1970s were absorbed into medical posts, only 2,000 of the 12,000 who came after 1989 could find work in their profession.

Women in both arrival groups had a harder time than men in finding work, and a lower percentage of the elderly in both migrations managed to find jobs.

Compared to the immigrants of the 70s, those coming between 1989 and 1993 included 80 per cent from areas where there was minimal Jewish identity, more elderly, a higher proportion of single families, mostly headed by women, and a higher number of non-Jews in mixed marriages. Downward mobility in employment was more evident in the second group.

Feedback to Russia from people experiencing difficulty in Israel has resulted in a decrease in the immigration rate in 1992 and 1993, Shuval said, and the future numbers will be linked to anti-Semitism and other factors in Russia. It has also changed the kind of immigrants, the number of engineers arriving falling from 27 per cent in 1990 to 19 per cent in 1992, and the number of unskilled rising from 15 to 25 per cent in the same periods.

Absorption of the immigrants depends on growth in the economy and in a successful peace process, she said. "Despite major setbacks like the Hebron massacre, in the long run the peace process will take place — not as soon as some of us hope."

During a round table discussion, Eliav said he believes there are another 500,000 Russian Jews "on the road" to Israel and that it will be more difficult for the country to absorb them than the previous immigrants.

Leases for 4.5 million dunams of land given to Arab refugees expire in four years and this poses an interesting problem for those working on self-rule for Palestinians, Bligh told the symposium.

A. M. Brown, an Israeli who is a post-doctoral fellow at York and who organized and chaired the symposium, said the Hebron massacre was symbolic of the tension and problems surrounding resettlement of refugees in Israel. "This is a crazy deed done by a crazy person," he said. "Nonetheless the plurality of responses to it from both sides, Arabs and Jews, as well as from others, illustrates the complexity of the conflict."

Responding to a question, Shuval said the rate at which Russian immigrants are leaving Israel has remained constant at three per cent, as it was in the 70s.

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Dr. Harold and Susan Merskey

London Negev Dinner to honor Merskeys

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

LONDON, Ont. — When Dr. Harold and Susan Merskey left London, England, in 1976 to settle in London, Ont., they lost little time in getting involved in their new community.

The Jewish community and Jewish causes, local volunteer groups and professional organizations have all benfitted from their commitment and willing service.

In recognition, the community will pay tribute to the couple at the London Jewish National Fund's fifth annual Negev Tribute Dinner on Sunday, April 17, at the Jewish Community Centre's Harris Room.

Special guest speaker will be Consul General Colette Avital from New York. The dinner chair will be Dr. Ben Goldberg and proceeds from the event will go towards reforesting the barren Mt. Scopus hillside, part of JNF Canada's Redeemers of Jerusalem program.

An internationally renowned authority on pain, Harold was born and raised in Sunderland. He attended Oxford University, where he qualified in medicine in 1953 and subsequently received his doctorate in medicine.

He went on to train in psychiatry and following appointments to hospitals in Nottingham and London, was appointed director of education and research at London (Ont.) Psychiatric Hospital in 1976.

Currently director of research at the same hospital, Harold is also professor of psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario Medical School, with cross-appointments to the departments of epidemiology, occupational therapy, the facial pain research unit and the Faculty of Dentistry.

He is a member of numerous professional societies in England, Canada and the United States, and is past president of the Canadian Pain Society.

His principal research interests include the study of pain; dementia, specifically Alzheimer's disease; conversion and dissociative disorders, including multiple personality; and false memory syndrome.

He has published extensively and as chair, since 1974, of the task force on taxonomy of the International Association for the Study of Pain, he has been responsible for developing and editing the *International Classification of Chronic Pain Syndromes*.

A native of Yorkshire, Susan received her BA in French from Hull University in 1961 and a postgraduate diploma in library science from the University of London in 1964. In 1987, she completed her MA in history at UWO.

A writer and editor, she is managing editor of the *London Jewish Community News* and also works as a freelance editor.

Married in 1965 and the parents of three young children — Helen, now married and living in the UK, and Ruth and Alan, both students at the University of Toronto — both became involved with the London Community Hebrew Day School.

While Harold helped organize the Hebrew curriculum, Susan became PTA co-ordinator and also held various positions on the board, including that of chair.

As a student, Harold was president of the Oxford University Jewish Society. Later, he became founding chair of the Medical and Scientific Committee for Soviet Jewry, 1971-76, and worked with the local Soviet Jewry Committee.

Active in campaigns in the UK and North America against Soviet abuses of psychiatry, he led the campaign to expel the Soviet Union from the World Psychiatry Association and also helped campaign for the release of Dr. Semyon Gluzman, who was held in Ukrainian prison and labor camps for speaking out against these abuses.

At UWO, he has been involved with the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East and has worked with other Jewish faculty on issues of concern to Jewish students, such as scheduling conflicts with religious holidays, provision of kosher food service and assessing the academic credibility of speakers invited onto campus.

Since 1978, Harold has also been a board member of Beth Tefilah.

Susan is a life member of National Council of Jewish Women, serving as chair or co-chair of the Soviet Jewry Committee since 1985. She is also a life member of Hadassah-WIZO, where she has held numerous positions, from Youth Aliyah co-chair and public affairs chair to co-convenor of the 1989 regional conference and vice-president from 1990-92.

Other volunteer activities have included the JCC, Jewish National Fund, as well as the Women's Committee of Orchestra London, of which she was president from 1990 to 1992.

Congress regional plenary to tackle current issues

TORONTO — Items of concern on the current Jewish agenda will be examined at the 28th Plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, March 19 and 20, at the Lipa Green Building.

Leading international and Canadian academics, rabbis, journalists, community leaders, and students will take part in the plenary whose theme is Koach — From Strength to Strength, said program chair Mordechai Ben-Dat. As well, this Assembly will mark the 75th anniversary of national Canadian Jewish Congress.

Alexander Bligh, who was advisor on Arab affairs to former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir; author Abraham Diskin, chair, Political Science Department, Hebrew University; and Bernard Reich, professor of international politics at George Washington University and consultant to the U.S. State Department on Israeli and Middle Eastern affairs will participate in the opening session March 19 at 8 p.m.

Bringing greetings to the plenary will be Treasury Board President Art Eggleton, Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba and Israel Consul General in Toronto Dror Zeigerman. Everyone is welcome to attend this session. A reception follows.

On Sunday morning, authors Andrew Cohen and Prof. Michael Bliss, and Mary Jo Leddy, co-founder of *Catholic New Times* will take part in the plenum, What the Future Holds for Canada.

Canada's future on agenda

The afternoon session will examine Our Jewish Community — The Sources Of Its Strength and Its Future Direction. Panelists include: Prof. Irving Abella, CJC national president; Prof. Gerald Tulchinsky, author; and Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Six forums will be held Sunday. The morning ones include Hate Groups in Ontario: The Nature of the Beast with authors Warren Kinsella and Lindalee Tracey, and Detective Dan Dunlop of the Ottawa Police Bias Hate Crime Unit.

Two other discussions will focus on Beyond the Classroom — Family, Synagogue and Youth Groups, and The Pressure Cooker on Campus: How Do I Fit In? Panelists in the former will be Rabbi Mel Glazer of London; Prof. Michael Sobol of the University of Guelph; and Judi Cartman of Sudbury. Participants in the latter panel will be students Joanna Spinner, Tamar Howarth, Josh Ganon, and Pam Scheininger.

In one of the afternoon forums, three Ontario MPs — Joseph Volpe, Barry Campbell and Sarkis Assadourian — will tackle the topic Ethnicity and Politics. In another, Prof. Jeff Arbus of Sault Ste. Marie, Dr. Shel Krakofsky of London, and Elaine Kamienny of Windsor will affirm that There is Jewish Life Outside of Metro.

Jews and The New World Order in Central and Eastern Europe will be discussed by Searle Brajtman, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Prof. Hana Diskin, author; and Rabbi Shlomo Mandel of Toronto.

Registration fee for the Plenary including lunch is $36, students and seniors, $25. Without lunch, the charge is $18. For registration and information, call (416) 635-2883, ext. 152 or 154.

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Organizations and People

Film helps to rehabilitate youth

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Who hasn't heard of *Schindler's List*, the fiercely gripping story of one man's actions to oppose the Nazis' murderous plans?

The film has packed movie houses across the country and has garnered rave reviews. Now you can add Rabbi Larry Lander to the list of those singing the praises of the film — not just for its artistic merit but for its power as an educational tool as well.

Lander is spiritual leader of Har Tikvah Synagogue in Brampton, a medium-sized congregation of 60 families. Late one night about two weeks ago, vandals daubed a side wall of the shul with anti-Semitic graffiti, including a swastika, the letters "KKK" and the letter "W" with a dot over it, symbol of white power.

Within one day, police had arrested two juveniles in connection with the incident. When they informed Rabbi Lander of the apprehension, he told them he wanted to meet with the youths and their parents.

In speaking with the parents prior to the meeting, Rabbi Lander asked that as "homework" the two youths should see the film, *Schindler's List*.

When he later met the boys, only one had seen it, but "he was profoundly moved by it."

"What ensued was a very good conversation between us," Rabbi Lander said. "I explained the symbolism of what had been written [on the shul] and about the Holocaust. I explained the pain [created] by this symbolism and how gut wrenching it is for survivors to see this."

Rabbi Lander said the boys were especially moved when he told them that his 4-year-old son had asked him, "Will they come hurt me?" when the child was told about the desecration.

"It bothered them that it would instil such fear in a little boy."

When he asked the youths why they had done it, "They said that at the schools they went to there is a lot of anti-Semitic and anti-Black talk and they thought they'd ingratiate themselves with their friends," Rabbi Lander said. "They thought it would be cool."

The boys, who police believe are not connected to any white supremacist organization, originally saw the symbols on an episode of the *Geraldo* show.

Rabbi Lander said he asked for the meeting with the boys because "we'd like to turn their ignorance around and salvage some good out of this."

Since their meeting, the boys have written a letter of apology to the congregation which was read during Purim. Although the boys still face criminal charges of mischief, Rabbi Lander said he has heard that "one of them has become a different person. He's helpful around the house, is more gentle and tolerant and the family is discussing more issues around the house."

Oskar Schindler's rescue of 1,100 Jews as portrayed in Steven Spielberg's film *Schindler's List* taught Brampton youngster greater tolerance. [Photo: David James]

Despite his apparent success in reaching through to the youths, Rabbi Lander said he is concerned by their statement that racist talk is common in the two Peel-area schools they attend. He said the community must tackle these issues head on, and he pointed out that even prior to the desecration, he had initiated a meeting of Muslims, Christians, Hindus and Jews to get teenagers together and create common bonds between them.

About 50 teens met one day recently "to talk, do skits and share religious services." Rabbi Lander hopes to widen the circle to include youths from the Black and Asian communities.

He has also called for creation of a provincial anti-racism institute, similar to Givat Haviva in Israel, to bring together youths and "to begin healing the rifts in the community."

Archeology course on offer at TAU

TORONTO — Tel Aviv University's newest offering for English-speaking students is a master's program in Biblical Archaeology. It is now possible for North Americans to study Biblical Archaeology in the land of the Bible.

Field activities for the program take place throughout the country. They include prehistoric excavations and field surveys, excavations in the biblical land of Geshur with emphasis on archaeological sites on the eastern shore of Lake Kinnereth and the western slopes of the Golan, and excavations at the biblical sites of Megiddo, Tel Jezreel and Tel Gerisa.

The research facilities include a pottery restoration workshop, archaeo-zoology and archaeo-botany laboratories, a photographic studio, a surveying department, the Archaeology Library, a slide archive and a rich collection of ancient pottery from major archaeological excavations.

Tel Aviv University is internationally renowned for the study of Biblical Archaeology, drawing students from around the world. Faculty members include Dr. Gabriel Barkay, Prof. Moshe Kochavi and Prof. David Ussishkin.

This new offering follows the success of Tel Aviv University's MA program in Middle Eastern History and Politics instituted by the Overseas Student Program two years ago. Besides the master's degree programs, a wide variety of undergraduate courses specially designed for English-speaking students are offered for one summer semester, or for a full year of study in Israel.

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Special program offered for youth visiting Israel

TORONTO — Four national Jewish organizations have joined forces to run an Israel summer program for Canadian Jewish Youth.

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A unique feature of ISE is the Mifgashim (encounter) program. During Mifgashim, participants have the opportunity to build long lasting relationships at a week-long retreat, where Canadian and Israeli teens celebrate their shared background and diverse cultures.

Other highlights of ISE include Shabbat and volunteer work in a Project Renewal community and hands-on environmental activity with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. In addition, participants tour the length and breadth of the land of Israel.

"An Israel experience, with all the deep emotional and intellectual impact it has at this impressionable age, goes a long way to strengthening a teenager's Jewish identity," noted Elizabeth Sokolsky, National Director of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) Canada.

"Not only did I experience the thrill of touring around Israel, but I also had the chance to meet new friends, both Canadian and Israeli," remarked Daniel Perlin, 16, of Burlington, Ont., a previous ISE participant.

"I now have a whole new family from all across Canada," added Daniella Abramson, 17, of Vancouver.

Eli Rubenstein, director of Young Leadership Development for United Israel Appeal of Canada explains: "Anytime you send a teen to Israel you can look forward to a wonderful experience. What makes this program so special however, is the unbelievably close connections and relationships the Canadian teens form with their fellow Israeli teens. It is not an exaggeration to say that many of these friendships will last a lifetime."

ISE is jointly sponsored by BBYO Canada, United Israel Appeal of Canada, The Canadian Council of Jewish Community Centres and the Canadian Zionist Federation. The initiative was sparked by the CRB Foundation's national drive to bring more teens to Israel.

ISE will run from July 10 to August 8. The cost is $3,850 from all points in Canada and some scholarships are available for applicants in genuine financial need. For further information and/or ISE application forms please contact your local BBYO/JCC office or call Elizabeth Sokolsky at BBYO Canada, (416) 631-5724.

Mazon offers new project for Passover funding drive

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon Canada has unveiled a new project for the Passover holiday that is geared to raising awareness of the problem of hunger — custom-printed placecards for the seder table.

The placecards contain both the guest's and the host family's name beneath an attractive design that incorporates Passover symbols like the wine cup and seder plate.

The placecards are another innovation designed to help Mazon raise money to help feed the hungry. Passover contributions are considered all the more timely in light of the Haggadah's injunction to "let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate Passover."

Funds raised through sales of the Passover placecards are pooled and later distributed to grassroots organizations that try to alleviate hunger among the needy.

Another project for the Passover holiday is the distribution of 20,000 cards to be used at seders as a reminder that "you can help us fulfil the mitzvah of feeding the hungry among us by donating just a small percentage of the cost of your family seder to Mazon." The cards are being distributed to families through congregations across the country.

Other Mazon fundraising initiatives include the sale of special occasion cards for simchas or to express sympathy as well as the use of nine colorful glass boxes that can be made available for synagogue functions and other social gatherings to help collect contributions for the organization.

Children living in poverty

Writing in Mazon's most recent newsletter, Mazon Canada chair Gordon Wolfe notes that "more than 1.2 million children under the age of 18 — almost one in five — live in poverty in Canada." Since 1989, the year Parliament resolved to end child poverty, more than 250,000 children have been added to the ranks of the poor, he writes.

In Metro Toronto alone, Wolfe continues, 142,000 children received socal assistance in 1993.

Regardless of political activities to aid those in need, there is "the absolute necessity for us to be personally involved in helping to relieve these problems," Wolfe states.

Mazon distributes funds to organizations across Canada twice a year. In its fall 1993 allocation, Mazon made grants of $70,000 to 46 organizations. Sixteen recipient groups were in Quebec, the others in the rest of Canada and one was abroad.

The single largest allocation of $4,000 went to the Jewish Community Centre of Bosnia-Herzegovina in Sarajevo. Domestic allocations of $3,500 went to B'nai Brith Women of Vancouver and to Tomchai Shabbos in Toronto.

Other recipient groups include the Albert County Action Committee in Riverview, N.B., Bikur Cholim Ladies Association of Montreal, the Colchester Food Bank Association of Truro, N.S., the Lethbridge Food Bank and Streetlink Centre in Toronto.

For more information or to order Passover place cards or simcha cards, contact Mazon Canada at 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 206, Toronto, Ont., M6B 3K1 or phone (416) 783-7554.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. March 3 is deadline for March 17 issue and March 10 is deadline for March 24 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331; fax number, 424-1886.

Thursday, March 10

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE
A panel discussion, The Vatican-Israel Accord, featuring **Sister Mary Jo Leddy, Professor Bill Dunphy, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson** and **Dr. David Goldberg**, takes place 7:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Ave. W. For information, call 941-9356.

INFERTILITY AWARENESS
Explore issues of intimacy and communication at a seminar on Infertility and Your Relationship with **Susan Aaron**, psycho-dramatist, 7 p.m., Regional Women's Health Centre, 790 Bay St. Advance registration required. Call the Infertility Awareness Association, 691-3611.

Saturday, March 12

EVENING OF SONGS
Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., presents a special evening of Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and English songs, by artists **Fern Dworkin** and **Michael Hinkes**, 7:30 p.m., in the Banquet Hall. Cost, $2 includes refreshments.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE
Find out what obstacles and opportunities await in the month of Nissan and how this knowledge can enhance daily life, at a meal and lecture, 8:30 p.m., Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395. Fee, $7.

Sunday, March 13

ALTERNATIVE FAMILIES
In honor of International Women's Day and United Nation's International Year of the Family, The United Jewish People's Order and the Morris Winchevsky School Community present Changing Women, Changing Community, a panel discussion on alternative families in the Jewish community, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., 789-5502. Everyone welcome, admission free.

IMMIGRATION AND FAMILY HISTORY
Bill Gladstone, *Canadian Jewish News* columnist, will discuss Exploring Your Jewish Family Tree, 2 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation, refreshments. Admission free, everyone welcome.

BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS
Pat Burns, head coach of the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey team, is featured at Temple Kol Ami Brotherhood's first Breakfast with the Stars, 10 a.m.—noon, Sheraton Parkway North Hotel, Highway 7 and Leslie, Richmond Hill. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door for adults 13 years and older; $15 in advance and $20 at the door for children. Tickets may be ordered on VISA by calling 754-5369 or in person at Marky's Warehouse Outlet, 7171 Yonge St., (905) 731-4433. For additional ticket information, call **Brian Stutz**, 665-8890 or (905) 660-0800.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
Frank Dimant, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada will discuss Who Speaks for Canadian Jews? at Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood's Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., following 9 a.m. services. Breakfast free of charge, nursery available.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?
Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St. presents a brunch with **Rabbi Meir Fund**, following 9 a.m. services. Topic will deal with the awareness of the effect the living and their departed have on each other. Cost, $7.50. Call 595-5723 for information.

RAGTIME TO BERNSTEIN
Saxophonist **Paul Brodie** and pianist **Valerie Tryon** present a program combining popular music and the classics, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Tickets, $15 general; $12 seniors and students can be obtained at the synagogue office, 221-3433; Matan Judaica, 731-6543; Negev, 781-9356 or Israel's, 881-1010 or 256-1010.

EARL BALES SPRING FAIR
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YESHIVAT KEREM B'YAVNEH
American Friends of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh is holding a reception, 8 p.m., 60 Mayfair Cres., Hamilton, to inform the community of the nature of the Yeshiva and its programs. **Rabbi Marc S. Volk**, executive director, will be featured speaker. Everyone welcome. For information, call **Cheryl** and **Joseph Greenbaum**, (905) 529-2973.

Monday, March 14

BBW SHIRA CHAPTER
B'nai Brith Women of Canada's Shira chapter-in-formation is for working women, 30 years and over, looking for Jewish community programming in Central Toronto. The next program, 7:30 p.m. features a guest speaker from the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre. For information, call **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313.

ANCIENT JEWISH SECTS
Continuing education committees of Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations complete their winter study program featuring **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum**, 8-9 p.m., Beth David, 55 Yeomans Rd. Topic is The Karaites — History and Doctrines — The Rabbanites.

PASSOVER COOKING
Beth Sholom Sisterhood is holding a Passover cooking and baking demonstration, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. No admission charge. Passover food products for the community food drive would be appreciated.

MINI AUCTION — MEGA DEALS
Join BBW's Tikvah, a chapter for single and married women ages 22-35, for an evening of fun and bargains. Such items as gift baskets, housewares, gift certificates and much more will go for a steal. For information, call **Patti**, 929-2214 or **Debbie**, 782-6012.

Tuesday, March 15

LET THERE BE MUSIC
Children, ages 5-12 will find out what it is like to be a professional musician, 2-3 p.m., Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. when two Toronto Symphony musicians demonstrate musical instruments and talk about their history. To register, call 395-5490.

SCIENCE FAIR
Associated Hebrew School's annual Grade 8 science fair will be held 7:30 p.m., Leslie campus, 6100 Leslie St. Students will explain their interpretation of the scientific method of over 100 displays. Admission free.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD
Russian dancers will be featured at Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's luncheon meeting, 12:30 p.m., at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Reservations necessary. Call **Ruth Fruitman**, (905) 731-6660.

ENRICO MACIAS
Singer **Enrico Macias** will perform at Pantages Theatre, 8 p.m. All proceeds to Petah Tikva Congregation. For tickets call 872-2222.

TANACH STUDY GROUP
Dr. Arnold Ages will lead the Tanach Study Group, Book of Kings II, Chapter 8, at 8:15 p.m., Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, March 16

ISRAEL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Dr. Joseph Shainhouse will be the featured speaker at Israel Medical Association, Canadian chapter dinner lecture, Park Plaza Hotel. Free to members of the chapter. For reservations and membership, call **Saul Goldstein**, 781-9562.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES
A panel of bereaved parents and siblings will discuss Facing the Holidays — Coping with Passover, at Family Night, 8 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor. For information call **Sheila Browne**, 667-8372, or **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

LIVING WITH CHILDREN
Public health nurses are leading parenting sessions for parents of children 1-4 years of age, Tuesdays, until April 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Barbara Frum Recreation Centre, 20 Covington Rd. Topics include learning about children's behavior, toilet training, healthy food choices and child safety. No charge. To register, call 395-7600.

VOLUNTEER VISITORS
Lonely and isolated seniors can have their lives enriched by the companionship that a volunteer visitor could provide. If you would like to extend your friendship to a senior and you have at least one hour available per week, call **Arnold Foss**, Senior Care/Community Service to Jewish Elderly, 635-2860.

FLOWERS FOR PASSOVER
National Council of Jewish Women, Zion branch is selling potted mums suitable for Passover gifts. Price, $18 including delivery. VISA orders accepted at Council House by calling 633-5100. For phone orders call **Sue**, (905) 881-8057 or **Naomi**, (905) 764-1349. No orders past March 20.

TALK TO ME
A conference to promote dialogue between young people and older adults will be held Thursday, April 7, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. This is an opportunity for adults over 60 years of age and students in high school, college or university to meet the other generation in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Registration necessary. Seniors and students, $10; others, $25. Lunch included. For information, call **Judi Egelnick** or **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

NEW MEZUZAH

Affixing a mezuzah to the doorway of the new offices of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University on Avenue Rd. are Rabbi Eliot Feldman and Yael Wagner, Academic director, CFTAU. (M. Goldberg photo)

HOLY BLOSSOM AIDS COMMITTEE
The fourth annual Third Seder: A Passover Celebration for those Affected and Infected by AIDS and HIV, will be held Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., 519 Community Centre, 519 Church St. Traditional Passover meal will be served and glatt kosher food is available upon request. Tranportation available for those who require it. For more information, to volunteer or to make reservations, call **Deborah**, in confidence, 789-3291 by Wednesday, March 16.

PASSOVER PROGRAMS AT OHR SOMAYACH
Ohr Somayach, Forest Hill, 29 Gilgorm Rd., in the Beth Lida-Forest Hill Synagogue, is running two mini-courses given by **Rabbi Breitowitz**. The Seder, a hands-on learning experience in how to conduct a seder is on Monday evenings, 8:30-9:30 p.m. until March 21. On Wednesday evenings, 8:30-9:30 p.m. until March 23, The Haggadah, a review of the ancient Passover text, will be featured. For information, call 886-5730.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN
Shabbat evening services will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month, 7:15 p.m., beginning March 11. Shabbat morning services will take place on the first and third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. All services are at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Check notice board for room location. Everyone welcome.

HOCKEY CAMP
The March Break Community Hockey Camp, Bond Lake Arena, Richmond Hill runs from March 14-18. The camp includes instruction on ice safety, power skating, puck control and education for the hockey parent. For information or to register, call (905) 884-6965.

SUPPORT FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS
The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds free, confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family and Child Services, Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University. Call **Claire**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

DENNIS WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP
The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education is soliciting applications for the fifth Waldman Scholarship to be awarded in June, to a student graduating from a Jewish high school program who is going on to university or yeshiva or to a student graduating from a public high school who intends to pursue a course of Jewish study. Applications, due by April 29, are available at many schools or through Solursh, Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite, 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. For information, call **Dr. N. Waldman**, 635-9765.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES
Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER
Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto are seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for more information.

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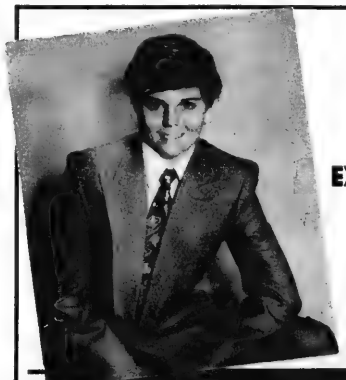

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What's New

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SOLEL-MISSISAUGA

Annual Passover seder takes place Sunday, March 27, 6 p.m. at Solel Congregation. Cost is $15 per adult, $7.50 per child.

Regular services are on Friday, March 11, 8:30 p.m. Family services, Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. For information, call Solel, (905) 820-1956.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, chairman of the Beit Din discusses the Myths and Realities of the Get in Today's Society.

Other JF&CS groups include Adult Children Losing a Parent, which begins April 11; For Women Only which explores self-esteem, stress management and interpersonal relationships, beginning March 23. For information conerning fees and registration for these groups, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

The Juvenile Justice Program which supervises offenders placed on probation by the provincial youth court needs males particularly, to volunteer on a one-to-one basis to act as positive role models and provide exposure to community resources. Volunteers must be patient, have some knowledge of working with youth and provide support and direction. Training provided, referrals are necessary and a one year commitment is expected. Call the Volunteer Centre, North York, 481-6194.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services, 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information, call 362-3248.

ANSHEI MINSK SHABBAT

A Shabbat week-end, Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 will be held at Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. Each Shabbat meal is joined with a program. Cost for the entire Shabbat week-end, $35, or an individual charge for each program. Downtown accomodations are being arranged. Call 595-5723 for information and registration.

OHR SOMAYACH: THORNHILL

Rabbi Natan T. Lopes Cardozo, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach: Jerusalem, will be the scholar-in-residence, Friday March 11 and Saturday, March 12, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Lecture times are Friday, 9 p.m., Saturday, 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 p.m. Two Shabbat lectures free of charge; Saturday night lecture, $5. For information or assistance in locating a place to stay in the area, call 886-5730.

STUDENTS' SUMMER IN ISRAEL

Jewish Students' Network-Canada presents Focus on Israel: The Leadership Development Seminar, May 9-31. Highlights include meeting with Knesset members, seminars on Israeli politics, plus workshops on countering anti-Israel propaganda and effective campus promotion of Israel. Cost is $1999, based on Toronto departure. For application and information contact **Tamara** or **Howard**, Jewish Students' Network-Canada, 3535 Bathurst St., Suite 201, Toronto M6A 2C7. Phone 783-1165; fax 783-1166 or 1-800-465-1807 or local campus organizations.

for seniors

Happy Time Seniors, Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York, presents a discussion on Fat and Cholesterol, Friday, March 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club concert featuring Spanish Flamenco music, 1 p.m., March 15 in community centre. Cost, $1 members, $2 non-members. Next Saturday dance in the clubhouse, March 12. For information on ongoing activities, trips to Atlantic City, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Catskills, call the office, 395-7881.

Sunrise is planning a trip to Puerto Plata, May 7-14. For reservations call **Esther** or **Monique**, 223-9165.

Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills presents, Do Your Own Income Tax, March 15, 11 a.m.-12 noon. To reserve a place or for information, call 447-7244.

Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. runs a Holocaust Survivors' Group which provides an opportunity for seniors who are Nazi war victims to discuss common issues and concerns in a supportive environment. Led by **Paula David**, supervisor of social work, Social, Cultural and Educational Department. Call 789-5131, ext. 2271 for information.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. presents music appreciation with **Mildred Bennett**, beginning March 17, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Reservations being taken for day outings and Catskills trip. Plans confirmed for Western Canada trip, June 5-15. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 23rd annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., Sunday, March 27. Doors open 6:45 p.m. Seder begins 7:15 p.m. Fee, $15 per person. Tickets purchased at Bernard Betel. For information, call **Goldy Leibman**, 635-2860.

Healthy Living Program for Seniors, Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave., wraps up its winter session with an evaluation and summary, March 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton is bowling at Sherwood Lanes, Friday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 12, 10:15 p.m. will be Shabbat in the Garden Lounge; Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m., program with **Susan**; Monday, March 14, 2:30 p.m., speaker **Gloria Silverman**.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 783-9453 or **Avner**, (905) 771-0250.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own meets every other Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for refreshments and 3:30 for a program. March 10 is a movie starring Barbra Streisand. Fee $1. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, March 13. Members $3.50; non-members $4.

Wednesday afternoon socials are at 1:30 p.m. March 9, **Fern Dworkin** will entertain; and March 16 hear singer **Charly Sibony**. For information call **Irina Shulgin**, 225-2112.

A traditional seder lunch will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 12 noon. Enjoy holiday songs with **Shelly Ovdat** at 1:30. Members, $7. For concert only, members $2, non-members $3.

at the JCC

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto New Leadership Division in association with Aish HaTorah presents an informative round table discussion for singles ages 30-45 with **Mitch Mandel**, Sunday, March 20. Topic is The Perfect Date. Doors open 7:30, programs begins 8 p.m. sharp. $10 per person. RSVP, **Rosanne**, 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP will receive JCC health club pass at the door.

Pre-Pesach vendor's show will be held Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St., front lobby. Admission free to the public. Anyone interested in being a vendor should call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Seniors programs at the Bloor Y include bridge, knitting, current events, pottery, fitness/dance, speakers and entainment. Call 924-6211 for information.

March Break Vacation Fun Days, Gymnastics Camp and Pottery Workshop are happening from March 14-18 at the Bloor Y branch. Phone 924-6211.

Registration is still being taken for spring classes and programs that begin the week of April 4. Call 924-6211 for information.

For a great night of fun, be at the Country Western Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 12, main gym, JCC, North Y branch. Learn new dances and enjoy some of your favorites. This is a fundraiser in support of the Koffler Centre School of Dance.

The Senior Adult Services, North Y branch, continues its Learning Experiences program with Coping with Low Interest Rates presented by **Rina Lio** of the Royal Bank, Tuesday, March 15, 1 p.m. Admission free. For information, call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Leah Posluns Theatre presents *Crossing Delancey* until March 20. Performances are scheduled Saturdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m., and Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. Tickets ranging from $14.50-$22 are available at the Leah Posluns Theatre box office, 630-6752 or at Ticketmaster, 872-1111.

About People

CANADIAN ORT PRESIDENT

Dr. Mel Schwartz, a dentist from Montreal, has assumed the position of national president, Canadian ORT. Active with ORT for 11 years, Schwartz served as president of Montreal Men's ORT from 1989-1992, where he was successful in developing a strong Dental Division which still continues to play an important role in the organization's fundraising endeavors.

Dr. Mel Schwartz

He was named to the executive committee of World ORT Union, based in London, England in 1990 and since then has travelled widely to visit ORT schools in South America, Europe, Israel and the United States.

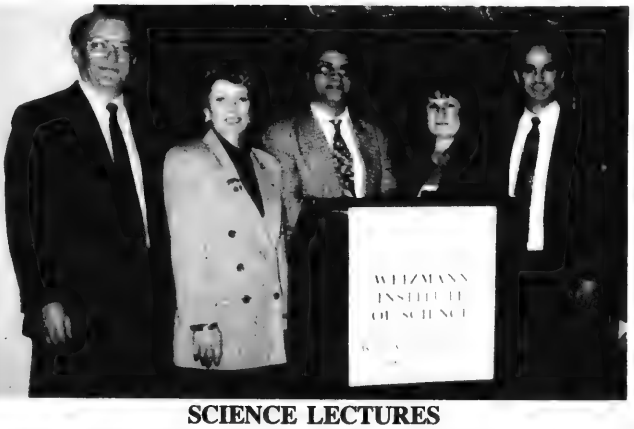
REENA APPOINTMENT

The Reena Foundation announces the appointment of **Mark Sack** as director of development. In this capacity, he will have responsibility for developing and fundraising activities including a planned donation program. Sack and his development group will also help Foundation, Board and volunteers to support a capital campaign that will open the Toby and Henry Battle, Sarah & Miriam Developmental Centre in Vaughan.

Mark Sack

SOLEL BREAKFAST

Paul Marcus recently spoke at Solel Congregation brotherhood breakfast on The Middle East Peace Process. Present were (from left) Dr. Frank Welland, president Solel brotherhood, Gavin Herman, president Solel; Paul Marcus, national director, Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada; Joyce Aster, area co-ordinator, B'nai Brith Canada/Halton Peel Region; Bob Hundert, 1st vice-president Solel.



SCIENCE LECTURES

Weizmann Women for Science recently presented the second in a series of scientific lectures, co-hosted by Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre. Prof. Yadin Dudai, dean, Faculty of Biology, Weizmann Institute of Science, was guest speaker. Pictured from left are Dr. Donald Stuss, director, Rotman Research Institute; Raylene Godel, Weizmann Women for Science co-chair; Prof. Yadin Dudai; Carol Gordon, Weizmann Women for Science co-chair; Dr. Morris Freedman, director of Behavioral Neurology, Baycrest Hospital.

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Organizations and People

Temple rededicates Saskatchewan Ark

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For Shelley Saidman, the recent rededication of the Aron Kodesh from the old Melville Synagogue in memory of her parents Harry and Norma Swartz was "a little sad but felt like the right thing to do."

Saidman and her husband, Lee, were present at the ceremony last month in which Reform congregation Temple Shalom rededicated the Aron Kodesh it had been keeping in storage during renovations.

Lee said the transplanted Aron Kodesh symbolized the passing of the torch from one Jewish community to another struggling to grow. Melville, Sask., was once home to a thriving Jewish community. By the mid-1960s however, most of the Jewish families had left for Winnipeg or Vancouver.

Synagogue artifacts transferred

Shelley's parents lived in Melville. Her father was the last president of the synagogue, which dated back to 1919, and her mother was the last president of Melville's Hadassah-WIZO chapter.

When the Saidmans married in Israel in 1969, Harry Swartz brought the shul's Torah to Israel. Most of the syngogue's artifacts were transferred to the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Regina and Swartz bought the building. When he passed away, the family sold the building but kept the Aron Kodesh and some of the benches.

It was at the same time, in the early 1970s, that Winnipeg's only Reform congregation bought its present building in south Winnipeg. Shelley recalled the congregation using a portable aron. "Melville's Aron was a nice addition to the service," she said.

A few years ago, the congregation remodelled the santuary. The old Aron didn't fit in with the new look and was put in storage.

"It was never our intention to discard the old Aron," said Rabbi Jeffrey Gale, Temple Shalom's spiritual leader. "We had always planned to have a chapel for smaller services that would include the Aron. It just took us longer than we expected to set it up."

The Saidmans were invited by the rabbi to attend the rededication. "The service was a regular monthly Friday night choir service," Shelly said. "Rabbi Gale spoke about the Aron and the new chapel during his sermon. Lee and I were invited to come up for aliyahs during the Torah reading."

Temple Shalom does not hold Saturday services.

Rabbi Gale said the parshah of the week and the Haftorah were appropriate to the occasion in describing the giving of the Torah and the order of the temple service.

Singles discuss relationships at JCC/Aish Hatorah event

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish singles got a chance to meet and talk to other singles about male/female relationships at a recent event sponsored by Aish Hatorah and the Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

Questions posed to about 100 single men and women between 30 and 45 seated around ten tables elicited lively discussions on such topics as the differences between men and women, what the opposite gender is looking for in a potential mate, and men and women being "just friends" after physical intimacy. A facilitator at each table served to keep the conversation going and to make sure each participant got a say.

The groups talked among themselves for two 20-minute sessions. After each of the sessions, Rabbi Mitch Mandel, the director of outreach for Aish HaTorah, led a general discussion that enabled participants to hear some of the conclusions other groups had reached. Then Rabbi Mandel referred to the Torah to give a brief perspective on topics discussed.

The monthly singles program, which has been run by Aish Hatorah for the past year and a half, recently joined forces with the JCC to present the evening's program at the JCC where the program will be held in the future.

Rabbi Mandel said the format of the program originated three years ago with the Aish Hatorah in Los Angeles. Singles, he said, would like to meet somebody appropriate and are interested in discussing issues that are vital to them. "They are also meeting other singles [in a situation] that doesn't cause any 'uncomfortability.' "

He added that in any given week 1,500 to 1,800 singles across North America take part in the Aish Hatorah program. It operates in Cleveland, Miami, Washington, Los Angeles and Toronto.

Commenting on the strong reaction to the subject of the differences between men and women, Gail, speaking to a small group at the recent Toronto event, pointed to feminists. They want "to be on the same level as men," said Gail.

A male participant told everyone in the room that the traditional roles of men and women are breaking down and men are unsure of what they are supposed to do in a relationship.

Also speaking to the entire group, a female participant said that women are more emotional than men and that women are better communicators. "[We] just have to accept the differences," she urged, adding that there wouldn't be much fun in having a relationship with someone who is exactly like you.

Rabbi Mandel said the question of differences between men and women annoy people because the world is defined by a male standard. From a Torah perspective, he says, there is no one standard. "Each person has their unique standard."

He compared the differences between men and women to a rainbow of contrasting colors. "You can only create beauty through contrasts."

When Rabbi Mandel asked the women present what primary quality they wanted in a male, the responses he got included trust, money, commitment, sense of humor and a strong value system.

Roman said to a small group at a table that too many women are focused on finding mates with professions, to the exclusion of seeking relationships they could grow in.

Walter told the people at the same table that he wanted loyalty from a woman. He complained that many women he knows date several guys at the same time and some are not honest about their dating activities.

John (not his real name) said he wanted an intelligent mate he could carry on a conversation with.

On the subject of men and women being "just friends" after physical intimacy, Joss said how friendship works out depends on whether sex is seen as a sport or as something meaningful.

Roman thought that one party would inevitably get hurt if two people wanted to be "just friends" after physical intimacy.

The next singles event will be at the JCC on March 20. For information, call Rosanne at 631-5658.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Spring is in the air at Hazelton Lanes
Metro Toronto Singles presents a grand opening Singles Party at **Carlos and Pepes Restaurant Bar,** 87 Avenue Rd. (north of Yorkville Ave. & Hazelton lanes) **Sunday March 20th 8 p.m.** Complimentary parking at Hazelton lanes. Door prizes and Carlos and Pepes Gift Certificates. Cover $10. 222-7111 for info.

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Fiftieth anniversary to be marked on Yom Hashoah

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — By late 1943 and into early 1944, the government of Hungary could see the handwriting on the wall. Soviet forces were closing in and the opening of a Western front seemed imminent. In a bid to extricate Hungary from the war, the government opened secret negotiations with the Allies.

Up to that point, the situation facing Hungarian Jewry had been perilous, and thousands had been killed, but the majority had managed to avoid the destruction that had claimed so many of their brethren in the rest of Europe.

With Hungarian machinations jeopardizing their plan for the destruction of Hungary's Jews, German forces entered Hungary on March 19, 1944 and SS officer Adolph Eichmann was ordered to put into effect the "final solution of the Jewish question."

The 50th anniversary of the destruction of Hungary's Jews will be marked in Toronto on Yom Hashoah, April 10, during a community commemoration that is sponsored by the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

George Salamon, a survivor who grew up in Budapest, will deliver a short address as part of the annual services in memory of the Shoah's victims.

The speech will pay tribute to the Hungarian Jews who fell victim to the Nazis and to those who helped save them, he said.

From May 15, 1944, when the first deportations began, to the war's end on May 7, 1945, an estimated 600,000 Jews — 10 percent of the Holocaust death toll — were murdered by the Nazis and their Hungarian collaborators.

The Nazi plan for the Jews' destruction was methodical. Within four months of the German occupation, virtually all the Jews living outside Budapest had been deported, mostly to Auschwitz, Salamon said.

The Hungarian Holocaust Victims and Heroes Memorial is the first government-sponsored Holocaust memorial in Eastern Europe, and the first to be built on the site of Holocaust atrocities. It is near the Dohany Synagogue on a plaza that marks the site of a mass grave where 600,000 victims of the Budapest Ghetto are buried. [RNS Photo]

Readers of *The CJN* will recall the horrific testimony of survivors from the southern Hungarian city of Szeged, who told a Toronto court in the case of former gendarmerie captain Imre Finta about their ghettoization, brutal treatment and deportation — some to Auschwitz, others to forced labor in Austria. (Finta was acquitted of war crimes charges. The case is now under appeal.)

By late June, the Jews of Budapest and men inducted into forced labor units were virtually the only Hungarian Jews left alive.

In June, Hungary's Interior Ministry issued orders concentrating Budapest's Jews in a ghetto but by July 8, the effect of unfavorable press coverage and interventions by the king of Sweden, the Vatican and the Red Cross, coupled with the desire of the Hungarian government to negotiate an armistice with the Allies, brought a halt to further deportations.

But on Oct. 15, the German-backed Arrow Cross fascists seized the government and resumed the deportations. They also ordered forced marches of Jews towards Austria. It is estimated that from the Arrow Cross seizure of power until Soviet forces entered Budapest on Jan. 18, 1945, 98,000 Jews were killed.

Salamon picks up the story as of November when he, his mother, sister and five others went into hiding to evade an Arrow Cross roundup. Two Hungarian workmen spotted the group in a storage room in the building where they used to live near Margaret Island and the Arrow Cross came shortly afterwards to arrest them. They were taken to Arrow Cross headquarters on Andrassy Street where all the men, including Salamon, who was only 14, were beaten during an "interrogation."

"The guy pointed to his nose and asked me if he had a Jewish nose," Salamon recalled. "I said 'no,' and he began hitting me, saying, 'how dare you say no to me.'

"Then he repeated the question. I changed my answer to 'Sir, you have an Aryan nose.' The beating was on again, [with him] demanding a straight answer. This went on. . . After a while I could not stand it any longer and blurted out that 'you have a Jewish nose.' This helped, this is what he wanted to hear to justify his further action. After an outburst of anger and savage beating, the ordeal was over. . . Following the beating the left side of my face was black and blue, including my ear and the skin behind my ear. Perhaps this contributed to the total loss of hearing on that side."

Two other, older Jews were beaten even more severely, Salamon recalls. After being kept in a dark cell for two days or so, he was taken to a brick factory in the Buda section of the city, near the highway to Vienna. Salamon, his mother and sister were eventually released from the factory thanks to special diplomatic passes, called Schutz Passes, issued by the Swiss government. Salamon credits the Halutz Resistance, a Zionist movement, for forging many of the life-giving documents.

In addition, many Jews at that time were placed under the protection of neutral states like Sweden, Switzerland and Portugal. It was during this period that Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg helped save thousands of Jews.

Salamon pointed out that in Hungary, the Christian-Jewish Society, with the support of nine Christian denominations, is petitioning the government to declare April 17 a national remembrance day to commemorate the tragedy of Hungarian Jewry.

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The Hitachdut Oleh Hungaria (HOH), the Association of Hungarian Immigrants in Israel, along with other organizations representing Hungarian Jews, is planning an international congress to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jewry.

The congress will be held in Israel from June 20-27 and will include meetings in Jerusalem as well as an exhibition of the history of Hungarian Jewry. In addition, the congress will examine the fate of Jews living under Hungarian government control in Carpathia-Russia, Slovakia, Transylvania and Bacska.

For more information, contact the HOH at Ibn Gvirol Street 76, Tel Aviv 64162, Post Office Box 16624, Israel; or call either telephone no. 011-972-3-6917121 or 011-972-3-6916115; fax no. 011-972-3-6967049.

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Organizations and People

Geneticist Breitman helped train scientists

TORONTO — Genetic researcher Dr. Martin Breitman died last month of cancer. He was 41.

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After doing post-doctoral studies at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Breitman was appointed a senior scientist at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital in 1985. There he worked in the cancer research and molecular and developmental biology divisions.

Breitman helped explain the development of eye lenses and cardiovascular and endothelial cells. He was to have officially received the $100,000 Alcon Research Institute award this March for his work on eye research.

He also trained many graduate students and post-doctoral fellows who have gone on to faculty positions in Canada and Europe.

With his trainees and scientific collaborators, Breitman published over 75 scientific articles on tumor virology, somatic cell genetics, lens development, genetic ablation and gene regulation.

He served on advisory committees for the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Human Frontier Program in Strasbourg, France, and the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

Breitman is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Breitman, children Stephanie and Alison, parents Hazel and Leo and many relatives. A research fund in his name has been established at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Matt Ages was a loyal friend

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Ottawa native Matt Ages was remembered at his funeral a few weeks ago as a loyal friend, who for 50 years kept in touch with friends from his World War II Air Force crew. Ages, brother of *The Canadian Jewish News* columnist Arnold Ages, died suddenly from heart failure while on vacation in Florida on Jan. 11. He was 74.

Ages was an athletic man throughout his life. If it hadn't been for the war he probably would have had a career in sports, said his wife Esther. He was a talented hockey player and gifted softball pitcher who played for government, Royal Canadian Air Force and Jewish men's league teams. In 1988 he was inducted into the Ottawa Jewish Hall of Fame for his contribution to the RCAF Senior Hockey League and a governmenrt basketball team. He was also known as a passionate and excellent golfer.

Ages was sent overseas in 1942, two years after he and Esther, his high school sweetheart, were married. For three years he flew missions out of England as a pilot with RCAF Bison Squadron 429. After the war Ages kept up a steady correspondence with crew members who had settled as far away as England and Seattle.

War veteran

"To this day I'm still getting calls and letters from his friends," said Esther. "Obviously he did some wonderful things."

Ages spent 30 years working as a customs appraiser for the Canadian government. At age 50, he decided to start his own business, representing other businesses before customs tribunals to win them more favorable duty rates on imports. He retired last year.

In 1991 Ages became a member of a committee that established the Ottawa Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Chapters had been established in several other Canadian cities more than 20 years earlier, but local veterans didn't believe there would be much interest in this city, said former Ottawa Post Commander Mat Levitin. To their surprise, 120 men joined the group. Ages was the deputy commander of the Ottawa Post for two years and would have become the commander had it not been for his poor health, said Levitin.

Members of the Ottawa Post served as an honor guard at Ages' funeral.

Ages is survived by his wife Esther, two children, five grandchildren, brothers Sam and Arnold and a sister, Miriam.

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Women try to overcome stereotypes affecting Jews, Poles

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — They have much in common. Both have roots in Poland and were born in 1940. Canada is their adopted home. The two women raised their children here.

But Tecia Werbowski is Jewish and Irene Tomaszewski is Christian. They are both acutely aware that the friendship that has developed between them is regarded by some as almost an act of treason. The two women have been drawn together by a desire to overcome the stereotypes that prevail in their respective communities about the other, to bring some balance to the history of Poles and Jews, and perhaps contribute to a more empathetic future.

They are doing research and plan to publish a book on Christian Poles who helped Jews escape Nazi oppression during World War II at the risk of their lives, either individually or through the underground or the Zegota, the clandestine Council for Aid to Jews. The latter was recognized by Yad Vashem, as have about 4,000 individual Poles who sheltered or saved Jews.

They are combing through original documentation, and interviewing rescuers and those rescued now living in Canada.

Tomaszewski first briefly met Werbowski just over a year ago at the launch of the latter's book of semi-autobiographical short stories entitled *Zina* at the Polish Consulate.

The book was named for Werbowski's mother, who survived the war by assuming the guise of a French governess in the home of a wealthy Polish family. Her father was in the underground.

For safety, the 1-year-old Tecia was taken in by another Christian family, where she remained for several years. Her brother and the family hiding him were killed after they were denounced to the Nazis.

Werbowski emigrated to Montreal in 1968, with her mother and young son after the Communist government launched a vicious anti-Zionist campaign.

Tomaszewski was born in northern Russia after her family, which lived in eastern Poland was deported, after the Russian occupation. Other relatives were forced laborers for the Germans, and an uncle was executed. They were then sent to a colony for displaced Poles in the African country of Tanganyika, and later moved to England. She has lived in Montreal since 1950.

Unknown to each other, both had been trying to foster a dialogue between Poles and Jews. Werbowski is a board member of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation, a group that meets usually in informal settings for frank discussion of the two people's relations.

Tomaszewski, a journalist, wrote an article for the *Toronto Star* about the role of the Polish underground in the Warsaw Ghetto. Unlike Werbowski, she had not until recently given much thought to Polish-Jewish relations. "Being anti-Jewish was just not in the consciousness of our family."

But she could not fail to notice to her dismay, with the growing interest in the Holocaust, that too often being Polish was equated with being anti-Semitic.

She cannot accept the image of all Poles as bystanders to atrocities against Jews, or worse, actively encouraging it.

After the Star article, Werbowski — who had forgotten Tomaszewski from the book launch — invited her to coffee. She felt the Heritage Foundation needed more Polish participants.

Both women chuckle when Werbowski relates how disappointed she was when she saw Tomaszewski sitting in the restaurant. "I wanted to speak to a Christian Pole. By her looks, I thought she was Jewish... In fact, a lot of people think she's Jewish and I'm Polish."

"We had an instant sense of affinity. We talked as if you had been friends a long time," Tomaszewski recalled.

They are concerned that so many Canadians seem to be unaware of the basic facts that Poland was occupied by the Germans and that the concentration camps were set up and run by the Germans, and that three million Polish Christians also died there.

Werbowski said she finds Canadian-born Jews more resistant to the idea of Jews and Poles coming together in dialogue than those from Poland.

She knows first-hand that there are anti-Semities in Poland and that such feeling was fanned by the former communist regime. "But I feel the Polish people in general should not be branded as anti-Semites. I owe my life to a Polish family.

"At some point, the two solitudes have to meet and end the animosity."

Mission for Israeli hospital planned

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PASSOVER FOOD

Organize and plan your post-Shabbat seder

By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

This year, Passover begins on Saturday evening, March 26. This poses special problems for preparing the traditional seder feast, since all the food has to be ready before the Sabbath begins on Friday at sundown.

The confluence of Shabbat and Passover does make it more difficult to come up with an appropriately fancy feast, but not impossible. Careful planning and good organization will get your feast on the table in a timely and attractive manner.

MASHED POTATO MATZOH BALLS (KNAIDLACH) WITH SOULS (NESHOMES)

3 eggs
1 cup mashed potatoes
1 tsp. salt
3 tbsp. pareve Passover margarine, melted
3 tbsp. chicken stock (or water the potatoes cooked in)
1 cup matzo meal
Neshomes

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the eggs. Add the mashed potatoes, salt, and margarine. Mix thoroughly, adding warm liquid as necessary to smooth out the mixture. Stir in the matzoh meal. Cover and refrigerate.

About 45 minutes before serving, remove the batter from the refrigerator. Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil. Moisten your hands with cold water. Shape into balls. Stuff each one with a teaspoon of the cooked liver mixture. When all the batter is shaped, drop the balls into the boiling water. Cook, covered, 30 minutes (or longer for fluffier matzoh balls). Drain and serve in chicken soup.

Makes 12 matzoh balls.

NESHOMES

3 tbsp. oil
Livers from 6 Cornish hens
1 half onion, finely chopped
Salt to taste

In a small fry pan, heat the oil. Add the livers and onions. Season with salt. Cook until the livers are done and the onions are tender. Remove from heat. Chop or mash. Cover and refrigerate until time to stuff in the centre of matzo balls as directed above.

FISH AND VEGETABLE TERRINE

1½ cups sliced carrots
1 clove garlic
2 cups broccoli or spinach
1 clove garlic
4 large red peppers, roasted, with skin and seeds removed, cut into slices
2½ lbs. firm fleshed white meat fish, such as sea bass or halibut
1 large onion, chopped
2 eggs
¼ cup matzoh meal
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
½ tsp. white pepper
Boiling water
12 large lettuce leaves
Horseradish sauce

Oil a 2-quart casserole. Line the bottom and sides with waxed paper and oil again. Set aside.

Prepare vegetables. Place carrots in saucepan with whole garlic clove, water to cover, and ½ tsp. salt. Cook, covered, until carrots are almost tender. Drain thoroughly. Discard the garlic. Chop coarsely. Set aside.

Place broccoli (or spinach) in a saucepan with whole garlic clove, water to cover, and ½ teaspoon salt. Cook until tender, but not mushy. Drain thoroughly. Chop coarsely. Set aside.

Place the fish, onion, and eggs in food processor or blender. Do in parts if your bowl isn't big enough to hold all the ingredients. Process, pouring a little water through the feed tube if necessary to smooth out the mixture. Place in a mixing bowl and combine with the matzoh meal, salt, and pepper.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Layer ⅓ of the fish mixture into the prepared pan. Cover with the carrots and then slices of half the peppers. Layer in another ⅓ of the fish. Cover with slices of the remaining peppers and then the cooked broccoli or spinach. Layer in the last ⅓ of the fish.

Place the pan into another larger pan. Place in the oven. Pour boiling water into the bottom (outer) pan. Bake 45 minutes, or until the fish feels firm when you press it in the middle. Remove from the water. Cool. Then cover and refrigerate.

To serve, run a knife around the edge of the pan. Invert onto a platter. Peel off the waxed paper. Cut into wedges. Place each wedge on a lettuce lined plate. Pass the horseradish sauce.

Makes 12 servings.

HORSERADISH SAUCE

2 cups Passover mayonnaise
6 tbsp. white horseradish (or more)
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice, or to taste
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp paprika

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Makes 2½ cups.

CORNISH HENS WITH YAM AND MATZOH STUFFING

6 Cornish hens, split
Salt, pepper, garlic powder, paprika to taste
1 large onion, chopped
2-3 cloves of garlic, chopped
Vegetable oil
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup carrot, chopped
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Vegetable Stuffing

½ cup coarsely chopped cucumber
½ cup coarsely chopped tomato
¼ cup matzah meal
2 tbsp. finely chopped onion
1 tbsp. chopped fresh dill weed (or 1 tsp. dried)
2 tsp. lemon juice

In a small mixing bowl, combine stuffing ingredients. Pat fillets dry. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Divide stuffing among 4 fillets, roll up and secure with a toothpick. Butter a small baking dish and place fillets showing the filling side up.l Bake, uncovered, at 400 F (200 C) for 25 min. Serve warm, or cold with yogurt and fresh cucumber slices. Makes 4 servings.

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2 cups button mushrooms
¼ cup off dry white Passover wine (Riesling, if possible)
1 shallot, finely diced
1 medium sweet potato
2 5 oz. (160 g) halibut fillets
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 egg, beaten
3 tbsp. canola oil
10 trimmed stalks asparagus

Sauce:

½ cup dry white wine (Riesling, if possible)
1 tbsp. lemon juice
¼ cup cold butter or pareve Passover margarine
3 tbsp. chives

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Prepare mushroom coating. Process mushrooms in food processor until a coarse paste. Spread thinly onto baking sheet. Mix together wine and shallot and pour over mushroom mixture. Place tray in oven until most of moisture has evaporated, about 20 minutes.

At same time, place sweet potato in oven for 15 minutes. Peel sweet potato and slice diagonally into 6 slices.

Season halibut with salt and pepper. Coat with beaten egg. Coat evenly with mushroom paste on both sides. Reserve.

Place a large skillet on medium heat. Add oil. Fry sweet potato slices until golden on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Add asparagus, saute one minute, season vegetables and reserve leaving oil in pan.

Return pan to stove and add halibut fillets. Cook for 2 minutes to brown coating on underside. Return vegetables to skillet. Place in oven for 6 minutes or until halibut is cooked and vegetables are tender. Remove fillets and transfer to dinner plates along with vegetables. Keep warm.

Discard any oil in skillet and on high heat add wine and lemon juice. Reduce to syrupy consistency. Reduce heat to low. Whisk in butter and chives.

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Here are the names of the manufacturers and their products and the services for Passover 1994-5754.

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ROAST CHICKEN WITH FENNEL AND TOMATOES
Serves 8

2 chickens, cut in eighths, skin removed
6 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbsp. Passover olive oil
1 tsp. crushed fennel seeds
½ cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
4 bay leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
4 fresh fennel bulbs (remove fronds, set aside), cut in eighths
2 large onions, peeled, sliced very thin
16 fresh tomatoes, quartered or 16 whole canned tomatoes, drained
4 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1 cup kosher chicken broth
2 more tbsp. parsley to garnish

In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients. Marinate overnight.

One hour before you begin to cook, remove the marinating chicken and vegetables from the refrigerator and bring to room temperature.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Place chicken and vegetables in a single layer into large 2 inch deep roasting pan (an oven-to-table dish works well).

Place in oven and roast 45 minutes. Garnish with additional parsley and serve.

MATZAH SPINACH KUGEL
Makes one 9-inch round kugel

2 10-oz. boxes of frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
2 cups chopped leeks (white part only) or chopped onions
1 tbsp. Passover vegetable oil
6 egg whites
2 whole eggs
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
1 tbsp. chopped dill
4 cups kosher for Passover matzah farfel
Salt and pepper to taste
Pinch of nutmeg
Vegetable oil spray for pan
1 tbsp. matzah meal

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Drain spinach in a colander; squeeze out any extra water and set aside in a large bowl.

In a skillet, saute the leeks or onions in oil until soft. Remove from heat and add to drained spinach.

In the work bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade, chop the herbs, add the 2 whole eggs, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Process for 2 minutes. Scrape down sides, pulse chop until greens are specks. Pour into the spinach mixture.

Mix in matzah farfel. Beat egg whites, fold into mixture. Spray pan with oil, dust lightly with matzah meal. Pour mixture into pan and bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.

Cut into wedges and serve.

PUREED CARROTS AND CELERY ROOT
Serves 6

2 lbs. carrots, peeled and sliced
1 lb. celery root, peeled and cut into cubes
6 sprigs parsley tied with string
2 pears (or apples), peeled and cut into large pieces
Juice of 1 lemon
3 cups kosher chicken broth
Nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste

(Note: Squeeze lemon juice in bowl of cold water. As you cut up pear and celery root, place in the water to retard oxidation (browning).)

Drain celery root and pears, discard water. Place pieces in a large saucepan and add the carrots. Cover with broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer until carrots are very tender. Drain, reserving ½ cup of liquid. Transfer mixture to food processor in small batches and puree until smooth. Add broth as needed. Add nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. At this point, the puree can be refrigerated for a day.

To serve, heat in saucepan over low heat for 3-5 minutes **OR** transfer puree to a baking dish, cover with lid or foil and bake in preheated 350 F oven for 20-30 minutes until steaming hot.

CHICKEN BREASTS WITH MUSHROOMS
Serves 4-6

3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, split
¾ cup matzah meal
½ tsp. dried thyme leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
2 egg whites
Vegetable oil spray
2 tsp. Passover olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 lbs. mushrooms, thinly sliced
½ cup kosher-for-Passover sherry
¼ cup kosher chicken stock
Juice of 1 large orange
½ tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. chopped Italian parsley
Fresh ground pepper
Parsley to garnish

In a blender (or food processor fitted with a metal blade), pulse/chop the matzah meal, thyme, salt and pepper until meal is "powdery." Place in a shallow dish, set aside.

In another shallow bowl, whisk egg whites until light in color. Dip chicken breast pieces in egg whites, then dredge in matzah meal. Place in lightly oiled baking dish (9 x 12); lightly spray one side of breasts with oil and place in 400 F oven for 3 minutes. Remove from oven and turn oven down to 350 F.

In a large skillet, saute garlic and onions in olive until the onions are translucent. Add mushrooms and saute for 3 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove mushrooms and spoon over breasts. With remainin juices still in the skillet, return the skillet to the flame, pour in sherry, stock, orange juice and paprika. Simmer for 3-5 minutes. Stir in parsley, pour over mushrooms and chicken.

Cover and bake for 45 minutes. Garnish with more parsley and serve.

DILLY DUMPLINGS
Serves 6-8

½ cup grated onion
1½ cups matzah meal
¼ cup vegetable oil
½ cup kosher chicken broth
Salt and pepper to taste (½-1 tsp.)
1/8 tsp. ground ginger
2 large eggs
2 egg whites
3 tbsp. chopped fresh dill

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, broth, eggs and egg whites, salt, pepper and ginger. Stir in grated onion, dill and matzah meal. Cover. Refrigerate overnight or for a few hours.

Bring a 10-quart pot of water to a boil. Add salt if desired. Spoon mixture onto a large flat plate. Holding the plate in one hand and a blunt knife in the other, cut teaspoon size pieces of dough into the water.

Simmer for 20 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon. Serve as a side dish with the chicken.

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Cynthia Gasner, the director of information and public relations, coordinates the information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth. Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner is the chair of the Vaad and Yitz'hak Feldman is the chair of the Kashruth Council.

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashrut and food-related information to thousands of families across Canada and the United States, and as far as Israel and Europe, says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the council's executive director.

Esther Schwartz, the council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes. The recipes for Passover 1994-5754 include: tasty vegetable soup, stuffed zucchini, surprise meat loaf, green salad with toasted farfel and Passover nut diamond cake.

If you wish to be placed on the COR mailing list, call the Kashruth Council (416) 635-9550, or write to 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

Here is a sample from this year's Passover flyer:

TASTY VEGETABLE SOUP
Serves 6-8

3 tbsp. oil
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 celery ribs, chopped
2 carrots, diced
2 potatoes, diced
1 cup coarsely chopped cabbage
1 can condensed clear chicken soup
1 can tomato/mushroom sauce
2 soup cans water
1 tsp. sugar
Salt, pepper to taste
1 tsp. fresh basil
Garnish: 2 tbsp. chopped parsley

Heat the oil, saute the vegetables for about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Adjust seasoning. Garnish with parsley. If too thick, add water.

Variation: For dairy, omit chicken soup and add an extra 10 oz. of water to the recipe. Serve with grated Passover Parmesan cheese.

STUFFED ZUCCHINI
Serves 8

4 medium zucchini

Cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out pulp leaving ¼ inch shells. Reserve pulp for stuffing.

Stuffing:

2 tbsp. oil
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, crushed
½ lb. mushrooms, finely chopped
½ cup red or green pepper, finely chopped
* Scooped out zucchini pulp, finely chopped.

Heat oil, saute vegetables until moisture evaporates.

1 cup matzo meal
Salt, pepper to taste
2 tbsp. finely chopped parsley

Combine and add to vegetable mixture

Preheat oven to 350F.

Place zucchini shells closely together in a lightly oiled baking dish. Fill each half with stuffing. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake 30-40 minutes or until shells are tender.

Variation: For a dairy meal, sprinkle with grated Kosher for Passover Parmesan cheese.

GREEN SALAD WITH TOASTED FARFEL
Serves 6-8

1 large Romaine lettuce — wash thoroughly, dry well, tear into bite-size pieces
1 English cucumber — peel, cut in half lengthwise, slice thinly
1 large tomato — cut in thin wedges
2-3 ribs celery, thinly sliced
1 cup thinly sliced radishes
½ Bermuda onion, thinly sliced

Place vegetables in a large salad bowl.

Dressing:

1 cup oil
¼ cup lemon juice
⅛ cup dry white wine
¼ cup dry red wine
1 tsp. fresh basil, finely chopped
½ tsp. oregano
2 garlic cloves, crushed
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

Shake in jar or mix in blender or food processor. Pour over salad and toss gently.

2 cups *toasted farfel. Toss into salad before serving.

***To Toast Farfel:**

1 cup farfel
2 egg yolks
½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. oil

Mix together and spread on cookie sheet with sides. Brown in 350F oven about 10 minutes. Watch carefully so they do not burn. Also good with soup.

Variation: For dairy meal, sprinkle with ½ cup grated Kosher for Passover Swiss cheese.

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Most people think that Pesach is a celebration of our release from Egyptian bondage and deliverance into Israel. I prefer to think of it as the time of the great debate. Do I serve floaters or sinkers with the chicken soup? I grew up with sinkers and my husband was raised with floaters. We have great discussions every year about which matzah ball is the best matzah ball. (I'm right, of course).

I would never presume to tell anyone what to cook for seder. Every family has traditional specialties they serve and woe to the person who tries to tamper with them. Last year I suggested, just suggested mind you, that we try a wonderful new glazed sweet potato recipe I had found. I wanted to skip the boring sweet potato and pineapple casserole that's been served every year since Moses told Ziporah to throw a few things together and get a move on.

Saying that I got a negative reaction is like saying Pharaoh got a little wet. I relented and kept the menu pretty much the same as its always been. I did, however, promise myself that this year I would make a few additions to the menu. It's a little extra work but after chopping 35 onions and peeling 4,000 eggs what's a few extra. Hopefully these recipes will become part of our seder tradition and I can kiss my potato kugel good bye.

AMBROSIA MEDLEY

2 cups fresh pineapple cubes
2 bananas, sliced
2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
4 tbsp. sugar
1 cup coconut
½ cup orange juice

Layer half of pineapple, banana and strawberries in a medium serving dish or dessert dishes. Sprinkle with 1 tbsp. of the sugar and 2 tbsp. of the coconut. Repeat layers. Top with remaining coconut. Slowly pour orange juice over fruit. Chill until serving time. Serves 10. This can be doubled or tripled.

POTATOES AND LEEKS

2 lbs. new potatoes, quartered
8 leeks, washed, trimmed, diagonally sliced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 tbsp. oil
4 tsp. chopped fresh tarragon
2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tsp. salt

In a large sauce pan, combine potatoes, leeks and garlic. Cover with water, add the salt and cook 12 to 17 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender. Drain. Pour oil over hot vegetables and sprinkle with tarragon and lemon peel. Toss gently and serve warm or cold. Season with salt and pepper if desired. Garnish with fresh tarragon or lemon. Serves 8 to 10.

VEGETABLE KUGEL

1 cup grated raw apple
1 cup grated raw sweet potato
1 cup grated raw carrot
1 cup matzah cake meal
1 scant cup Passover margarine
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Passover baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
¾ cup sugar

Preheat oven to 325. Grease 10 inch casserole. Mix all the ingredients together well. Pour into the baking dish. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 45 min. Raise oven to 350, remove cover and bake an additional 15 min. Slice and eat hot. Serves 6 to 8.

BROCCOLI AND ORANGE SALAD

1 bunch broccoli, cut into florets
3 to 4 navel oranges, peeled and sliced
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 head romaine lettuce, washed, dried and torn
3 tbsp. lemon juice
¼ cup oil
2 tsp. sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

Steam broccoli until just tender. Drain and cool in ice water. Drain and toss the broccoli, orange slices, onion slices and lettuce in a large bowl. Combine remaining ingredients together in a covered container and mix well. Pour over salad and serve. This can be prepared the day before and add the dressing just before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

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Hints prove helpful in kashering kitchen

While the thought of kashering the kitchen for Pesach seems overwhelming, it is not really so daunting if you approach it step by step.

The rules given here are general; when in any doubt, call your rabbi.

Any surface used only for cold chometz, like refrigerator or pantry shelves, needs only a thorough washing and rinsing. Cover the pantry shelves with shelf paper.

Surfaces used for hot chometz, such as countertops, highchairs, and stovetops, must also be covered with a non-absorbent material, such as a contact paper, oil cloth, aluminum foil, or, if you are lucky enough to have one, a pre-cut, storable cover.

An electrical range should be turned on long enough to heat the element to a red-hot glow; a gas or electric oven set on broil and allowed to heat for one hour.

Self-cleaning ovens should be set to the cleaning cycle so that cleaning and kashering will be done automatically.

Microwave ovens can be kashered easily for Pesach. Clean the oven well. Fill with water a clean container that was not used for 24 hours. Place in microwave and turn it on to full power, letting it steam heavily. Turn it off and wipe out the inside.

To use the microwave during Pesach, use a new glass or microwave-safe turntable, or a piece of styrofoam or thick cardboard as a separation between the bottom of the oven and the cooking dish. Make sure the food is well covered.

Kasher a stainless steel sink by pouring boiling water over the entire surface (including the taps) after it has sat unused for 24 hours.

Table linens and towels need only be washed normally. Mixers, and the motors of food processors and blenders can be used, but ask a rabbi for precise instructions as to kashering them.

Using up chometz a real challenge

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

Using up the last of the chometz is always a challenge. We always seem to give or throw away enough stuff to feed a small third world country. I decided to start saving recipes that would help me use the stuff I usually sell. I hope that the following recipes make life a little easier and that your cleaning is followed by a big nap.

BUTTERY BREAD AND BERRY PUDDING

8 slices bread
⅓ cup butter or margarine
1 qt. blueberries, raspberries or blackberries
1 cup sugar
Pinch of cinnamon and mace mixed in sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x9 baking pan. Butter slices of bread on one side and arrange 4 slices, buttered side up in the baking pan. Dump half the berries on top, sprinkle with half the sugar mixture, then mash well with the potato masher so that the juice runs down into the bread. Top with the remaining bread, buttered side up, then the remaining berries and sugar. Mash once again.

Bake uncovered for 35 min. and remove from oven. Mash again and bake an additional 10 minutes or until the juices are bubbly and syrupy. Cool for 30 min. before serving. Great with ice cream, whipped cream or sour cream. Serves 6.

HOT DOGS AND RICE CASSEROLE

¼ cup each chopped green pepper, onion, celery
1 tsp. minced garlic
2 tbsp. margarine
1 cup (8¼ oz.) whole peeled tomatoes
1¼ cup water
½ cup uncooked rice
¼ cup plus 1 tbsp. tomatoe paste
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp hot sauce (optional)
8 kosher hot dogs, sliced

In a medium saucepan, cook green pepper, onion, celery and garlic in margarine until tender, approx. 5 min. Stir in remaining ingredients except hot dogs. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 20 min. or until rice is cooked. Stir in hot dogs and heat throughout. Serves 6.

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Jerusalem Dateline

Few fruits have as many myths associated with them as pomegranates. The ancient Greeks, for example, believe that the pomegranate was given to them by Zeus as a reward for their devotion to him, and many Arabs and Bedouins believed that the tree had power over evil spirits. It was a tree under which one could sleep in safety and security. Perhaps the most charming of all myths is the one that holds that in each pomegranate fruit, one seed has come down from paradise. Even today, many Christian and Jewish mystics believe that the pomegranate tree is the Tree of Life.

Mentioned in the Bible as one of the five fruit trees indigenous to the Holy Land, the pomegranate has served as a source of artistic inspiration for many centuries. The golden bells that ornamented the Holy Temple in Jerusalem were shaped like pomegranates and their design often appears on mosaic floors, carved in stone on friezes, and on ancient coins. In early Christian art, the appearance of the pomegranate symbolized eternal life, and a fine example of this is seen in Bethlehem on the floor of the cave of the Church of the Nativity.

Modern-day Israelis still consider red pomegranate one of the most luxurious, delicious and beautiful of fruits. In Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, street vendors with old-fashioned juice squeezers still cut pomegranates in half and squeeze out their refreshing juice.

To remove the seeds from a whole pomegranate, simply cut the fruit in half and scoop out the seeds with a spoon, discarding the bitter white pith. Whether eaten plain, sprinkled on salads, or added to a vinaigrette dressing, they make marvelous treats. They also make excellent additions to humous or tahina. To try them in the Arabic fashion, sprinkle the seeds with rose-water, lemon juice and sugar. Chill the mixture well and then serve in a bowl that sits on crushed ice, giving each guest a demitasse spoon so that they may help themselves directly from the bowl.

Pomegranate seeds are also used to make grenadine, a non-alcoholic, sweet syrup used in various cocktails. A delightful homemade version of grenadine can be made by juicing six pomegranates, boiling the juice for 5-6 minutes and, if desired, adding sugar to taste and simmering for 3-4 minutes longer. The resulting syrup can be stored for up to 2 months if placed in sterile glass jars and refrigerated.

Unless otherwise noted, each of the following recipes is designed to serve 4-6.

CHICKEN IN POMEGRANATE SAUCE

1 large chicken, quartered
3 tbsp. olive oil
1 onion, chopped
9 oz. coarsely chopped walnuts
4-6 pomegranates
The juice of 2 lemons
1 tbsp. sugar
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large heavy skillet brown the chicken pieces quickly in hot oil. With a slotted spoon, remove the chicken and in the same skillet saute the onion until nicely browned. Add the walnuts and continue to saute over a low flame for 2-3 minutes longer.

Cut the pomegranates in half, scoop out the seeds and discard the pith. Place the seeds in a blender and blend for 3-4 seconds, and then strain the juice into a bowl, pressing to squeeze out the juice. (This should yield about 1 cup of juice.)

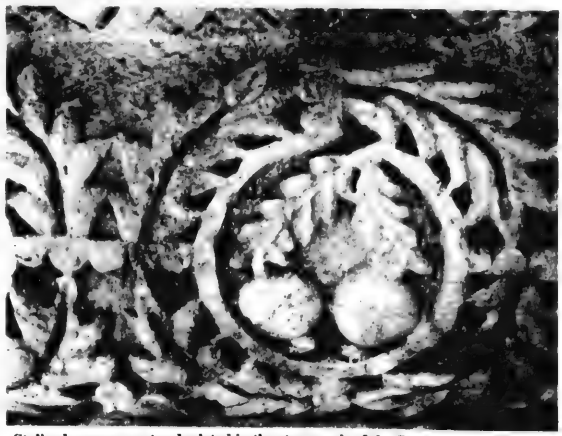
Pour the juice into the skillet, add the lemon juice, sugar, ⅔ cup of water, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a bare simmer, stir, return the chicken pieces to the skillet and cook uncovered until the chicken is very tender (45 minutes - 1 hour). Taste and correct the seasoning with more lemon or sugar to taste. If the sauce is too thick, thin with a little water. Serve piping hot.

POMEGRANATE ICES

1 cup sugar
1 cup pomegranate seeds, lightly crushed
6 tbsp. lemon juice
Mint leaves for garnish

To a saucepan with 4 cups of water add the sugar and boil for 5-6 minutes, stirring regularly. Remove from the flame and let cool. Refrigerate until the syrup is lightly chilled and then add the pomegranate seeds and lemon juice. Pour the mixture into ice cube trays and place in the freezer.

When the mixture is half frozen, stir well and then stir again every half hour until you have stirred the mixture 4 times in all. Pour the mixture into individual sherbet or dessert cups and let freeze solid. Transfer to the regular refrigeration compartment about 10 minutes before serving, and serve garnished with mint leaves.



Stylized pomegranates depicted in the stonework of the Synagogue of Capernaum, dating from the late fourth or early fifth century AD. [Photo: Joel Fishman]

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1 tsp. salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Chicken stock
Paprika

Spray a large roasting pan with vegetable oil spray. Rinse the hens with water, but do not dry. Season to taste, inside and outside with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle with paprika for color. Place in the prepared pan, skin side down. Cover and refrigerate.

Prepare the stuffing. Saute onion and garlic in a few tablespoons of vegetable oil. Add the celery and carrot and continue cooking until vegetables are tender and begin releasing their own juices. Turn off the heat. Add the yams, prunes, apricots, and broken up matzoh or farfel. Season with salt and pepper. Toss lightly. Moisten well with chicken stock. Cover and refrigerate.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Fill the cavity of each hen half with a generous portion of the stuffing. Sprinkle with paprika if desired. Cover and roast 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the juices run clear.

makes 12 servings.

FLOATING ISLAND DESSERT

Strawberry sauce
Meringue
Caramel drizzle, optional
Additional strawberries for garnish

At serving time, pour about ¼ cup of sauce into the bottom of 12 glass bowls or dessert dishes. Loosen the meringue from the baking dish by running a knife around the edge. Remove it with a rubber spatula. Using a serrated knife, cut the meringue into 12 large islands. Place each one on top of the sauce. Reheat the caramel. Drizzle the syrup over the top of the island. Garnish with fresh strawberries.

Serves 12 generously.

MERINGUE

¼ cup sugar
12 egg whites
Dash of salt
1½ cups sugar
1 tsp. Passover vanilla

Spray a 4-quart casserole that has straight sides with vegetable oil spray. Make sure to cover the sides all the way to the top since the meringue rises very high. Sprinkle in the ¼ cup sugar. Use it to dust the sides of the casserole. Discard any extra sugar.

Heat oven to 250 degrees.

Place egg whites in a large mixing bowl. Using electric mixer at medium speed, beat until the egg whites are totally foamy. Add the dash of salt and continue beating. Increase the speed to high. Add the 1½ cups of sugar a quarter cup at a time, beating well between each addition. When the meringue is shiny and stiff peaks form when you remove the beater, add the vanilla. Pour into the prepared casserole. Smooth the top.

Bake on a cookie sheet in the lower third of the oven 40-45 minutes, or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Meringue will fall back into the pan. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving time.

Assemble as directed above.

STRAWBERRY SAUCE

2 lbs. package whole strawberries frozen without sugar, partially thawed, or 1 quart of fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice, or to taste
¼ cup sugar, or to taste

Process strawberries in food processor, using on/off technique. Add lemon juice, then sugar, a little at a time. Don't let it get too sweet. Process until smooth. Refrigerate until serving time.

Make 2½ cups.

CARMEL DRIZZLE

1 cup sugar
⅓ cup water

Combine sugar and water in a small saucepan. Stir well so sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil, cover, and continue cooking until the syrup starts to color. Uncover, swirl in the pan. Continue cooking and swirling until the syrup is a light caramel color. Remove from heat. Cool in a bowl of cold water. When cool, cover and set aside until serving time.

Reheat slowly over low heat. Drizzle over top of meringue as directed above.

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Lemony lamb chops respect the meat's distinctive flavor

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"It's no wonder Canadians are enjoying more lamb more often," says Marie Ludwick, Weight Watchers president for Southern Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. "Culinary influences from several cultures have come together in Canada to create a flexible range of lamb dishes suited to most everyone's palate. At Weight Watchers, we've taken particular care to create lamb recipes that complement the meat's distinctive flavor and aroma while maintaining aspects of the dish's exotic roots."

LEMON LAMB CHOPS
Makes 4 servings

3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. chopped fresh mint
1 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tsp. dried rosemary
Eight 2½-ounce baby lamb chops
Fresh rosemary sprigs to garnish

In small bowl, combine lemon juice, mint, lemon peel and rosemary. Place lamb chops on a flat plate; coat with lemon mixture. Cover and refrigerate 1-2 hours.

Preheat broiler. Arrange chops on rack in broiler pan; broil, turning once, until cooked throughout and tender.

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Finding interesting dairy vegetable dishes can be hard. Here are a few adapted from Foodland Ontario recipes.

CARROT SOUFFLE

3 cups sliced Ontario Carrots (6 medium)
2 eggs, separated
½ cup sour cream
2 tbsp. butter
2 tbsp. Passover honey
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. nutmeg

Cook carrots, covered, in a small amount of boiling water 10 to 15 min., until soft and very tender. Drain carrots and mash, or puree in blender or food processor. Beat egg yolks, sour cream, butter, honey, salt and nutmeg into carrot puree until well blended.

Beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Carefully fold into carrot mixture. Pour into greased 4 cup (1 L) casserole dish. Bake at 350 F (180 C) 40 min. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

VEGETARIAN MOUSSAKA

Traditionally, moussaka is prepared with ground meats and always with a tomato sauce. The tomatoes in this all-vegetable version provide moisture, flavor and lots of color.

2 small eggplants, peeled and cut into ½ in. thick slices
Salt
4 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
2 cups sliced mushrooms
3 large tomatoes, cut into thick slices
3 green onions, sliced
1 tsp. dried oregano
¼ tsp. coarsely ground pepper
¼ cup butter
¼ cup potato starch
2 cups (500 ml) milk
½ cup (125 ml) shredded kosher cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. grated kosher parmesan cheese

Sprinkle both sides of eggplant generously with salt and let stand on rack for 30 min.; rinse with cold water and pat dry. Layer eggplant, potatoes, mushrooms, tomatoes and onions in lightly greased 13 x 9 in. baking dish; sprinkle with oregano and pepper. In saucepan, melt butter; blend in flour. Gradually stir in milk until blended. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until boiling and thickened. Stir in cheddar cheese. Pour over vegetables; sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake, uncovered, in 350 F (180 C) oven about 1 hr. or until vegetables are tender and sauce is golden brown and bubbling. Serves 8 as side dish or 6 as main course.

CREOLE TOMATOES

A sure-fire hit when entertaining, this spicy recipe can be served as an appetizer or side dish and brings the taste of the Southern United States to your table.

4 large tomatoes
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 small green pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
3 tbsp. butter, divided
1 tbsp. potato starch
½ cup light cream
½ tsp. dried tarragon (or 2 tsp. fresh tarragon)
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce

Cut tomatoes in half crosswise. Place, cut side up, in greased 9 in. (23 cm) round shallow baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sprinkle green pepper and onion evenly over top of tomatoes. Dot with 2 tbsp. butter.

Bake at 350 F (180 C) for about 25 min. or until tomatoes are tender. Carefully pour cooking liquid from dish and reserve.

In small saucepan, over medium-high heat, melt remaining 1 tbsp. butter. Stir in flour and cook for 1 min. Gradually stir in cream and reserved cooking liquid. Add tarragon, salt and hot pepper sauce. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce comes to boil and thickens slightly.

Spoon sauce over tomato halves. Place dish under pre-heated broiler and broil for 2 min. or until lightly browned. Makes 8 side dish or appetizer servings.

To Microwave

Place tomato halves in microwaveable dish. Cover with vented plastic wrap. Cook on High for 3 to 4 min., turning dish halfway through cooking time, until tomatoes are tender. For sauce, melt butter in 4 cup (1 L) microwaveable bowl on high for 30 sec. Stir in flour then add remaining ingredients. Cook on high for 1½ to 2 min., stirring occasionally. Pour sauce over tomatoes and brown under hot broiler for 2 min. or until lightly browned. Serves 8.

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Kitchen hocus-pocus keeps Passover meals interesting

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

To paraphrase *A Tale of Two Cities* "it's the best of times and it's the worst of times." Or how about, matzah matzah everywhere and nary a stewed prune in sight.

Take heart. Passover is only 8 days long and with a little hocus-pocus in the kitchen you can get through this week without feeling like there is a matzah ball the size of New York traveling down your digestive track.

TEN VEGETABLE STEW WITH DUMPLINGS
(Vegetarian)

2 onions, chopped
1 leek, chopped
2 carrots, sliced
2 red peppers, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
2 tomatoes, peeled, seeded, chunked
2 ribs celery, chopped
8 oz. sliced mushrooms
2 medium zucchini, sliced
2 medium yellow squash, sliced
1 can, 6 oz. tomato paste
1 to 2 tbsp. red wine (not sweet)
1 tbsp. chopped basil
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt

Dumpling

2 eggs
1½ cup matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
½ cup water
6 tbsp. oil
2 tsp. chopped parsley

Heat ½ cup oil in heavy pot. Add vegetables and saute for 10 minutes. Add the tomato paste, wine, salt, and sugar with 1 cup of water. Cover and cook for 20 min. Mix the dumpling ingredients and form small balls. Use a wooden spoon to make a small indentation in the stew and drop the dumplings in. Cover and cook 20 min. Serves 6 to 8. (Cooked chicken or beef can be added).

PASSOVER LEMON BARS

1 cup matzah cake meal
½ cup pareve, Passover margarine
¼ cup "powdered sugar" (see below)
4 large eggs
2 cups granulated sugar
1 tsp. Passover baking powder
⅛ tsp. salt
⅔ cup lemon juice

Preheat oven 350. Beat together cake meal, margarine, and "powdered sugar" until well blended. Press into bottom of 9 in. square pan. Bake 15 to 20 min. (lightly browned). Combine eggs, granulated sugar, baking powder, salt, and lemon juice, beat until smooth. Pour over baked crust and return to oven until bubbly and lightly browned, about 30 min. Cool and sprinkle with "powdered sugar" and cut into bars.

Note: I find my ingenuity tested to its limit at this time of year. I can't always find the kosher for Passover items that I need. So rather than do without. I make them myself.

POWDERED SUGAR

1 cup granulated sugar minus 2 tbsp.
2 tbsp. potato starch

Mix together in a food processor for about 2 seconds, or place in a plastic baggie and shake together.

FRUIT GAZPACHO

2 cups tomato puree
3 cups orange juice, with pulp
2 tsp. sugar
Zest of 1 orange and 1 lime
2 cups diced cantaloupe
2 cups diced honeydew
1 mango peeled and diced (optional)
1 apple peeled and diced
1 cup blueberries
1 cup green or red seedless grapes, cut in half
Fresh strawberries
1 or 2 kiwi, peeled and sliced

Combine tomato puree, orange juice, sugar, orange and lemon zest, cantaloupe, honeydew and mango in a large bowl. Process half the mixture in a food processor until smooth. Pour the mixture over the fruit in the bowl, mix well. Stir in the apple, blueberries and grapes. Refrigerate covered for several hours.

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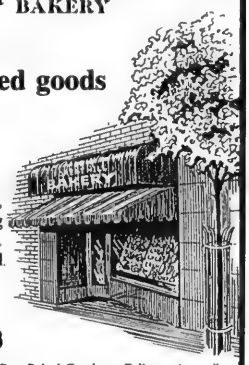

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2 lbs. new potatoes (14 to 16)
½ cup sliced celery
2 tbsp. sliced green onions
¼ cup vegetable oil
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar, kosher for Passover
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. dried tarragon
1/8 tsp. pepper
Iceberg lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces

Wash potatoes. Cook, covered, in boiling salted water for 15 to 20 min. or until tender. Drain; cut into quarters. Add celery.

Combine green onions with remaining ingredients, except lettuce, in jar with tight-fitting lid. Shake well. Pour over potatoes and celery and toss gently. Cover and chill several hours or overnight. Serve on lettuce. Serves 6.

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Appealing chunks of Ontario greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers give this easy Gazpacho a spicy, springtime freshness perfect for entertaining. For best flavor results, prepare and refrigerate this soup the day before. At serving time, simply stir the gazpacho well and spoon into cups or bowls.

6 tomatoes, peeled
1 cucumber
1 small onion, peeled
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. salt
1 cup tomato juice
3 tbsp. Passover vegetable oil
3 tbsp. vinegar

To peel tomatoes, dip in boiling water for 30 seconds, then in ice water. Slip skins off.

Coarsely chop half the tomatoes, cucumbers and onion. Combine in blender jar with garlic and salt. Add tomato juice, vegetable oil and vinegar. Puree mixture in blender (don't make too smooth a puree).

Finely chop remaining tomatoes, half cucumber and onion. Combine in large bowl. Pour puree mixture over chopped vegetables; stir to mix. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 to 3 hours or overnight. Before serving, stir the soup well. Serves 6 to 8.

Meals on eighth day can still be creative

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

The test of the truly creative Passover chef is not what you serve for the seder. It's what you serve on the seventh and eighth day when you feel like the only good matzah is a dead matzah.

I know, I know. Every year you promise yourself that this year it's going to be different. This year all the meals will be tasty and your kids will not have to resort to Crispy O's for breakfast every day. What I want to give you are truly different recipes that don't sit in your stomach for the next two weeks.

VEGETABLE SOUFFLE

1 pkg. frozen spinach, defrosted or 10 oz. fresh, cooked and drained
½ lb. cooked, chopped asparagus
1 medium onion chopped fine
1 shredded carrot
8 oz. cream cheese
1 lb. cottage cheese
½ cup matzah meal
3 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 1 qt. souffle dish. Cook spinach and drain well. Mix the asparagus, onion and carrot with the spinach. Melt the cream cheese in the microwave or over boiling water and stir into the hot spinach mixture. Add the cottage cheese and matzah meal. Mix well. Stir in the eggs, salt, and pepper. Pour into the souffle dish and bake 40 minutes or until golden on top. Serves 6.

TUNA AND PINEAPPLE

8 oz. can pineapple chunks, drained
6½ oz. can tuna drained and flaked
¼ cup chopped celery
1 small banana, sliced
½ cup Pesach mayonnaise
3 tbsp. fresh basil, chopped
Lettuce
Fresh melon
¼ cup chopped walnuts

In a medium bowl, combine pineapple, tuna, celery, banana, mayonnaise and basil. Toss lightly, cover and refrigerate. Place lettuce on 4 individual plates, mound ¼ of the tuna mixture on each plate and arrange melon around it. Sprinkle chopped nuts over the top and serve.

RASPBERRY BLUSH PEAR SALAD

Dressing

⅓ cup Pesach vinegar
½ cup seedless raspberry preserves
2 tbsp. oil

Salad

3 pears, peeled and sliced
Fresh spinach, washed and torn
2 kiwis peeled and sliced
½ cup fresh raspberries

In a small saucepan combine all the dressing ingredients. Cook on low until preserves are melted and dressing is hot. Pour dressing over the sliced pears. Toss and cover. Let stand 15 min. Drain, saving the dressing, and refrigerate pears and dressing for 30 min. Arrange spinach on a serving plate. Top with pears, kiwi, and raspberries. Drizzle ½ dressing over salad and serve remaining dressing with salad. Serves 4 to 6.

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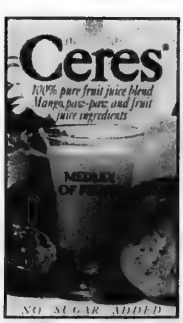

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'Lager sisters' plan reunion after 50 years

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At last fall's Jewish Book Fair, a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau picked up an autobiographical account of a woman's time in the notorious death camp. On reading Liana Millu's *Smoke Over Birkenau*, North York resident Judith Rubinstein realized that the author's story could have been her own.

"When I started to read the book, a strange feeling came over me. I felt as if I could have written it. The whole book was a revelation to me. I felt I had to find this 'lager' sister with whom I had so much in common. I don't remember her face; 50 years is a long time, but I felt as if I had found a long-lost relative," she said.

Rubinstein telephoned the Italian consulate, and within half an hour she had the author's address in Genoa, Italy. She wrote Millu immediately, and two weeks later she received a reply.

"I was so deeply moved reading your letter. I have read it again and again. Certainly we were together in Birkenau, Ravensbruck and Malhow," wrote Millu.

A journalist, Millu was arrested in Venice when she was 24, after an informer identified her as a member of a partisan group. The interrogating colonel refused to deal with Jews and so she avoided being tortured; however, she ended up in Auschwitz-Birkenau in August 1944.

The 24-year-old Millu found herself in a block made up entirely of Hungarian Jews. In her book, she recalls feeling alienated from the other women as she was unable to communicate with them, knowing neither Hungarian nor German.

Judith Rubinstein (nee Schwarcz), then also 24, was one of the Hungarian Jews in the block, having arrived at the camp in May 1944. "Because we lived in the same barracks, her tattoo number is very close to mine," said Rubinstein.

Although Rubinstein and Millu never got to know one another during the war years, Rubinstein realized that she had worked with Millu, when she read the account of the back-breaking labor Millu did as part of a road-building crew of 200 women. "I pulled apart stones," said Rubinstein. "The stones came from a bombed-out house and by bare hand we pulled them apart. Liana filled big containers with sand, and she had to push them by hand. They were especially heavy after rain."

After the October uprising in Auschwitz-Birkenau, in which workers blew up a crematorium, Rubinstein, Millu and about 1,000 other women were taken to Germany. They were sent to Ravensbruck, a transit camp where a second "selection" process took place. They made it through the second selection, as they had the first one that had taken place on their arrival at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Rubinstein and Millu become two of a thousand women who survived until the German surrender in May of 1945 by working in a camp at Malhow, the site of a large munitions fctory.

Chanukah in Birkenau

Millu writes in *Smoke over Birkenau* of how some 36 inmates of Malhow observed Chanukah, an occasion that Rubinstein recalls too. The women were unable to keep track of time because they were not allowed to have a calendar, Rubinstein said, so it might have been impossible for them to know when Chanukah fell if it had not been for one brave and ingenious woman. She got hold of the stub of a pencil that she held in her mouth during regular inspections, for which the women were naked. Every day she pencilled a mark on her inner thighs to keep track of time.

They made "candles" with the tiny weekly rations of margarine they received and the threads from their rough blankets. One woman stood at the door as a lookout in case the Nazis came to the barracks. "Everyone was singing and crying, hoping we would make it," said Rubinstein, adding that Chanukah had never been so meaningful.

Rubinstein was liberated by the Americans in the spring of 1945, and she said Millu was liberated by the Russians. After Rubinstein and nine other women left Malhow they encountered French soldiers who directed them to the Americans. The French soldiers warned the women to stay clear of the Russians, as rumors of their brutality and stories about their raping women had been circulating.

Rubinstein's mother, two younger brothers and her father were killed by the Nazis. Her mother and her then six-year-old brother were murdered on their arrival at Auschwitz-Birkenau; her father and a brother she last saw when he was 16 died in labor camps. At the end of the war Rubinstein returned to Hungary to discover only one other family member had survived. One of her brothers, Jichak Schwarcz, currently living in Israel, had been rescued by the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

She met Bill Rubinstein in Hungary in 1946. The same year they went to Italy, to the outskirts of Torino, the site of a Displaced Persons' camp, and waited there to make aliyah. They got married in June.

Powerful testimony

In the camp Rubinstein taught dressmaking at an Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) workshop. A trained dressmaker, she said her dressmaking skills helped her to survive the concentration camps. After three years, tired of waiting in Italy to make aliyah, the Rubinsteins, along with their infant son, left for Canada in 1948.

Millu returned to Italy after the war, to her native Genoa. "I was alone. I had nothing. It was a horrible period as I was trying to return to normal life." She worked as a teacher and continued to write.

Smoke Over Birkenau, originally published in 1947, was hailed by Primo Levi as "one of the most powerful European testimonies to come from the women's lager at Auschwitz-Birkenau." Published by the Jewish Publication Society, the English translation was done by novelist Lynne Sharon Schwartz. Schwartz's translation was honored by PEN, the international writers' organization, with the Renato Poggioli Award for Translation in 1991.

Millu is the author of *From Liguria to the Extermination Camps*, a non-fiction book; *The Bridges of Schwerin*, a novel that won the Viareggio Prize in 1978; and *Joseph's Shirt*, a collection of stories. Her work is included in the Italian anthology, *Twentieth-Century Ligurian Writers*.

Millu lives by herself in Genoa surrounded by good friends. In her first letter to Rubinstein she wrote that the "memory of our inhuman treatment is still very much in my mind. We are the last eye witnesses. Time is running out for our generation."

Still active in the community, she delivers "the message to young souls, to warn them about violence and its consequences."

As a member of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre's speakers' bureau for the past four years, Rubinstein also delivers the message to the young. She has told her story to hundreds of high school and university students and warns them about the perils of neo-Nazism.

Rubinstein and Millu will finally meet at the end of June. In her first letter, Rubinstein invited Millu to visit her in Toronto, but Millu declined. "I always wished to visit Canada, but I am too old for travelling, I can travel in my dreams only," Millu wrote back. Eager to meet her "soul sister," Rubinstein plans to visit Millu in Italy this summer.

She will be accompanied by her son Robert Eli Rubinstein and his family. Her son wants to see the site of the Displaced Persons' camp where he was born.

Judith Rubinstein at last fall's Jewish book fair, where she rediscovered her 'lager' sister Liana Millu (inset).

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By DAVID HERSHAM
Special to the CJN

Those of you who have ever spent the Jewish festivals in Jerusalem, have probably come away, as I have, with the impression that the holiday is celebrated, not in the synagogues, but rather in the lobby of your smart hotel. Somehow I've never been able to make it past the revolving doors out of the lobby and into the reality of Jerusalem. Until this year.

I had struck up a casual conversation with an older American gentleman from Long Island. We joked a little about the shallow Life In The Lobby, but we both admitted it had a certain fascination. Suddenly he became serious and told me he knew just the thing to jog the senses. He told me he did it himself every time *he* was in Jerusalem. There was this place, he said. What, I interrupted — the house of a holy rebbe? A miracle spring? No, just a children's home, he replied. I was skeptical. How much can a man from Long Island know? Quite a lot, as it turns out.

I went to visit the place some time later. It's called Keren Or and is located in the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot. On the surface there is nothing remarkable about the building. It is new and very pleasant, in the tradition of recent institutional buildings in Jerusalem and is obviously well thought out, but it doesn't really prepare you for what goes on inside.

It is late morning when I arrive and am met by a lady who is to show me around. She doesn't really introduce herself but leads me right to a room at the back of the building. Inside the room is a boy, maybe thirteen years old and quite tall for his age, holding a lit candle. He is practising lighting the Chanukah candelabrum, which I find out later he has been chosen to do during the holiday on behalf of all the children.

His hand moves slowly and tentatively towards the candelabrum, but then another hand, that of his teacher, clasps his and guides it to the intended candle. Together they light it.

The 15-year-old boy is blind. He is also autistic. The lady showing me around is a teacher as well. She explains that the common denominator among the Keren Or children is that they are all blind and all multi-handicapped. While I am thinking, trying to absorb that information, I look beyond the boy through a window, past a huge outside terrace play-area for the children and see the beautiful view of the Judean Hills. The irony is almost numbing.

Next we visit the classrooms, one by one, and I begin to learn what Keren Or does. The children are grouped by age and ability. In the nursery class I see a child who cannot lift his head and another who has no natural aptitude to sit up on her own. Most of the children have virtually no ability to communicate, let alone speak. How do you communicate when you have no sight and perhaps no motor skills because you have a physical or mental disability? I also see a number of women — in this room they all happen to be young — tending to the children. I count them. There are two to each child.

Children and their teachers working together at the Keren Or Jerusalem Centre for Multi-Handicapped Blind Children. [Edgar Asher photo]

What Keren Or does is to develop in its children and teach them some of those basic skills they were born without. Its aim is to try and realize the full potential of each child and the possibility of giving them some degree of functional independence. It also serves to relieve the pressure on the families of the children, who cannot give them such special care.

Keren Or, I learn, is one of the few institutions worldwide and the only one in the Jewish world that provides care for multi-handicapped blind children. It can accommodate only 60 children in its residential and day program combined. What happens, I wonder to myself, to all the other children with similar disabilities? I don't think I really want to know the answer.

My guide points out details of the building and other facilities that I would have otherwise overlooked: individually constructed chairs, specially designed eating utensils, raised floor markings, a talking elevator that indentifies floors and gives directions, personalized closet handles and various other tools and amenities built for a specific child or group.

I ask her about her work as we come to another classroom where children are receiving physical therapy and mobility training. She has been at Keren Or for six years. She cried for three days when she first arrived, not out of sentiment, but at the apparent futility of trying to help these children.

The children's progress is often barely perceptible after staff have worked with them for years, she said, and the teachers can become very depressed as a result. The rewards in seeing visible improvements in the children come in very small doses, but when they do come, they are uplifting. "Take a little boy who is not born with the instinct to eat. If I see that child progressing to eating by himself, it is a personal triumph for me."

She doesn't think parents see this progress in the same way. For the parents, it is sometimes an isolated victory on a small battlefield, knowing the main war can never be won. This she thinks is the biggest tragedy. Nevertheless she says they try to get parents involved because family encouragement is such a major factor in the children's progress. If the connection between child and parent is strong, the capacity for improvement is much greater.

In the next classroom, a young teacher is playing a guitar and singing to the children with two of her colleagues. Most of the children respond with some sort of movement. One child screams an anguished scream, but then relaxes and smiles to the music. The genuine bond between teacher and child is apparent. The majority of the staff are trained specialists, some are volunteers and others are doing their national service. All admit the workload is very stressful. Another thing I learn at Keren Or is to dismiss the cliched notion that national service is a soft option of the army.

To end my visit, I am invited into the administration office to meet Keren Or's educational director and principal. He tells me about outside activities, particularly the groundbreaking research being carried out on behalf of Keren Or at the Jerusalem College of Technology. The goal is to apply technology to alleviate the children's infirmities, and the results will benefit those who have similar disabilities throughout the world.

One Keren Or patron is funding a complex project to establish instruments and devices which can be used in understanding and communicating with the children. He is genuinely proud when he tells me that Keren Or has initiated hi-tech research in the field of robotics in an attempt to improve the children's motor abilities, and in the field of fiber optics to try and enhance their residual visual capability.

He mentions finances and emphasizes that Keren Or relies on voluntary contributions from overseas for 90 per cent of its operating budget. I sense a fund-raising speech, but there is no danger — he simply complains that he can't take in all the children he would like to. I think to myself that I should rush back to my hotel and do lobby circuits until I raise every penny he will ever need.

As I get up to leave, the boy who was lighting the Chanukah candles, comes to say goodbye to me and puts out his arms to be hugged. How do you feel when a child who can't see and who could never communicate with anybody until they taught him how, wants you to hug him?

Thank you Keren Or and thank you that man in Long Island.

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Theatre students show Possibilities

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two young Jewish theatre students at York University have landed on the local dramatic scene with a flourish.

Undertaking a challenging play and following through like seasoned professionals, Sam Rosenthal, director, and Eli Lukawitz, assistant director, with the help of about 16 other York theatre students, presented *Possibilities* by Howard Barker Feb. 28-Mar. 5.

It's a difficult play because Barker is downbeat in his depiction of human relationships, and more than one meaning is possible in each of the 10 separate scenes. Barker himself says in a program note: "If a scene might mean more than two things, it should not be reduced to one."

All the production values are good: the costumes, the lighting, the sound, the ease with which sets are moved without delaying the action. The 11 actors do not betray any of the tentativeness which mark some student productions. They understand the multi-layered characters they play. Perhaps it takes young actors to understand the complicated world that informs Barker's vision.

Extra credit is due Rosenthal, son of Joseph and Diane Rosenthal of Toronto, for it is his FOL Productions which staged and financed the production, though it was a showpiece for York University.

There was a special bustle of excitement at the opening because its locale was the Studio Theatre at the spanking new North York Performing Arts Centre, an intimate space which has 200 seats.

Lukawitz brought off the acting gem of the evening as a bookseller in present-day Toronto who sees the thought police about to descend on his stall looking for subversive books. As is typical of Barker, his bookseller is not the stout-hearted advocate of free speech, but a hilarious, small-minded bean-counter type. Lukawitz is absolutely superb in this characterization, abetted by Rod Arsenault, the man who tries to buy one of the books.

An outstanding performance is also given by J.J. Hunt, as the torturer who seeks bed and board from a dumb innkeeper. "I'm not solitary, nor am I convivial," he says, ambiguously. Is human nature as perverse as Barker claims? For in this scene, the woman innkeeper's plan to have her daughter slay the torturer is turned around, to her delight, so that the daughter is slain and the mother becomes the object of the torturer's ardor.

Katherine Clark was strong as the peasant groom polishing the Emperor's boots, while Iain DeJong as the Emperor and as the returning veteran in the final scene had good command of their roles. In that final scene, Stacey Baer was outstanding too.

Other actors were Kim Magee, Jennifer Baer, Heather Lash, Karla Faulconbridge and Fiona Wall.

Kids' stories take on serious issues

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corespondent

WINNIPEG — In writing *We're Still A Family*, Frances Arnold drew on stories she first wrote for her son.

"It was an exhilarating experience," she says. "The book explores the emotional reality of a child whose parents have separated. It can help them express their feelings and responses. This is my contribution to the United Nations Year of the Family."

Arnold learned to write at the knee of her father, Abe Arnold, Canada's pre-eminent historian of Jewish life in Canada. (His new book, *From The Religious To The Secular*, is due out soon.) She has previously had a book of poems and short stories published and has worked as a freelance journalist. She is currently on a six-month leave from her government job as co-ordinator of volunteers for the Health and Family Services Department to market her new book and develop other projects.

Arnold began making up stories for her young son, Jeremiah, after she and his father separated in the summer of 1990. "It was difficult finding children's books that portrayed single-parent families," she says. "A lady in a bookstore suggested I make up my own. I went home and wrote a story for Jeremiah (who was two years old at the time). It practically wrote itself. Jeremiah wanted me to read it again and again."

Book portrays single-parent families

After she had written a few more stories, a friend who read them suggested Arnold apply for a Manitoba Arts Council grant to do a book. She originally wrote *We're Still a Family* as poetry, working with Saskatchewan Jewish poet Mick Burrs.

"The first friend I read the manuscript to was moved to tears," she recalls. "I knew I had something."

Noted Winnipeg children's author Sheldon Oberman also read the manuscript. He suggested she change the poetry to free verse. Although she followed his advice, she notes the stories still have much poetic imagery.

The slim, soft-covered volume, which Arnold published herself, is a series of stand-alone short stories in poetic form, connected by the ongoing emotional adjustments the child has to make as he (or she) is told, first, that the parents are separated and later, that the father is moving to another city. Arnold says she tried to portray the child in the book (illustrated by Lori Broadfoot, a Winnipeg artist) in such a way that both boys and girls could identify with it.

Arnold is launching *We're Still A Family* on March 20 in Winnipeg and hopes to have copies available in eastern Canada by the spring. In the meantime, she has two other children's books in the works. One is a Jewish alphabet book tentatively called *Bagels And Dreidels*. The other, which will come with a tape, she describes as a "parent-child love poem."

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Calling All Jewish Immigrant Artists: Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) is sponsoring an art exhibit featuring the two-dimensional works of Jewish immigrant artists. The juried exhibit is slated to run at the Koffler Gallery Studio from April 15 to May 1. A Meet The Artists reception is scheduled for April 23 at 8:30 p.m.

"We're really delighted that the Koffler Gallery has been so very supportive," says JIAS volunteer board member Sandy Atlin, who is organizing the immigrant art show. "The gallery is giving us space at what is their busiest time of year. They feel that it's very appropriate for them to be giving space so immigrant artists can show their work and acquaint the community with what they have to offer."

JIAS is inviting Jewish immigrant artists to submit entries to the exhibition. "It doesn't matter whether they've been here for 40 years or 40 minutes," says Atlin. Immigrants who arrived in the 1920s, Holocaust survivors and recent arrivals from the former Soviet Union or elsewhere are equally eligible. Interested artists should phone Paulina at JIAS, (416) 630-6481, to obtain an application form before the April 4 deadline. Due to space limitations, only two-dimensional art works will be considered. Coinciding with the conclusion of the art show on May 1, Atlin is planning a community leadership conference that will examine the issues of integrating immigrants into the Canadian Jewish establishment.

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The Modern Revitalization of Hebrew: At the turn of this century, Jews vehemently discussed the issue as to what language to adopt — Yiddish, Russian, French, German, Hebrew, English — as the national tongue of the developing Jewish homeland. Hebrew, then an ancient Biblical language that had not been widely spoken for two millenia, was the dark horse in this pivotal race. Its ascendancy as the language of choice is primarily the result of the tireless efforts of one man — Eliezer Ben Yehuda, whose zealous struggles took a heavy toll on his personal life. *The Wordmaker* is an Israeli film in English and Hebrew, directed by Eli Cohen, that tells the story of Ben Yehuda's fight to make Hebrew the national language of Palestine.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening *The Wordmaker* at The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W., Toronto, on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Prof. Libby Garshowitz from the University of Toronto's Near Eastern Studies department is introducing the film and leading a discussion of Ben Yehuda's work after the screening. Tickets are $7 ($6 for AGO members), available at the door.

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Notes from All Over: *Still*, a moving comedy conceived and performed by Leah Cherniak and Martha Ross, begins previews March 11 and opens March 15 at Theatre Passe Muraille Backspace, 16 Ryerson Ave., Toronto. Directed by Banuta Rubess from a script by Beverley Cooper, *Still* teeters precariously between comedy and tragedy. Its two characters are the same as those in the hit show *Cooking With Columbus*. The play is a production of Theatre Columbus.

Jerry Lewis hosts a multi-media presentation highlighting his 45 years in show business at Roy Thomson Hall, March 16 at 8 p.m. This retrospective look at his career includes singing, dancing, comedy, film footage and music from the 16-piece Jerry Lewis Orchestra. Tickets start at $29.50 and are available from the Roy Thomson Hall box office or by phoning (416) 872-4255.

Eighty impressionist, post-impressionist and modernist paintings are featured in the show From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation which arrives at the Art Gallery of Ontario Sept.17 for an exclusive showing until year's end. Featured artists include Renoir, Matisse, Cezanne, Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet, Manet, Seurat, Rousseau, Modigliani and Braque.

Sam Malkin, local Jewish actor of note, rounds out a cast that includes Pat Harrington, Mary Long and Peter James Hawarth for the comic hit *Breaking Legs*. The title is a pun on what happens when the worlds of theatre and the Mafia overlap. Fresh from off-Broadway, the play is currently drawing audiences to Stage West All-Suite Hotel & Theatre Restaurant, 5400 Dixie Rd., Mississauga. For tickets, phone (416) 238-0159.

Congratulations to the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, whose latest release *Agada: Tales From Our Ancestors* has been nominated for a Juno in 1994. This year, the band is scheduled to tour the United Kingdom on three separate occasions. Torontonians also have three opportunities of hearing the Flying Bulgars next month, as they are scheduled to play at Clinton's Tavern on Bloor Street West on April 6, 13 and 20. Their warm-up act on these evenings is Yiddishist and stand-up comic Michael Wex.

Congratulations are also in order for the Western Canadian klezmer band Finjan, which received a Juno nomination for its release, *Crossing Selkirk Avenue*.

The above-mentioned Wex, a self-styled "itinerant teacher of Yiddish," does stand-up and storytelling March 23 at the Mezzetta Cafe Restaurant, 681 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto.

Jazz guitarist Lorne Lofsky and pianist John Gittins hold the stage at Mezzetta on March 9. Phone (416) 658-5687 for show times and covers. Unless I'm mistaken, Wex, Lofsky and your humble arts reporter all attended the legendary Mackenzie C.I. sometime before the last ice age.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Executive's Book Of Quotations by Julia Vitullo-Martin & J. Robert Moskin (Oxford University Press $42.00)

Benjamin Disraeli wrote that "The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated by quotations." The Talmud seems to agree, for it maintains that "A quotation at the right moment is like bread in a famine."

Perhaps in our multi-media age we should regard quotes as literary sound bytes that provide instant access to enduring thoughts and great minds. To have meaning, quotes should be terse, witty, memorable, wise or audacious. In any case we want to remember them and use them to our advantage. They pepper our daily speech, are inevitable in political addresses and sermons and find a necessary place in modern advertising.

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The quotations that follow are some of those that had personal appeal.

If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living. Yiddish proverb.

The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary. Vidal Sassoon.

Show me a guy who's afraid to look bad, and I'll show you a guy you can beat every time. Lou Brock.

I've never been poor, only broke. Being poor is frame of mind. Being broke is only a temporary situation. Mike Todd.

Canada was supposed to get British government, French culture, and American know-how. Instead, it got French government, American culture and British know-how. Lester Pearson.

One way to make sure crime doesn't pay would be to let the government run it. Ronald Reagan.

If the nation's economists were laid end to end, they would point in all directions. Anonymous.

Murdoch used to love repeating the joke that the sun never set on the British empire because God didn't trust the Brits after dark. William Shawcross.

An ever present danger that flows from an enthusiasm for other people's thoughts is that they can become a substitute for one's own thinking. Some quotations, moreover, should be approached gingerly for they may be torn from context to say what was never intended.

This useful volume is enhanced with a list of sources, an index of names and an index of cross topics for quick reference.

Following The Americans To The Persian Gulf by Ronnie Miller (Fairleigh Dickinson Press $32.50 US)

Ronnie Miller, director of Religious Education at Temple Anshe Sholom in Hamilton, is a perceptive student of foreign affairs. He received his doctorate from the University of Toronto and has taught in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at the University of Manitoba.

This book traces the foreign policy formulations in Canada and Australia with special reference to the time of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait to the commencement of Operation Desert Storm (August 1990-January 1991). These two geographically distant but politically similar middle powers had to make vital decisions against the backdrop of a host of national and international changes and problems.

How both nations regarded and treated Israel over a period of some years — and especially during the Gulf crisis is described from the promise by Prime Minister Joe Clark to move the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem, to the condemnation of Israel for destroying Iraq's nuclear facility, to the effort to prevent any Israeli military reaction to Iraqi Scud attacks.

An interesting sidelight on the Israeli fear of an Iraqi gas attack were the special requirements of the Ultra-Orthodox community. "Since most of the instructions for the use of gas masks were given to civilians through the media, this information was unavailable to the Ultra-Orthodox community. However, because their security was at stake, their Chief Rabbi eventually gave permission several days before the ultimatum expired for the placement of two big television screens in Bnai-Brak. There, Ultra-Orthodox Jews could assemble to watch televised instructions on the use of gas masks. There were separate televised sessions for men and women."

Miller relates that when the heads of the Jewish Agency decided to cancel a meeting scheduled to take place in Israel for security reasons, the famous conductor Zubin Mehta declared, "I was about to fly from Paris to New York for a rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, but suddenly I felt that I was about to fly in the wrong direction: I had to fly home to Israel."

The author concludes his interesting and readable survey with the assertion that both Canada and Australia faced similar domestic and international pressures at the time of the Gulf crisis and that they had to avoid antagonizing countries critical to their own economic well being. "The way to gain a ticket to recognized status, with minimal economic damage to themselves, was to deploy a token force. This they promptly and intelligently did."

Erudite study analyzes Freud's 'Moses'

By ROSE KLEINER

Freud's last major book, the controversial *Moses and Monotheism*, has recently become the focus of a detailed analysis by Professor Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, of Columbia University.

A slim volume of only 100 pages, this erudite study is filled with detailed information and with extensive, excellent notes.

The book explores Freud's life and Jewish identity as they relate to the meaning of his *Moses and Monotheism*.

Freud's thesis in *Moses and Monotheism* is that monotheism is not of Jewish origin; rather it is an Egyptian discovery, established as a state religion by the pharaoh, Ikhnaton. After Ikhnaton's death, the Egyptians rejected monotheism.

According to Freud, Moses was not a Hebrew, but an Egyptian priest or noble, and a fervent monotheist. He created a new nation out of an oppressed Semitic tribe, in order to save the monotheism rejected by the Egyptians.

But the Semitic tribe, unable to bear the demands of the new faith, killed Moses and repressed his memory. Over the centuries, writes Freud, the submerged tradition of the new faith and its founder reasserted itself. But the memory of Moses' murder, says Freud, remained repressed.

Freud's purpose in this book was to trace the origin of the Jewish religion, which had given the Jews their special character.

In his book, Freud justifies his study as an inquiry into "what the real nature of a tradition resides in, and what its special power rests on."

Yerushalmi relates Freud's deep interest in this question to a comment Freud once made in a letter, about the land of Israel — "we hail from there ... and it is impossible to say what heritage from this land we have taken over into our blood and nerves."

The essential drama of *Moses and Monotheism*, according to Yerushalmi, is Freud's concern with revealing the "secret of religious tradition." For Freud, he says, its power lies in the return of the repressed, in the triggering of hitherto unconscious memories of real events from the remote past.

As a historical essay, Yerushalmi states, "*Moses and Monotheism* offers a singular vision of history as essentially a story of remembering and forgetting."

Trying to interpret Freud's thesis, Yerushalmi speaks of the difficulty of "grasping the nature of Freud's Jewish identity."

Freud's statements about his Jewish background are seen by Yerushalmi as projecting three images, which became part of his public personna. Freud claimed to have had little Jewish religious education, a home where Jewish observance was minimal, and an ignorance of Hebrew and Yiddish.

Yerushalmi finds these assertions problematic even with respect to the limited information available about Freud's early life. He finds that "at every turn there are hints and fragments that challenge the images Freud publicly projected."

He challenges Freud's professed ignorance of Hebrew and Yiddish by showing that Freud had studied Hebrew throughout his Gymnasium years, and that at least his father, if not his mother, was fluent in Yiddish.

For a better understanding of *Moses and Monotheism* in terms of Freud's inner life, Yerushalmi points to an episode connected with Freud's 35th birthday, when his father gave him a Hebrew Bible inscribed with an elaborate Hebrew dedication, one that was, "in content and spirit, the utterance of a tradition-minded Jew."

Freud's public formulation of his Jewish identity, repeated throughout his life, was expressed in 1925 as follows: "I can say that I stand as far from the Jewish religion as from all other religions . . . On the other hand, I have always had a strong feeling of belonging together with my people, and have always nurtured it in my children as well."

In 1926, Freud stated, "my language ... culture, my attainments are German. I considered myself German intellectually, until I noticed the growth of anti-Semitic prejudices in Germany ... Since that time, I prefer to call myself a Jew." Freud felt more at home in his B'nai Brith group than in any other society, says Yerushalmi.

The final part of Yerushalmi's book is called Monologue with Freud. Here the author addresses Freud directly, as a fellow Jew.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

PHILADELPHIA — "This is an authentic cathedral building of modern times. Here is Man seeking God," declares Robert Weil as he leads the small group of visitors up the carpeted stairs of Beth Sholom Synagogue in Elkins Park, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. As intended, the main sanctuary with its sand-coloured carpet, modernistic triangular chandelier and soaring glass ceiling provokes gasps of awe from the newcomers. The product of a lengthy collaboration between the eminent American architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the late Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen, the building weaves Jewish and American motifs and symbols into an integrated, awesome, utterly pleasing whole. "Mr. Wright decided to let God be the artist," Weil explains, waving a hand upwards at the vast translucent roof. "If it's a cloudy day, it will be overcast in here. If it's sunny, it will be sunny in here too. On a sunny day, when a bird flies overhead you can see the shadow going over the congregation."

Shaped like a biblical tent or Mount Sinai itself, Beth Sholom is the only synagogue Wright designed; he died just months before its dedication in April 1959. The architecture alone has inspired visiting Jews to return to the fold after decades away, Weil says. He seems proud of his shul, proud of the many admiring architects who visit from all over the world, proud that a visiting wit once penned "Pope John Paul, eat your heart out!" in the guestbook. Yet Weil acknowledges that the edifice itself is not the end-all be-all for worshippers, who number up to 4,000 during the High Holy Days. "We're very proud of the building, but to us the ruach, the spirit, is even more important," he says.

Proud of his shul

Unpaid historian and archivist for the 75-year-old Conservative congregation, Weil escaped a concentration camp early in World War II, then joined the U.S. army and returned to Europe to liberate others. Now a bent and elderly man, he says he'll continue to give guided tours of Beth Sholom as long as the good Lord allows. Planning a visit to Philadelphia? Phone 215-887-1342 to arrange a tour.

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At least two other synagogues are worth visiting in America's famed City of Brotherly Love. Dating from 1740, Mikveh Israel is the second-oldest congregation in the United States. Built as a bicentennial project, the congregation's fifth synagogue is modern and unexceptional, but it's attached to the National Museum of American Jewish History, where the highly topical Bridges and Boundaries exhibition is currently on view. The show explores the historic relationship between American blacks and Jews, displaying such telling artifacts as a Jewish candelabra with a bullet hole beside a notice of an 1835 slave auction, and items relating to the civil rights movement and other shared ground. (The show travels to Chicago after closing in Philadelphia later this month.) The museum, situated near historic Independence Park a short walk from the Liberty Bell, has a permanent exhibit, The American Jewish Experience, which traces Jewish participation in the founding of the nation.

Rodeph Shalom (615 North Broad St.) is an exquisitely ornate, byzantine shul modeled after the Great Synagogue of Florence, Italy. The sanctuary is spiritually majestic with its vaulted domed ceiling, stenciled mosaic walls and splendid stained glass windows. Modern touches include electric door-openers on the Ark, a necessity since each door weighs about 1,000 lbs. Built in 1927, the lavish Old World-style building is home to the oldest Ashkenazi congregation in the United States, which turned Reform in the 1870s. Housed in Rodeph Shalom, the Philadelphia Museum of Judaica features many items of historical and artistic interest.

Jews have figured prominently in the history of Philadelphia since long before the American Revolution. Attracted by the religious tolerance espoused by city fathers like the Quaker William Penn, many early Jews settled here, including Nathan Levy, who transported a bell from England that later became the Liberty Bell. Two centuries ago, when he wasn't flying kites or printing books or designing stoves, Benjamin Franklin helped raise funds for Mikve Israel. And Rebecca Gratz, the graceful and kind-hearted daughter of early settlers, became the model for the Jewish woman Rebecca in Walter Scott's famous novel *Ivanhoe*.

Today, Philadelphia is home to some 300,000 Jews, the third largest population in the United States after New York and Los Angeles. The city's Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies focuses on the history of immigration of all ethnic cultures and possesses an extensive Yiddish collection. The Rosenbach Museum and Library, the Borowsky Gallery and the Holocaust Awareness Museum of Gratz College are other institutions of note. For a thorough list of Jewish heritage sites, kosher restaurants or Jewish book and gift stores in the area, contact the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1515 Market St., Suite 2020, Philadelphia PA 19102-2071. Phone (215) 636-3300.

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Tourism Affected By Hebron?

TEL AVIV — Israeli Tourism Ministry officials and travel agents are reporting that they have already detected hesitation on the part of tourists to visit Israel, following the mass killings last week at a mosque in Hebron.

Those familiar with travel trends say the tendency to postpone plans to visit Israel is not serious yet, but that the trend may well snowball in the future.

They report that a growing number of would-be tourists are phoning friends and relations in Israel, asking them whether they should come or not.

Passover and Palm Sunday both fall this year on March 27, with Easter a week later, and the current unsettled climate in Israel has the potential to disrupt what is one of the busiest travel seasons here.

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High-Flying Aviation Policy

ISRAEL — After 15 years with the same aviation policy, the Government of Israel adopted the Ministry of Tourism's recommendations for a new aviation policy for the country.

A few of the more important points of the new policy are: changing the ratio of seats from a 50/50 split between El Al and foreign carriers to a potential 60/40 ratio in favor of the foreign airlines; cancellation of the policy against mixing Israelis and tourists on charter flights as well as the policy against foreign carriers lowering prices; flexibility in allowing both charters and scheduled airlines to add flights in the high season; an annual increase in volume of seats on charter flights of not less than 25 per cent over the previous year.

These changes in the policy will allow greater competition among airlines flying to Israel and provide tourists with more routes to travel to Israel.

The changes according to Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, will help encourage more tourists to visit Israel.

As far as Canada is concerned, these changes are a major development which will open up the whole area of charter flights from Canada to Israel and will allow scheduled carriers to compete more freely.

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TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim is working to protect its youthful account holders and enhance highway safety in Israel by supporting new driver training programs.

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Potential Canadian investors told Israel is a 'gold mine'

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israel is "like a gold mine" for foreign investors an international tax expert told the group of 150 people who watched a live satellite broadcast from Jerusalem recently.

"Charles Bronfman has made more money in investments in Israel than from his investments in Seagrams and Dupont," said the guest speaker, Schuyler (Skippy) Sigel, a Toronto-based international tax lawyer and a director of the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The program was divided into two parts. First, Sigel spoke on the changing business climate in Israel, the investment opportunities there and the tax breaks for Canadians. The second half was the satellite broadcast, with a seven-member Israeli panel who discussed business and job opportunities in Israel.

"Business in Israel is exploding," said Sigel. He attributed the growth to two main factors: the peace negotiations; and Operation Independence, whose aim is to make Israel economically independent of the UJA.

Foreign investment in Israel has increased with the prospect of peace. Sigel said that foreign investors are eager to set up ventures because Israel has a unique trade advantage — a free trade agreement with the United States and associate membership in the European Economic Community (EEC).

"Israel is strategically placed," said Sigel, describing Israel as "a bridge" between the duty-free American and EEC products. He went on to explain that companies open up in Israel to take advantage of free trade. Goods that are manufactured in Israel have Israeli content and thus qualify as duty free in both the United States and the EEC.

Sigel said that some American and Jewish organizations have set aside funds for business ventures in Israel through Operation Independence. As well, both the American and Canadian governments have allocated funds for joint ventures with Israel in high tech industries.

He said there is also a favorable tax climate for investment in Israel. The Canadian government gives tax breaks to companies that have ventures in Israel — the profits can be brought back to Canada tax free.

While Sigel limited his speech to foreign investment in Israel, the Jerusalem panel covered a broader range of topics. The panel, comprised of experts in various fields — health, business, technology and hospitality, was geared to providing information about job and business opportunities to those people who are considering aliyah.

The discussion was moderated by former CNN correspondent Mike Greenspan.

The Israeli Minister of Finance, Avraham Shochat, was billed as a scheduled guest, but his appearance was brief and prerecorded.

Toronto was one of 12 North American cities that participated in the telecast, which had a phone-in component. One or two people from each city were selected to ask questions about job opportunities in specific professions or about issues related to the starting up of a business. For example, in Miami one gentleman wanted to manufacture a patented invention. In Toronto, Abraham Goodman inquired about jobs in industrial sales.

Panelist Uri Scheref, an expert in small business, said the conditions for starting small businesses have improved: there are still problems with the bureaucracy, but there are fewer bottlenecks than in the past; as well inflation has gone down to 10 per cent compared to several hundred per cent a few years ago. But he warned that starting a business in Israel could be costly.

"If it takes $100,000 to start a small business in North America, it will take three times the amount in Israel," he said.

Panelist Ned Gordon, an employment expert, recommended that olim work in their fields to understand the Israeli market and mentality before starting their own businesses.

Essentially there is a demand for English-speaking professionals. The panelists indicated there were job opportunities in every vocation, but people skilled in computer technology had the most options. Proficiency in Hebrew was the recommended requirement for most professions, particularly social work, psychology, and marketing. Almost all the panelists suggested that prospective olim (immigrants) go to Israel on a pilot tour before emigrating.

Udi Svion, director of the Irael Aliyah centre in Toronto said he was pleased with the number of people that had come to watch the satellite broadcast — 70 per cent of the turnout were families scheduled to immigrate to Israel. He said immigration to Israel from Canada is up by 40 per cent — 147 people left in 1993 and 200 will be leaving this year.

Ron Friedman, a trader in high technology, attended the program to find out about investment opportunities. He said immigration to Israel is up as a result of the global recession. "People are going more for economic opportunities than idealistic reasons."

Alan and Dalya Malkow, a couple who watched the telecast, are planning to leave for Israel with their four daughters, age 5 to 15, at the end of this month. "We're going to start a new life," said Malkow. "We don't think there's a future in Canada."

The growth of foreign investment in Israel has grown steadily since 1989. Although there are no specific breakdowns that would show Canada's percentage of the overall totals, the numbers are impressive.
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City Council wishes to ensure that its committees, boards and commissions reflect the diverse nature of Toronto's population and invites all residents to consider this opportunity. Applications from women, people with disabilities, native peoples, and racial and ethnic minorities are especially encouraged.

The City of Toronto's procedure requires that anyone interested in appointment, other than incumbents, **MUST** attend an introduction seminar relating to the agency of interest, where application forms will be available. The dates of the seminars are listed below for those agencies for which appointment must be made at this time.

Agency	Time	No. of Vacancies
An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Wednesday, March 23, 1994** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.		
Toronto District Heating Corporation (remainder of term to expire Nov. 30/94)	6:30 p.m.	1
Book Awards Selection Committee (2-year term)	7:30 p.m.	3
Toronto Recycling Action Committee (remainder of term to expire Apr. 12/95)	8:30 p.m.	1
An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Wednesday, March 30, 1994** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.		
Assessment Reform Working Group (remainder of term to expire Nov. 30/94)	6:30 p.m.	1
Economic Development Committee (term to expire Nov. 30/94)	7:30 p.m.	1*
City Cycling Committee (remainder of term to expire Nov. 30/94)	8:30 p.m.	1**

***Economic Development Committee:** Applications are invited from citizens who could represent art/culture

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By JOHANNA JACOBSON
Special to The CJN

When I asked realtor Michael Kalles what he saw as the predominant trend over the next year in the real estate market, he was adamant, "First time home buyers!" Today, low interest rates and other incentives make home ownership very attainable.

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3) Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) — offers qualifying, first time buyers to pay as little as 5 per cent down on homes priced up to $250,000.

Michael also says that now is the time to take advantage of the 20-year interest rate lows. When interest rates rise in the United States, as they did last week, the Canadian rate is usually only a few months behind, he adds.

Does this mean that sellers will face lower than expected resale prices? No. Sellers are not looking at diminished returns on their invesment. In fact, real estate agents are once again handling multiple offers on seller's homes, Michael says.

He adds that perhaps one of the greatest benefits of buying a house right now is that for an average rent payment, buyers can create equity for the future.

Toronto is one of the best markets for home buyers in North America. Through the multiple listing service (MLS), a computerized list of available homes, searches are executed by entering a buyer's home requirements into the MLS data base.

However, computers alone cannot run an industry. Toronto real estate agents also have to go through a three phase, two-year training program which covers such subjects as real property law, mortgage finance and appraisal.

Ontario, particularly Toronto, offers a stability not found in Montreal or the Maritimes where housing prices have fallen, nor in Vancouver which has become too inflated for most buyers.

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In straightforward language, the guide explains how Canadian taxpayers can make the most of tax-planning opportunities. Particular emphasis is placed on tax saving strategies for owners of companies, since Horwath clients are primarily entrepreneurs and professionals.

For year-end tax planning stories or personal finance stories throughout the year, you may find it helpful to use information directly from the guide. Here are examples of some of the tax tips contained in the enclosed booklet.

- Have family members subscribe for shares in your small business corporation. When the shares are sold, each individual may benefit from the special capital gains exemption of $500,000.
- Consider triggering the capital gains exemption by selling investments to a family member at fair market value.
- Review your portfolio to ensure that all possible allowable business investment losses have been claimed.
- Consider purchasing an "exempt" life insurance policy which allows you to accumulate cash on a tax-free basis.
- Consider using the proceeds of a company loan for investment purposes as you can deduct the benefit received from income.
- Consider buying an older company car from your employer at current fair market value as the stand-by charge is based on the original cost of the car.
- For an automobile purchase, if the funds are available, make a large down payment to ensure that the interest expense is less than $300 per month.
- Consider refurbishing expensive cars instead of buying new ones. Refurbishing, which is generally considered repairs and maintenance, is tax decutible as an operating expense.
- Ensure child care expenses are paid before the end of the year to obtain tax relief this year.
- Consider prepaying those donations in 1993 which you usually make in early 1994; prepaying donations will allow you to obtain tax benefits one year earlier.
- If you already made late or deficient tax instalment payments, consider prepaying your final instalment and possibly the final balance which is not due until April 30, 1994. These catch up payments will earn "contra-interest" and can reduce tax instalments.

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AGO exhibit gets $1 million gift

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — With an unprecedented million dollar contribution, the investment management firm of Gluskin Sheff & Associates has become the exclusive corporate sponsor of the Art Gallery of Ontario's upcoming exhibition, From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation.

Gerald Sheff, chair and CEO of Gluskin Sheff, and a past chair of the United Jewish Appeal, made the announcement of the gift, the largest ever by a private company in support of a cultural event in Canada, at a recent press conference held at the gallery.

Sheff said the firm had been looking for a way to celebrate its 10th anniversary, and the opportunity to sponsor the Barnes exhibition just fell into their laps. "We were approached by the gallery to be one of three corporate sponsors. Right away we realized the inredible opportunity of associating our firm with an exhibition of such stunning quality."

After a five-minute meeting with Ira Gluskin, president and chief investment officer of Gluskin Sheff, Sheff telephoned Glenn Lowry, the director of the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO). Sheff asked Lowry if the gallery would consider Gluskin Sheff as the exclusive corporate sponsor, an offer the gallery accepted in a matter of days.

According to Joseph Rotman, president of the gallery's board of trustees, Gluskin and Sheff made the decision to give more sponsorship money than the gallery had asked for. "That is very unique," he said.

Sheff said the arts have seen their funding seriously eroded. He said he and Gluskin hoped that the sponsorship of the Barnes exhibition by a small Canadian company with only 25 employees would send a strong signal to the business community. "It's not just the corporate giants and the multinationals who can stand up and be counted as patrons of the arts. We know that there are many more Canadian companies who are in a position to do much more. They have the money. What they don't have is a genuine understanding of just how big a difference their contribution can make and how vital Canada's cultural community is to Canada's future."

The president of the Council for Business and the Arts in Canada, an organization that represents the interests of the largest Canadian corporate supporters of the arts, stressed that it takes companies with vision and dedication as well as ones with deep pockets to sponsor an exhibition like the Barnes. "While there are many companies in this country that have the deep pockets, there are only a handful with the vision to take such a step," said Blair Mascall.

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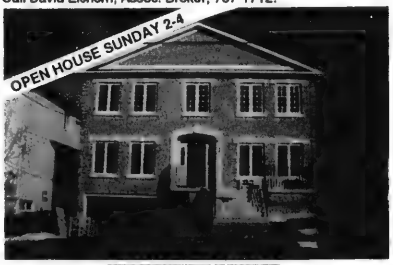

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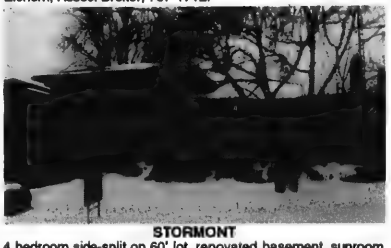

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Survivors' children speak at York Holocaust program

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This year's Holocaust Education Week at York University may turn out to be the starting point for other campus projects related to Holocaust education. The Jewish Student Federation's anti-Semitism committee, which organized the week's events, is now planning to establish a separate Holocaust task force.

Toronto architect and urban planner Ann Milchberg, speaking at one event, paid poignant tribute to the grandparents she never met and urged students to take action to prevent a repetition of history. Milchberg was one of three children of Holocaust survivors featured in *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto*, a documentary produced last year by award-winning journalist Steve Paikin of TV Ontario. Paikin is well known as a former CBC television anchor and reporter.

The documentary, which incorporates stark Nazi footage, follows three survivors and their children who travelled to Poland from Canada last year for the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Milchberg, along with Michael Zajdman and Louis Fields, the two other children of survivors featured in the documentary, spoke to York students on How Will the Next Generations Continue the Lesson? The previous day's program had consisted of a screening of *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto* and a discussion with Paikin.

For Milchberg, the trip to Poland "made everything tangible." She grieved for a month after returning from Poland, she said in the film.

"You have to find some way of making it personal to you," she told the students, strongly urging them to travel to eastern and western Europe, in small groups with a survivor if they could. The speakers agreed that being with a group was comforting and therapeutic. "The place gets to you," said Milchberg. "Our grandparents are still kind of there. The earth is soaked with their blood."

Milchberg's brother had suggested that perhaps groups of students could survey and catalogue the headstones of badly neglected Jewish cemeteries such as the one in Warsaw, she noted.

Paikin had told the students that synagogue renovations in Krakow were not completed because money had run out. "Poland is a very poor country," he said.

Milchberg stressed the importance of focusing on the rich tapestry of Jewish life that preceded the Holocaust. "I think my grandparents would have wanted to know that they weren't defined by their deaths," she said. "[The Jewish community] lived for hundreds of years in a rich cultural milieu.

"I think my grandparents would have wanted you to know what led to their demise was lack of value for human life," Milchberg said. "I think students must expose and excise these tumors. You should never forget that the fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto were your age. They brought some measure of dignity to our people. You can do the same."

Fields, a Toronto physician, also urged students to "get involved" to ensure the future of Judaism. "We can survive as a nation only if we maintain our Jewish identity," he said, noting that Israel and belief in God are key elements. He added that Jews must live in the secular world and "rely on our own actions.

"We must educate ourselves, our children, our fellow Jews, the world — or else, as we know too well, history will repeat itself."

In the film, Fields paid tribute to his parents, who attended the session at which he spoke. "It's amazing that they're so good, so rational, so reasonable, given the reality that was theirs for five or six years."

Zajdman, a Mississauga pediatrician, noted parallels with modern-day young victims of war and terrorism who have been torn from their parents and seen people killed.

He urged students to speak out against prejudice "even in the smallest form. JAP jokes...are important to take a stand on," he said. "To a large extent they contribute to people accepting thinking less of other people and doing things they wouldn't do otherwise."

Zajdman spoke of the importance of accurate information for those seeking to educate others. "You don't have instant credibility [because you weren't there]," he said. "You have to be very precise in terms of knowing the historical facts. You make a mistake, and it casts a doubt on everything you say."

Zajdman's mother was saved by a Polish Catholic who also appeared in the TVO documentary. More than 3,000 Poles risked their lives by hiding Jews, it was noted in the film.

"I am astounded at the courage of the people who decided to go back [to Poland]," said Paikin. "They are extraordinarily gutsy, not just to confront the demons for themselves but to allow us to eavesdrop. They're truly great people."

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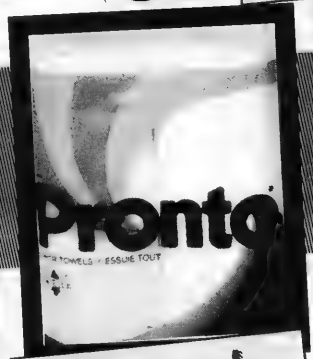

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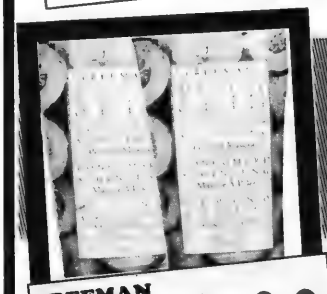

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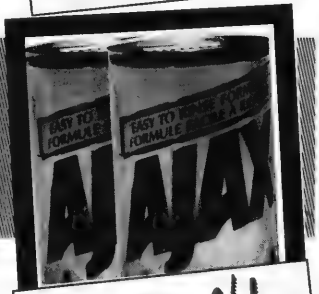

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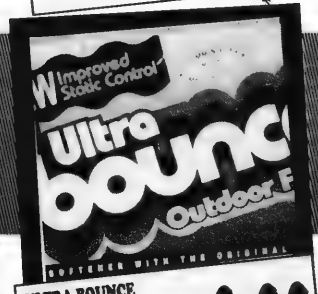

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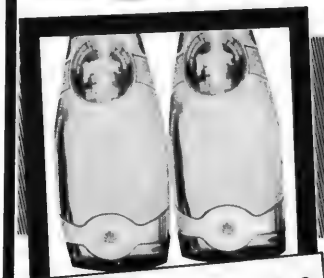

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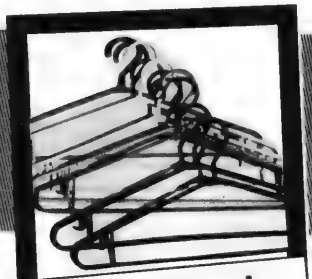

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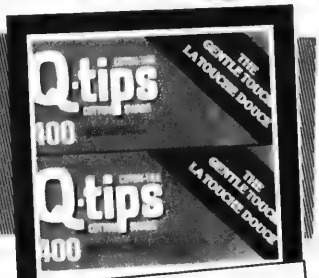

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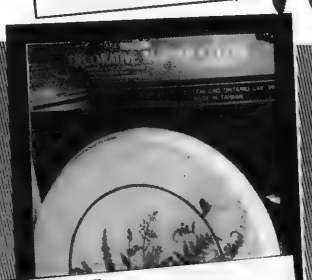

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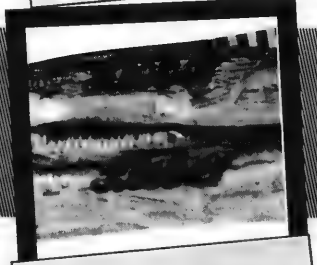

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CANDLESTICKS FOR CHRETIEN

Prime Minister Jean Chretien shakes hands with Rabbi Mendel Zirkind of Chabad Lubavitch of Ottawa, as Rabbi Simcha Zirkind of Chabad Lubavitch of Montreal looks on. The rabbis presented the prime minister with a pair of silver candlesticks. See story, page 8. [Photo by J.M. Carisse]

Holiday deadlines

During the upcoming Jewish and statutory holidays *The CJN* offices will be closed March 28 and April 1. As a result, early deadlines will apply for the issues of March 31 and April 7.

For the issue of March 31 the editorial deadline is Tuesday, March 22.

The deadline for classified advertising is Tuesday, March 22 at noon. For retail display advertising, the deadline is Wednesday, March 23 at noon.

For the issue of April 7 the editorial deadline is Tuesday, March 29.

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The Canadian Jewish News would like to wish all its readers Chag Somayach.

Israeli cabinet bans Kach, Kahane Chai

Staff/CJN Wire Services

JERUSALEM — Using regulations that previously had been employed only against Palestinians, the Israeli government has banned the extremist Kach and Kahane Chai political parties.

Israel's cabinet voted unanimously last Sunday to outlaw the two groups, declaring them terrorist organizations.

Immediately following the ban, the two principal Kach leaders, Baruch Marzel and Noam Federman, were indicted. Marzel, who remained at large, was quoted by Israel Radio as saying from his hiding place, "I will not stop acting for one day. Just like we got past Stalin, we can get past [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin."

And the leader of Kahane Chai, Benjamin Ze'ev Kahane, son of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, was jailed last Thursday for nine months for an attack on Israeli police and participation in an illegal gathering in 1991, Israel's Itim news agency said.

Reports said Rabin wanted the groups banned before his meeting this week in Washington with U.S. President Bill Clinton, and as a way to cool anger among Palestinians, still seething over the Feb. 25 mosque attack by Kach follower Baruch Goldstein.

According to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, the two groups will from now on be treated in the same way as Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, Hamas and other terror organizations.

It is now an offence for members of the public to donate money to the groups, or provide them with goods or a meeting place. It is now also illegal to display their symbol, keep their literature or show support for them in any way.

Offenders could face prison terms of up to three years, while Kach and Kahane Chai members can be imprisoned for up to five years and their leaders up to 20 years.

According to the Isranet news service, the Jerusalem offices of both groups are expected to be forcibly closed and up to 60 activists may be detained.

Israel radio reported that immigration officials were examining whether the measures could allow them to deny Kach disciples from North America permission to immigrate to Israel.

In related developments, Rabin said Sunday that the government has sole and full responsibility for the security of the entire population of Israel and the territories, without distinction between Jew and Palestinian.

And in a similar vein, the Israel Defence Force issued what it termed a clarification of its open-fire instructions.

Under the terms of the new instructions, Israeli soldiers were clearly told to take all measures — including opening fire — against anyone, including settlers, who fires at others in a situation that is clearly not self-defence.

Rabin's statement and the IDF clarification came on the heels of the furor caused throughout the country when the commander of the border police in Hebron told the commission investigating the Feb. 25 Hebron killings that Israeli soldiers had standing orders never to fire upon Jews.

In outlawing the two Jewish groups, the cabinet employed a decades-old law that had been aimed at Palestinian terror groups.

Kach and Kahane Chai owe their ideology to the fiercely anti-Arab teachings of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who founded Kach and the Jewish Defence League and was assassinated in New York in 1990.

Kahane Chai was founded by Benjamin Kahane following his father's murder.

Immediately after the cabinet decision, representatives of Kach said they would appeal the ban to the Supreme Court. but in the meantime, indicated they would suspend all activities. Some supporters said they would be simply driven underground.

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Pogrom deadline passes in Syria

All quiet in Jewish quarters

By PAUL LUNGEN and RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO — A pogrom threatened against Syria's remaining 1,050 Jews did not take place last Sunday, after Canada received assurances from Syrian officials that Jews would be protected.

All was quiet in the Jewish quarters of Damascus, Aleppo and Qumishli, where Jews feared violence from a shadowy group called the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice, which threatened to take revenge for last month's mosque massacre in Hebron. [*CJN*, March 10]

Letters sent to every Jewish home and business in the country said the "blood of all Jews living in Syria" would be spilled March 13, which marked the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. "You will see that Hitler was weak in comparison to what we will do to you," the letters warned.

Canada's ambassador to Syria, John McNee, received assurances from officials in the foreign ministry that Jews would be protected from violence. Ottawa's move was a formal step, referred to in diplomatic parlance as a demarche.

According to Judy Feld Carr, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, 53 Jews came out of Syria on last Sunday night's flight.

The number last week was 42, leaving roughly over 1,000 Jews remaining in the country.

Carr said hundreds of faxes and letters were sent to Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet by students, task force members and the community at large, asking for Canada's help.

While Carr said she was thankful for Canada's intercession, she called on Ottawa to raise the matter of issuing exit visas to those Jews who have been denied the documents.

Nearly all Syrian Jews have exit permits but Carr says authorities have been splitting families, with many children being denied papers.

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The Syrian government "would have [had] to be damn fools if they let one Jew die" in the pogrom, Carr told a national executive meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress was told last weekend.

In addition to Canada, Carr said the American, Australian and Mexican embassies interceded with the Syrian government, calling on it to prevent any bloodshed.

Reports from Syria indicate a heavier presence than usual of secret police in the Jewish quarters in three cities, she said.

Despite widespread fear in the Jewish community, the whole emergency situation might have be a cynical maneuvre by Syria's leadership, she suggested.

She said it's "impossible" to believe that the letters threatening to kill Jews were distributed without the knowledge of the secret police and government.

Despite that assessment, she said Syrian Jews are "panic-stricken" over threats posed by the fundamentalists, and they are trying to leave the country as soon as possible.

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Canada issues travel advisory

OTTAWA — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a travel advisory recommending Canadians "defer travel for the time being to Israeli-occupied areas in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including east Jerusalem.

"Canadians should exercise caution, be aware of their surroundings and avoid crowds and demonstrations when travelling in the region," the ministry suggests.

The advisory was issued in the wake of last's month's Hebron mosque attack. An earlier advisory, that included a warning not to visit Nazareth, was cancelled after only a few hours.

Meanwhile, the United States issued a travel warning to Americans, suggesting they not enter east Jerusalem, the West Bank or the Gaza Strip. In the immediate aftermath of the Hebron massacre, in which Baruch Goldstein shot 30 Palestinian worshippers, the U.S. State Department's warning encompassed areas inside the Green Line, including Jaffa, Nazareth and parts of the Negev where violent protest demonstrations erupted.

A subsequent advisory deleted reference to areas inside Israel's pre-1967 borders.

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NCJW prepares to deliver Passover parcels

Grade 8 students of Ruth Yablonsky (not in photo) from Associated Hebrew Schools, Leslie Branch, help sort and pack Passover food for National Council of Jewish Women's Passover project.

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This Sunday morning a small army of volunteers will arrive at National Council of Jewish Women's (NCJW) Bathurst Street offices to pick up and deliver 2,500 boxes filled with Passover necessities including wine, candles and matzoh.

The list of about 1,700 recipients (families get two or three boxes) consists of new immigrants and others on fixed incomes throughout Metro Toronto and just beyond its boundaries.

The NCJW Toronto section project, now in its ninth year, began with the delivery of 300 boxes.

"We do this to help people celebrate Passover with dignity," NCJW Toronto section president Gita Arnold told *The CJN* in an interview last week.

Arnold draws a distinction between the Passover project and a food drive. "We are not giving them food to get through the week. We are giving people food to celebrate a religious holiday."

For many immigrants, the Passover gift box is an important component in celebrating their first Pesach in Canada. For some, it is their first introduction to Passover food.

The basic box for a single recipient includes gefilte fish, chicken soup, wine, matzoh, jam, juice or borscht, two desserts, and tea or coffee. Candles and a haggadah (in Russian for the Russian recipients) are also included. Recipients also get a frozen chicken donated by Chai Kosher Poultry.

The entire project is a community effort, noted Arnold. In addition to JIAS and JF&CS, the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) is involved by informing synagogues and BJE-affiliated schools of the need for donations, and sending students to help with the project. The Oshawa Group supplied paper bag inserts in the Feb. 24 *CJN* for readers' contributions, and Canadian Jewish Congress' Moess Chittin Campaign contributed $15,000 to supplement the food donations.

Members of Council, schoolchildren, and immigrants taking English as a Second Language in the building are among those who have helped put boxes together and sort and pack the donated food. "It's a big job," says Arnold.

Any food which cannot be used for the project, such as food that isn't kosher for Passover, is donated to the North York Food Harvest.

"We're desperate for donations," Arnold told *The CJN* last week. She attributes their need to the recession and to Passover being early this year (the first seder is March 26). Volunteers, especially drivers, are always needed, she added.

"We are adamant about doing the best job we can," Arnold said. "We're very proud to do this."

Anyone who would like to help should call the NCJW office at 416-633-5100.

Students hold separate vigils

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In the wake of the Hebron massacre, Jewish and pro-Palestinian students staged separate but simultaneous and peaceful vigils just metres apart at McGill University

Thirty minutes after about 25 Palestinian students had gathered under a blue, cold sky to hold their silent vigil on the steps of the university's union building, a group of about 150 Jewish students lit candles and called for an end to all terrorism, against Arabs and Jews alike.

The Palestinian students, holding placards equating Zionism with racism and calling for Israel to "outlaw Jewish fanatics," stood silently throughout. There was no contact between the two sides.

At one point police asked the Jewish students to cross the street to minimize the risk of contact between the groups.

"We are here with our Palestinian cousins because we are motivated by the same event," said Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue.

"There is no question that we find some of the [Palestinians'] signs disturbing. But we have come to proclaim a stand opposed to murder and terrorism.

"Victims need to be named whether they are Arab or Jewish, and we would hope that Palestinians one day will also be able to come out and denounce the murder of Jews," he said.

Howard Liebman, president of Tagar, which co-ordinated the rally and Ilan Gewurtz, a Jewish activist at McGill, echoed those sentiments.

"We are here in our silence to stand up and be counted," Liebman said, as the crowd held up a large Israeli flag and placards with messages like, "100 percent Zionist and proud."

Gewurtz said the vigil was meant to "mourn and commemorate" the victims of all terror.

Liebman told *The CJN* that Tagar organized the rally with only a day's notice when it learned of the plans for the Palestinian vigil and, he indicated, to counter the upsurge in pro-Palestinian activity on campuses, especially at McGill and Concordia universities.

According to Mark Zarecki, director of the Hillel-Jewish Student Centre, Palestinian students at Concordia's downtown campus set up a "particularly nasty" display in the Hall Building's mezzanine level earlier that week.

Zarecki said one of the signs the Palestinian students put up said, "following in Hitler's footsteps," which triggered angry verbal exchanges with Jewish students.

Zarecki said this prompted the administration to summon the police to prevent the confrontation from escalating into violence.

After Jewish students complained about the sign, Zarecki said, the Concordia University Student Association (CUSA) convinced the Palestinian students to alter the wording.

While Zarecki said the situation has been more tranquil at McGill, Liebman said Jewish students have been "harassed" as they walked through the Union Building, where Palestinian students had put on their own display condemning the massacre.

The massacre has also been the subject for much coverage in the campus newspaper, *The McGill Daily*. But Zarecki indicated the newspaper's general anti-Israel tone has not seemed to be as vitriolic as in the past and that space has also been provided for "Jewish" views.

Rami Dajani, the leader of McGill's Palestinian Solidarity Committee (PSC), told *The CJN* that the message his group wanted to send was that the Hebron massacre was not "merely an act of a lunatic.

"It was a conscious act of terrorism" and the inevitable culmination of a long-term Israeli policy to expand and maintain settlements, to furnish settlers with arms, and not take action as extremist fervor grew.

Dajani said settlers must no longer be allowed to bear arms. "It's not a question of politics, it is a question of security."

As well, Dajani said Palestinians would like to see Israel start to dismantle settlements now, even though the Israel-PLO accord stipulates the issue to be negotiated at a later phase of its implementation.

But considering the threat to public security Palestinians feel the settlements pose, "the spirit, not the letter [of the accord], calls for their dismantling," Dajani said.

Wilson to be honored

TORONTO — Former Supreme Court Justice Bertha Wilson will be honored with the Special Human Rights Award at the 19th Annual Media Human Rights Awards on March 21 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

The award is presented by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada for lifetime commitment to the promotion of human rights.

Wilson, currently the chair of the Canadian Bar Association's task force on women and a member of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, has a long record of championing human rights.

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Abdullah Abdullah (left), the PLO's former representative in Canada, shakes hands with Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, prior to their debate last week. [Ken Jones photo, U of T]

Israeli, PLO representatives debate need for Mideast peace

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's army will disarm extremist Jewish settlers and even put them under administrative detention in order to get peace talks back on track, the Jewish state's ambassador to Canada said here last week.

But those policies are too little, too late; what's needed now is nothing less than a complete change in Israel's attitude toward Palestinians, countered a former PLO representative to Canada.

The Feb. 25 massacre in Hebron of 30 Palestinians by Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein was the main focus, although unintended, of a spirited debate between Itzhak Shelef and Abdullah Abdullah, who represented the PLO in this country from 1972 to 1990.

The two diplomats addressed some 500 students at the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus, in the annual Watts Memorial Lecture. Security was a visible concern, with over a dozen uniformed Metro police on hand, along with several undercover officers.

The two men had been lined up for the lecture well before events in Hebron, which took over the evening, but not before Shelef and Abdullah began with an extended handshake greeted with wide applause.

The mosque murders must not be allowed to block continuing efforts toward peace, said Shelef. The need to break through "encrusted" layers of mistrust and hatred is needed, but equally important is the need for both sides to "negotiate" with their own constituents, he added.

Normally, peace agreements separate two sides, but the Declaration of Principles, in which Israel and the PLO recognized each other, and the self-rule accord signed last autumn are designed to bring Jews and Palestinians together, Shelef said.

"We have to learn to live together. We can separate from war but not from each other."

Israel has taken extraordinary steps following the Hebron incident, he pointed out: the Knesset and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin condemned the act, a public inquiry is being held and the army is cracking down on Jewish extremists in the territories.

"We recognize the anger of Palestinians in the wake of Hebron but the Palestinian leadership must be sensitive to the needs and fears of Israelis," Shelef said, adding that the "vast majority" of Israelis are still willing to take risks for peace.

The Declaration of Principles are "still not implementable," but the most sensitive hurdles have been overcome, he pointed out.

"We must resume negotiations. We must not surrender to extremists on both sides."

Abdullah, now the ambassador of Palestine to Greece, where Palestine has diplomatic status, countered that "the whole structure" of negotiations must be changed because of Hebron.

Terming Jewish settlements "illegal" and a "threat to peace," he said there will be "no business as usual" in peace talks.

He accused Israel of "delaying tactics" in implementing the Declaration of Principles by not setting concrete dates.

Months ago, a cable was sent from Arab leaders in Hebron to Rabin, complaining of the behavior of several Jewish settlers, including Baruch Goldstein. "Nothing was done," Abdullah charged.

He said Israel showed "a lack of a serious response before, during and after" the Hebron incident, and charged that several of the dead were likely gunned down by Israeli soldiers guarding the mosque.

Abdullah said 35 Palestinians have been killed in clashes with Israeli security forces since the massacre and he called on Israel to treat Jewish extremists the same way it treats Muslim radicals.

Palestinians and Jews can live side-by-side but not mixed together, he said.

In his rebuttal, Shelef said Israel knows Jewish settlements are "a problem," but that the longer the two sides wait to resume talks, the harder they will be.

Jewish settlers were originally armed by the Israeli army in order to defend themselves from Muslim extremists, he noted. Now, the same army will take those weapons away and even hold Jews in detention.

Shelef said 30 Jews have been killed in terrorist incidents in Israel since the Declaration of Principles was signed.

Catholic kids miss Holocaust film

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A total of 372 students from outlying towns in northern Alberta attended a special screening of *Schindler's List* in Edmonton, but a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz who arranged it is sad that 150 Catholic students who were invited did not show up.

Sigmund Sobolewski claims that the Leduc Separate School Board cancelled plans for a field trip by 40 students because of the film's content, but Ken Dick, its superintendent, said he was not given enough notice to get parental consent. Dick told *The CJN* he was informed only the day before a decision had to be made, but Sobolewski said the board had a week's notice. The teacher at Christ the King High School in Leduc whose students were to attend, did not return a call from *The CJN*.

Dick said he did call the superintendent of a neighboring separate school board who had seen the film twice, once with his wife, and that official's advice was that students should not see the film without their parents' consent.

A news release issued by Sobolewski "misrepresented" the position of the Leduc Board in stating that it had boycotted the film, Dick said.

The students who saw *Schindler's List* came from 14 different high schools in northern Alberta, the buses paid for by the public school boards involved. One busload came from Fox Creek, 300 kilometres away.

"Most of these students had never seen a Jew before," Sobolewski said. "Many were crying when they came out of the film."

Dressed in the prison uniform he wore at Auschwitz, Sobolewski handed out leaflets to the students calling the screening a "Christian venture of solidarity with Jews."

The students were addressed briefly by Rev. Clark Saunders, of Knox Metropolitan United Church, Rev. Keith Bishop of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Rosalyn Zdunich, a lay person, and Rabbi Jacob Rosner, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Edmonton.

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York Region school board may start classes on Sept. 6

Recommendation for delay ignored by committee

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some public school boards in Canada, at least those in urban areas, appear to be accommodating Jewish students and staff by not starting the next academic year on Sept. 6 — the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

But a key subcommittee of the country's fastest growing board has decided to disregard a recommendation to delay the start of the 1994-1995 year, and says classes should start Sept. 6.

The school calendar committee of the York Region Board of Education, encompassing the booming areas north of Toronto, where many young Jewish families have moved in the last decade, this month voted to begin school Sept. 6, thus apparently not paying heed to a board race relations report, which said starting classes that day could prove to be "extremely disruptive" to Jewish pupils and staff.

The committee voted nine to six to begin classes Sept. 6. Four Jewish trustees, and two non-Jewish ones, voted to delay the first day of school to Sept. 8.

Trustee Susan Kadis, who had co-sponsored the resolution to delay classes, called the vote "very unfortunate" and insensitive.

"It was the first real test of our race relations policy, and we failed," she added. "They haven't been able to come up with one reason why the year shouldn't start on Sept. 8."

The decision is not final, however. The committee's recommendation will go to a vote by all 20 board trustees March 29. But Kadis feels the board will accept the suggestion to begin classes Sept. 6.

Kadis said the calendar committee did not even refer to an earlier report prepared by the board's race relations advisory committee, which concluded that Jewish students and staff "would find the tide of first-day events has passed them by and left them ill-prepared" should the year begin Sept. 6.

"Staff, students and parents of the Jewish faith would be placed in a position of choosing between their faith and attending school" if classes are held on the 6th and 7th, the 14-page study stated.

"Shame on York Region," remarked Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress. He said a CJC delegation will speak to board members March 28 "to let them know how concerned and upset we are at how little faith they have put in their own race relations committee."

The school year customarily begins the first weekday after Labor Day. But due to this year's early High Holidays, CJC and B'nai Brith Canada have been urging some public boards not to hold classes on Rosh Hashanah — Sept. 6 and 7 — because missing the first two days of school would place Jewish students at an unfair disadvantage.

The CJN's calls to York Region calendar committee chair Terry Gray were not returned by press time.

Across Canada, there have been the following developments:

• In the Maritimes, Jewish numbers are too small to ask school boards to postpone the start of the academic year, says the Atlantic Jewish Council's Jon Goldberg. The AJC has instead mailed letters to boards across the Maritimes, asking schools and teachers to show "consideration and sensitivity" to Jewish students, who would miss the first two days of the year.

• A decision on when to begin the next school year at the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, in whose schools most Jewish children in the city's public system are enrolled, will be taken at the end of March, a spokeswoman said.

• The Ottawa and Carleton boards of education are waiting to see which decision Metro Toronto boards take before submitting their calendars for 1994-1995, says community relations director Ruth Kahane. She said the boards have "very tentatively" considered starting the year Sept. 8. "They are taking the issue very seriously," she added.

• At the Toronto Board of Education, one of Canada's largest, it's "quite certain" classes will start Sept. 8, a spokeswoman said. A recommendation to that effect will be debated at month's end.

• At the North York Board of Education, with its heavy Jewish enrolment and staff, it's "almost 100 per cent certain" the academic year will begin Sept. 8, board chair Shelley Stillman told *The CJN*.

"This is an issue of sensitivity," she said. Stillman pointed out that starting the year two days later than normal would still leave the board with 193 school days — within provincial requirements — eight of those as Professional Activity (PA) days, one less than had been planned.

• In Manitoba, classes are scheduled to get underway in late August, as has been the norm in recent years. However, the University of Manitoba has agreed to delay the start of its year until after Rosh Hashanah, in response to requests from Jewish students, staff and the community at large.

• In Calgary, the lone public board will start the next academic year Aug. 31. According to Riki Heilik of the local CJC office, the board was "very careful" to state that it was not beginning the year earlier than usual to accommodate Jewish students. Heilik is nonetheless "happy" there will be no conflict for Jewish students and staff this autumn.

• In Edmonton, the academic year will start Aug. 29. Gayle Tallman of the community relations committee said board trustees had been informed of the potential conflict with Rosh Hashanah.

• In British Columbia, CJC Pacific region and Vancouver's B'nai Brith-Hillel have sent letters to the education ministry, colleges, universities and public boards, asking that allowances be made for Jewish staff and students. While the University of British Columbia turned down the request to begin after Rosh Hashahah, it is looking into developing a policy on non-statutory religious holidays, reports *The Jewish Western Bulletin*.

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Journalist says Hebron attack counter-productive to settlers

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The killing of at least 30 Palestinians praying at a Hebron mosque was a horrifying act that even opponents of the Israel-PLO peace accord will realize is counter-productive to their cause, says a well-known Israeli journalist and author.

Yossi Melman is a correspondent for the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* and has written several books, the best-known (co-authored with Dan Raviv) being *Every Prince A Spy*, a history of Israel's intelligence agencies. He has also written books on the Palestinian uprisings and on Arab terrorist organizations.

The Melman lecture was organized by the New Leadership of Beit Halochem Canada, with the proceeds to be used to equip the new rehabilitation and recreation centre for disabled Israeli war veterans in Jerusalem.

"As a Jew I am ashamed of what happened . . . that an Israeli, a doctor, a husband, a father of four could do this . . . there cannot be an explanation or a justification for it," Melman said in the talk given two days after the massacre.

"There are agreed parameters and rules shared by the supporters and by the opponents of the peace accord. This act broke those parameters; it was beyond the pale. And even those who oppose the Israeli government will realize it is counter-productive to the settlers' cause," Melman said.

"The result will be a call for the international community to send observers, like in Bosnia. If the territories destabilize, explode, get to the point of a wild west or a no-man's land, the international community will be under pressure to send observers or even troops, because Israel will be seen as unable to provide protection for civilians. The question will be: 'Why in Sarajevo and not in Hebron?' "

On a more optimistic note, Melman suggested that the massacre in Hebron might serve as a bitter catalyst, just as the recent bloody shelling of the marketplace in Sarajevo moved NATO nations to try and halt the vicious killing there by forcing Serbian troops to withdraw their big guns from around the city.

"Maybe both sides will realize there is no alternative to peace other than continued killing and escalation of violence. The PLO knows it, and after tempers cool down and the situation stabilizes, I think the negotiations will continue," he said.

Melman's area of expertise in Israeli affairs is defence and espionage. In his talk he pointed out the often contradictory paths Israel must take on the road to peace.

Contradictory paths to peace

On one hand, he said, Israel's security services continue to monitor and infiltrate Palestinian groups in order to find out their intentions.

"But Israel must also negotiate implementation of the peace agreement, which means more co-operation with the Palestinians. Already there are 'war rooms' set up in the West Bank and Gaza to co-ordinate PLO and Israeli security, to answer questions on the ground, such as how to guard the roads to Jewish settlements," Melman said.

As well, even before the signing of the accord, Israeli security services provided advice and assistance in protecting moderate leaders of the PLO who received threats from radical Muslim groups like Hamas.

For example, he said, Israeli security forces turned a blind eye when key PLO negotiator Faisal Husseini used armed boduguards, which is normally not permitted.

Melman recounted a particularly ironic turn of events. He noted that the Israeli negotiating delegation dealing with security is headed by a former intelligence officer who led a commando raid against the PLO in Beirut, in which three prominent PLO leaders were killed. Twenty-two years later, Melman said, that former commando leader was sitting at the negotiating table with a Palestinian delegation led by one of the targets of the attack, who had managed to escape.

Asked about how the Hebron massacre would affect Yasser Arafat's standing, Melman said the PLO chairman's power has been undermined since he signed the peace accord last September.

"He is challenged both inside and outside his own camp. If he backs out of the agreement, if he does not continue the talks, he is finished . . . he may be finished even if he does continue . . . but he cannot go back. He has changed his colors, he cannot reinvent himself as a guerrilla terrorist leader. He's in a no-win situation unless the peace agreement is workable, and soon."

Finally, when asked why he is optimistic, in spite of all the complexities and obstacles involved in the peace process, Melman gave the typically Israeli pragmatic reply: "What is the alternative?

"The majority of Israelis are tired of war. We want to see a change. There are other issues on our agenda besides security and territories and settlements. We want to lead a normal life just as you do in Toronto.

"There are risks in the peace agreement but the chance is worth taking because the alternative . . . Israel being a besieged fortress forever . . . is worse. If the peace agreement fails, at least we can look into the eyes of our kids and say: we tried."

Former PoW Lavy joins Winnipeg student rally

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Praries Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For 45 days in 1973, Arie Lavy was a prisoner of war (PoW) in Egypt. Listed as missing in action in the early days of the Yom Kippur War and presumed dead, Lavy says that his family only found out that he was alive a few hours before he came back home.

Because he has been there, Lavy, now a Winnipeg computer consultant, can well identify with Ron Arad, Zacharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz, Israeli soldiers listed as missing in action (MIAs), and their families.

On March 8, Lavy joined members of the National Student Coalition for Israeli MIAs, provincial politicians and Jewish community leaders at a rally on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature to call on the Canadian and American governments to press Syria and Iran for information about the four MIAs.

"It is not nice being an Israeli PoW in an Arab country," Lavy said. "The former American hostages in Lebanon can tell their stories, too. For the government of Israel, it is difficult politically to be negotiating with terrorists."

As Lori Binder, Network's western resource person and rally co-chair, outlined, Baumel, Feldman and Katz were captured by Syrian forces in a tank battle in Lebanon in June 1982. They were reported to have been paraded through the streets of Damascus. A year later, there was an elaborate funeral for four Israelis in Damascus. When the coffins were returned to Israel however, three were empty. In 1988, Amnesty International received reports they were still alive in 1987. Their whereabouts are unknown.

Ron Arad was shot down over Lebanon in 1986 and captured by Hezbollah guerillas. It is believed he is still being held by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in a village in Lebanon.

Lavy became aware of the plight of the MIAs and two others, Joseph Fink and Rahamim Levi Alsheikh (also kidnapped in Lebanon in 1986), while on a visit to his family in Tel Aviv in December. As a former PoW, he sought information on the six men. He met with student leaders at Tel Aviv University who are campaigning to increase public awareness of the situation and offered his help.

"We hope they are still alive," he says. "The real issue is that their families need to know whether they are living or dead so they can go on with their lives."

Lavy returned from Israel with a videotape of interviews with the families. He has made the tape available to the National Student Coalition for Israeli MIAs.

Also addressing the rally were: Linda MacIntosh, minister of Urban Affairs; NDP MLA Harry Schellenberg; Michael Lazar, chair of the Midwest region of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights; and Ali Zentner, a University of Winnipeg student who had just completed a 24 hour hunger strike to publicize the MIAs plight.

Goldstein gets Israel Bonds post

TORONTO — Ruchama Goldstein is the first Canadian to chair the North American Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds.

From her Toronto headquarters, Goldstein will oversee women's divisions in cities across Canada and the United States.

Born in Israel, Goldstein came to Toronto 26 years ago when her father, Abba Geffen, was Israel's consul general. When his tour of duty ended, she remained and began her involvement with Israel Bonds.

Goldstein's goal is to re-awaken dormant women's divisions and energize the weaker ones.

Ottawa, Montreal and Hamilton, she says, are strong, but Toronto could be more active.

Goldstein and her colleagues have developed several programs to draw women into the Bonds investment community.

One of them, called Prime Time, is a North American speakers' bureau, which will supply experts to address women on topical Jewish issues such as the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Israel. A bar and bat mitzvah promotion encourages the purchase of Bonds for special occasions, and attractive pins are given to women who invest $1,500 or more.

Ruchama Goldstein

Again this year, Bonds proceeds will be used by Israel to finance absorption and employment requirements for new immigrants. But, for Golstein there's something "very special," about the way in which Bonds contribute to the country.

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CJC to celebrate 75th anniversary

Delegates are shown here at the first National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress held 75 years ago in Montreal. [Photo courtesy of Canadian Jewish Congress Archives]

Leaders gathering in Montreal for kick-off

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Some 300 leaders from Canada's Jewish community are gathered here at the Monument National to kick off the 75th anniversary year of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), giving celebrants pause to reflect on how the national representative organization of Canadian Jewry has changed since 1919.

But also, in a sense, how nothing has changed at all.

As the invitees prepared to fete "the Parliament of Canadian Jewry" March 16 at the refurbished Monument National on venerable St. Lawrence Boulevard — the same date and location of CJC's first plenary assembly — Irving Abella, CJC's 13th president, hailed the progress achieved by the Canadian Jewish community in affirming its rightful place within Canadian society.

CJC will celebrate the year on a national scale with anniversary events planned for all of CJC's regions.

Abella said the CJC has stayed true to its founding vision and it remains "the only democratically-elected Jewish body in the Diaspora."

At the very first assembly (and every assembly since) the 200 delegates who packed into the Monument National vigorously tackled the issues of the day — and the discourse did not necessarily follow Roberts Rules of Procedure.

Then, as today, debates were often marked by heated and heartfelt exchanges and by contentious resolutions that have always been a traditional and healthy part of CJC's democratic and dynamic decision-making process.

Is rapprochement new? Well, even in 1919, according to H.M. Caiserman's *The Jews in Canada*, Congress delegates attended a reception at Montreal City Hall where "a large Jewish flag was overhanging the mayor's chair."

The acting mayor declared "that the Jewish element in this cosmopolitan city was highly respected both by the Roman Catholics and the Protestant population."

How about minority language rights?

At the inaugural plenary delegate S. Belkin put forward a motion that Canada, "being a bilingual country where national rights are recognized for minorities," should seek "such rights for the Jewish people" including a "separate school panel in the Province of Quebec."

And women's involvement in the community? *The Gazette* gave extensive coverage to the plenary, noting that the "delegates included women," albeit with the somewhat patronizing comment that "one made her voice heard several times."

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So if Congress has always been topical, what, then, has changed?

In Abella's mind, it is the community itself, and by extension, Congress.

The Canadian Jewish community of 350,000, Abella said, is less "parochial" in its outlook, is more self-assured and wields more economic and political clout than it did 75 years ago.

It is also a community, he added, that is much more woven into the fabric of Canadian life.

Abella said it is now a community with the ability to "form coalitions" but also one which, regrettably, must still wage war against the forces of intolerance.

In his view, the major issue today is Jewish continuity.

But the organization also has to think of strategies to prevent it from losing touch with its consitutents.

On the one hand, Abella says, CJC is "more representative than any other international Jewish organization," open to the participation of any member of the Canadian Jewish community.

But on the other, given the organization's much greater size than in 1919, "it is much harder to get your voice heard," not so much at the regional as at the national level.

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Irving Abella

An overview of CJC's history reveals an organization very much caught up in, and occasionally submerged by the tides of history.

At its birth, under president Lyon Cohen, Congress set into motion an activist program that rings equally relevant today: to preserve Jewish identity and institutions; promote Jewish education and the survival of Yiddish; to fight intolerance; and to underscore the fraternity of all Jews in Canada.

During the 1920s the Canadian Jewish agenda included: bringing Jewish war orphans to Canada; enlisting international support for burgeoning Jewish populations in Western Canada; winning public educational rights in Quebec; and Jewish women establishing themselves as an activist force.

During the 1930s the same forces of hatred infecting Europe infiltrated Canada. Fascism and anti-Semitism reached their peak — even at the provincial and federal governmental levels — rendering the Canadian Jewish community virtually impotent when it tried to bring in refugees and to lobby governmental authorities.

CJC, however, resurrected itself nationally in 1934 to deal with the situation as best it could.

As the war began in 1939 with Samuel Bronfman at the helm of CJC, 16,000 Canadian Jews were in uniform. With news of the slaughter taking place in Europe and as Canada continued to bar Jewish refugees from its shores, CJC's Saul Hayes was already planning for the post-war years. Congress was supporting the effort to set the stage for Jewish statehood in Palestine.

The following decades were marked by tumultuous change in world and Canadian Jewry.

In 1948 Canada finally opened its gates to the Jews, paving the way for a huge increase in Jewish population, the establishment of an even greater network of Jewish institutions, and an unprecedented vibrancy to Jewish life especially at the cultural level.

Meanwhile, Congress' Hayes and Bronfman, in partnership with the Jewish Agency and other bodies, were at the forefront in building coalitions to provide relief for the millions of Jewish victims of war and to protect Jewish interests in Palestine. In 1944, Hayes had been appointed Canadian Jewry's spokesman to the Montreal-based United Nations Relief Administration.

Congress and Zionist organizations all worked for the eventual creation of the State of Israel.

The 1950s were marked by the migration of thousands of Jews from Morocco and other French-speaking nations to Montreal.

From the 1960s to the present, the CJC agenda has in large measure been a reflection of the changing times. The generation of Canadian Jews with roots in Europe gave way to the modern, home-grown generation with a more sophisticated sense of itself.

The issues of this generation?

Soviet Jewry, Syrian Jewry, Cuban, Ethiopian Jewry. "Prisoners of conscience."

As survivors aged, Holocaust remembrance and documentation. As the forces of pluralism prevail: Christian-Jewish relations, Quebec nationalism, black-Jewish relations, inter-cultural committees, rapprochement, keeping younger Jews involved, the Constitution, a national unity committee.

To reach Jews across Canada, "a small communities" committee and strong regional programming. A continual process of Congress redefining and restructuring itself.

Also, fighting for war criminals legislation and hate propaganda laws, against the Heritage Front and Ku Klux Klan, the Keegstras and Zundels. Human rights.

Meetings with provincial and federal governmental officials on a regular basis.

Going full circle, Jewish education and continuity. Yiddish.

Abella would like to see the progress made during the first 75 years "grow exponentially" over the next, but with the issues of racism and anti-Semtisim behind the community.

"I see a strong Canada and a vital Jewish community," he said.

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The Montreal reception, chaired by former CJC Quebec region chair Goldie Hershon, is the first of several events planned to coincide with the organization's 75th anniversary year:

- On March 19-20, CJC Ontario region will hold its plenary, which will recognize the anniversary. The Toronto anniversary chair is Carol Kassel.
- A special anniversary program will take place during the National Education Conference, April 17 in Winnipeg.
- The theme for the CJC Quebec region plenary April 24 is CJC Quebec region at 75: a New Agenda for a New Era.
- On May 29 in Ottawa, CJC will hold a conference on Non-Govermental Organizations (NGOs) in Canada: Partnerships in Human Rights. Justice Minister Allan Rock is the scheduled keynote speaker. Alti Rodal is chair of the Ottawa anniversary events.
- The following day in Ottawa, May 30, Canadian political leaders will be invited to attend a tribute to Canadian veterans on the eve of the 50th anniversary of D Day. CJC is organizing the event, to be presided over by Rabbi Reuven Bulka, in commemoration of its anniversary.
- Next fall, CJC Pacific Region will stage a "western conference" using the anniversary theme. The Atlantic Jewish Council will also meet during the same period and recognize CJC's 75th birthday.

Hershon said the approach the organization is taking for the anniversary is of a "festive celebration."

One of the major sponsors for the Montreal event is the Laurentian Bank, which, in its previous incarnation as The City and District Savings Bank, also sponsored the first CJC plenary assembly in 1919.

Plans were also being considered for a commemorative dinner, Hershon said, but they did not pan out because of budgetary constraints.

And as anyone who has attended a CJC executive meeting already knows, that is also a CJC tradition.

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The Canadian Jewish news

Luitjens to be released from Dutch prison in '95

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens, deported from Canada to his native Holland as a war criminal, will be released from jail in March 1995 after serving two years of a life sentence.

Coupled with the 18 months he was in custody between May 1945 and December 1946, when he escaped, he will have served less than four years for collaborating with the Nazis, an average term in the Dutch legal system, said reporter Harry Wubs.

Wubs, who has followed the case for the *Groningen Northern Daily* in Luitjens' old home town, said the former University of British Columbia botany instructor is being released due to his age (76) and because of his "good behavior" after the war.

The Dutch public does not believe the government is being too lenient with Luitjens, he said, although one resistance leader felt it was bad timing to release him only two months before the 50th anniversary celebrations of Holland's liberation.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said, "In view of the fact that Luitjens' sentence was comparable to other sentences imposed by the Netherlands after the war. . . and in view of the fact that the Dutch government prosecuted thousands of war criminals after the war . . we're not inclinded to challenge the judgment of the Dutch government.

"To us, it's much more important that a person be tried and his crimes be exposed to friends and colleagues and he not be allowed to escape scot-free."

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella said, "We regret that the government of the Netherlands saw fit to commute his sentence. But we're happy he is not in Canada."

Abella said that while there is no indication that Luitjens will attempt to return to Canada, "we will do everything to ensure that the denaturalization process stands and that he will not be allowed back."

Luitjens was deported to the Netherlands after a hearing in Vancouver in which government prosecutors showed he must have lied about his wartime activities when he immigrated to Canada from Paraguay in 1961.

Evidence at his citizenship hearing showed he was a member of a Dutch Nazi group and that he participated in searching out Jews and resistance fighters. In one case, two guerillas were killed during a roundup in which he participated.

The Luitjens case marks the only time the Justice Department's war crime's unit has tried to strip an alleged war criminal of his citizenship and deport him; it is also the unit's only success in any legal actions against suspected war criminals.

Despite repeated requests by Jewish groups that denaturalization be employed against other suspects, the war crimes unit has not brought forward any new cases.

"I think the decision of the Dutch government is a two-edged sword," said Paul Marcus, director of B'nai Brith's institute for international affairs. "We have confidence in the Dutch justice system and the case shows that Nazi war criminals can be brought to justice.

"On the other hand, we're not in favor of leniency for war criminals and we're disappointed he will be released. Certainly victims of the Nazis were not given the same rights."

Police lay charges against O'Driscoll

TORONTO — University of Toronto professor Robert O'Driscoll, author and editor of a book that alleges an international conspiracy of Jews, masons and Communists to dominate the world, was charged recently with uttering death threats and making harassing telephone calls.

The complainant in the case is Elizabeth Elliot, who O'Driscoll describes in his controversial book, *The New World Order and the Throne of the Anti-Christ*, as his fiancee.

O'Driscoll was arrested on Feb. 24 by the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in Mount Forest, Ont., which is near his home in Arthur. O'Driscoll was released on bail. He is to appear in court again later this month.

Meanwhile, the University of Toronto is winding up an investigation into O'Driscoll's competence as a professor.

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PM meets Lubavitch rabbis

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Two Lubavitch rabbis presented Prime Minister Jean Chretien with a pair of silver candlesticks last week in honor of the approaching 92nd birthday of their spiritual leader, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

Rabbi Simcha Zirkind of Chabad Lubavitch in Montreal said he and his son, Rabbi Mendel Zirkind of Ottawa, explained to Chretien that the light from Sabbath candles signifies peace. They went on to say they hoped Chretien would be "blessed with an abundance of light, to bring peace, understanding, tolerance and intelligence to his family and to Canada."

"Of course," said Chretien after thanking the rabbis for their gift, "we need prayers and light in our lives, especially in these hard times, especially when you have the responsibility which Canadians have given to me."

Representatives of Chabad Lubavitch meet annually with the Prime Minister of Canada to honor Rabbi Schneerson's birthday which falls on the 11th of Nissan. They noted that this year, the date of their first meeting with Chretien also coincided with International Women's Day.

Some Lubavitch leaders are viewing the rebbe's illness, along with this month's shooting of a chassidic student on the Brooklyn Bridge, as a sign that redemption is near.

"This is the intensification of darkness which signals the coming light," explained Rabbi Shmuel Butman, who heads the Lubavitch Youth Organization and who has been outspoken in the effort to promote Rabbi Schneerson as the biblically prophesied Messiah.

Ninety-one-year-old Rabbi Schneerson, known simply as "the rebbe" to the hundreds of thousands of Lubavitch devotees worldwide, was first hospitalized last week after suffering a series of seizures related to a previous stroke, which left his right side paralyzed.

At a news conference at Beth Israel Medical Centre in Manhattan where Rabbi Schneerson is being treated, Dr. Matthew Fink, the director of neurology, said the most recent stroke "seriously weakened" the rebbe's left side.

It was too early to gauge the extent of the damage or whether treatment will be effective, Fink said.

Rabbi Schneerson — who has led the movement since 1950 — had been bedridden at Lubavitch headquarters in Crown Heights since a stroke two years ago left him almost completely debilitated.

Despite the rebbe's frail health, virtually no one in the Lubavitch movement is willing to publicly speculate on the future.

"The fervent hope and prayer is that he will get better," said Rabbi Joseph Spielman, chairman of the Crown Heights Community Council. "There is no other agenda."

Under Rabbi Schneerson's guidance, the movement has reached out to unaffiliated and disenfranchised Jews with an appeal of firm laws and religious certainties.

There are an estimated 1,500 Lubavitch centres worldwide performing outreach and religious services.

Much of the lure has been the intensity surrounding Rabbi Schneerson himself, who offered personal directives on everything from marriage partners to Hurricane Andrew and the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The situation is exacerbated by the fact that Rabbi Schneerson, the seventh leader of the spiritual sect founded in 18th century Russia, has no heir.

Nevertheless, the movement's leaders remain focused on the rebbe's recovery.

Rabbi Butman points out that, according to the Hebrew calendar, the most recent stroke occurred exactly two years to the day after the rebbe's first stroke, in 1992.

"You can clearly see this is G-d's hand," he said.

A duty officer at the 71th Precinct in Crown Heights said police officials are monitoring the rebbe's condition, which they describe as the most serious ever, and have put officers throughout New York on standby in the event that "Operation Demise," a massive contingency plan to cordon off the streets of Crown Heights and import thousands of police officers, has to be implemented.

Police are expecting millions of visitors to Crown Heights over a 10-day period in the event of the rebbe's death.

Rebbe's condition stable

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — As of Monday, Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson remained in stable but serious condition in a Manhattan intensive care unit, following a stroke two weeks ago.

French elections set for Pesach

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — France's chief rabbi and the country's interior minister are at loggerheads over the timing of municipal elections, which fall on the first day of Passover. After Interior Minister Charles Pasqua refused to accommodate religious Jews, Chief Rabbi Joseph Sitruk issued a call in the Jewish weekly *Tribune Juive* that French Jews should not vote in the March 27 elections.

"We had sought a special arrangement," Rabbi Sitruk announced in the newspaper. "But if the date cannot be changed, then it is regrettably my duty to call on Jews not to vote on this particularly important day of the Jewish calendar."

Rabbi Sitruk had previously asked Pasqua if observant Jews could vote by mail or be exempt from signing the attendance sheet at the polling station.

But Pasqua, a staunch secularist, said this was not possible.

"There is no state religion in France, where freedom of worship is absolute, but we cannot make exceptions," Pasqua stated.

A similar situation recently surfaced in Italy, where general elections had been scheduled for the same day. The Italian government later decided to extend voting by a day.

The French interior minister has recently been attempting to limit the influence of fundamentalism among the country's Muslim community, and apparently he wished to keep his secularist stance consistent when it came to the country's Jewish constituency.

CRIF, the umbrella body representing French Jewry, refused to comment about Rabbi Sitruk's call on observant Jews not to vote. But sources close to CRIF made it clear that the declaration of the chief rabbi was an embarrassment.

Rabbi Sitruk's aides told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the chief rabbi had been misunderstood.

Rabbi Sitruk's statement also prompted an angry answer in the influential newspaper *Le Monde*.

"In spite of the chief rabbi, I'll vote on March 27," wrote Guy Konopnicki, a Jewish writer and a former communist leader.

"This day, as a Jew, I'll observe the feast of Pesach. According to the tradition, I'll tell my children about slavery in Egypt. 'We were slaves in the land of Egypt,' says the Haggadah," he wrote.

"This is what I will add," Konopnicki said. "We were slaves, and in the republic of France we are citizens and free men, which should incite the chief rabbi to be more prudent when he calls upon us not to accomplish our civic duty."

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The source is "Ber" (Yiddish for bear), which symbolized the tribe of Issachar.

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Occupational surnames are prolific amongst Jews. Horatio Alger used them as in "Phil the Fiddler."

It is interesting to note that this is likewise a feature of English surnames.

Here is a list of a few occupational surnames in Jewish and the English equivalent:

Schneider — Taylor; Shuster — Shoemaker; Becker — Baker; Schrieber — Clark; Trager — Porter; Fuhrman — Carter; Schenkman — Taverner.

Settlers expected to stay put for now

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said he believes that negotiations with the PLO will resume by the end of this week. Sarid said the government would reject the PLO demand that Jewish settlers be removed from Hebron before talks are renewed. He did not, however, rule out taking such a step for security reasons.

"I strongly recommend to the PLO that they not present any pre-conditions for continuing negotiations," he said in response to a question about the possible removal of the settlers. "If the government of Israel comes to the conclusion that, for security reasons, it must take such measures, it will do so — without any connection to the demands of the PLO or anyone else," said Sarid.

Since the Hebron massacre, several ministers have come out in favor of evacuating the settlers from Hebron. They have pointed out that 1,000 soldiers are required to protect 60 Jewish families living there. But some ministers who have long favored the removal of the settlers are concerned that such a move could be seen as giving into PLO pressure.

"I have always been opposed to the settlement of Jews in the heart of Hebron," said Agriculture Minister Yaacov Tsur last week. "But to remove them now would be a great mistake. It would be construed as giving into Palestinian demands and could open the way for a long list of other conditions."

Sarid's comments suggest that the government may decide to evacuate the Hebron settlers, but will not do so at a time in which such a move could be seen as surrendering to PLO demands.

The environment minister — who is closely involved in the negotiations — also said he did not wish to see greater American involvement in the talks. "In the aftermath of the Hebron massacre, there was a need for U.S. involvement in order to get the negotiations back on track. But I hope that with the renewal of talks, American involvement won't be necessary to the same degree."

Sarid also warned that Russian involvement in the negotiations would be detrimental unless it is closely co-ordinated with the United States. "This region was for many years the victim of tensions and confrontations between the two super powers. We would not like to see a return to that situation."

Sarid's prediction that talks will resume by the end of the week came following a meeting in Tunis between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and an Israeli Foreign Ministry team led by Director General Uri Savir.

During the meeting Savir reportedly informed Arafat that the Palestinians could raise any subject during the talks as long as both sides adhered to the Oslo agreement.

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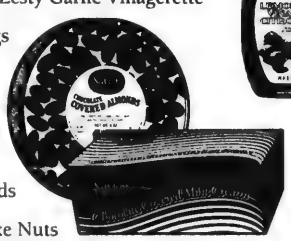

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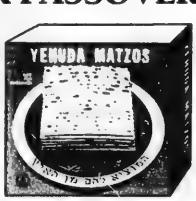

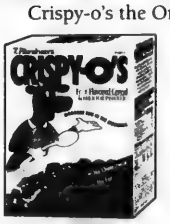

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Jewish groups outlawed

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The cabinet's decision was based on evidence, submitted by Israeli security services and police, that implicates the two groups in a series of unsolved murders of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The government ban extends to all groups associated with the two organizations and to any that may spring up in response to the ban, should new groups share the same violent anti-Arab philosophies.

Justice Minister David Libai said the government had taken the measures only after there had been very serious consideration of the implications of the action on Israeli democracy.

While the opposition parties' reaction to the ban was generally muted, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu thought a six-month ban should have been imposed initially.

National Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer and Tsomet's Rafael Eitan both said the government should have taken action against individuals rather than organizations.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir supported the ban, saying, "We have no need for such organizations. Nothing good can come from them."

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In an interview with *The CJN*'s Ron Csillag prior to the ban, Mike Guzofsky, leader of Kahane Chai's North American operations, said his group still enjoys "strong" support in Israel.

The New York-based Guzofsky, 29, said a "Jewish intifada" has started in the territories by settlers who feel Rabin has abandoned them.

As the situation becomes more violent, he believes most Jewish residents will leave Judea, Samaria and Gaza, but that between one-quarter and one-third "hard-core" settlers will stay. He said those remaining would be willing to use arms against Israeli soldiers attempting to throw them out.

"There will be an explosion," he warned. "This is a war of survival for the Jewish people."

Guzofsky and Kahane Chai don't support Baruch Goldstein's action, "but we can't condemn it either.

"No one in Kahane Chai wants to see Arabs die. We certainly don't want to see Jews die, but we also don't want to see Arabs die. A person like Goldstein took the desperate act he took after he and his family had been abandoned, and he honestly believed that just a few months down the line, he and and his family and many Jews would be massacred at the hands of Yasser Arafat's henchmen.

"It's that desperate situation that brought a peace-loving, soft-spoken, sweet person to take the action he took. And within the context of that insane situation, we showed understanding for what he did.

"But we don't believe that's the solution and it's certainly not our philosophy to kill Arabs."

Syrian Jews 'panic-stricken' over threat of pogrom

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Those in possession of exit permits are hampered because only two international flights leave the country each week.

Meanwhile, Syria continues its policy of splitting families.

She pointed to one family of 16 that will not leave the country until exit documents are provided a single remaining member.

Carr said that up until the threat of the pogrom, about 300 to 400 Jews (out of a pre-threat population of 1,100) would have remained in Syria voluntarily. She expects that now, only 100 to 120 will stay, some of them elderly, who do not wish to start a new life elsewhere.

Canadian Ambassdor in Israel Norman Spector met recently in Tel Aviv with participants in the National Campaign Chairpersons Mission of the United Israel Appeal of Canada. Left to right: Dr. Gerald Halbert, president of UIA, Ambassador Spector, Dale Boidman, chair of Montreal CJA Women's Division, Havery Levenson, general chair Montreal CJA, and Steven Ain, UIA executive vice president. Boidman and Levenson told the mission about their recent unique visit to the Muslim Republics of the former Soviet Union.

Spector praises Canada-Israel ties

Ambassador addresses UIA mission

JERUSALEM — "Canada-Israel relations have come a long way since the late 1980s," Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector, told a United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada mission in Tel Aviv recently.

The mission, chaired by Dr. Gerald Halbert, UIA president, consisted of campaign chairpersons who represented communities across Canada.

Spector said that Canada's boycott on the importing of Israeli defence products to Canada may be lifted soon, in light of progress made in the Middle East peace process. He expects positive changes as well, in the foreign-trade agreement between Canada and Israel.

"I feel our relations have gone beyond good words and platitudes," he stated. "Last year we approved a research-and-development fund, and it will start in the next couple of months. Last November, Prime Minister [Yitzhak] Rabin had excellent meetings in Canada with Prime Minister [Jean] Chretien and the Foreign Minister.

"We are playing a fairly active role in the peace process, more than I had expected," Spector added. "All sides recognize this. We chair a working group on refugees."

Spector recalled that, after a visit to Canada Centre, the recreation complex in Metulla, the U.S. ambassador wanted to compliment him on this wonderful Canadian initiative. "I had to confess to him that it was not the Canadian government but the UIA which made this project possible," he told the mission."

Following his comments, the group heard a report from two of its own members, Harvey Levenson and Dale Boidman of Montreal. Levenson is general campaign chair of CJA, and Boidman chairs the women's division. They were part of a small group that had visited remote communities in some of the Republics of the former Soviet Union.

They reported that people live in poverty and incredibly primitive surroundings with no personal safety, although large and vibrant Jewish communities remain in some places. Levenson and Boidman praised the work of the Jewish Agency emissaries in these communities.

Using slides and videos to illustrate their report, they pointed to the emissaries' tireless work in ulpan classes, in Aliyah preparation and generally in providing the Jews with a feeling that someone is looking after them, providing safety and direction.

Levenson said that desperate economic conditions are such that the Jews "are sitting on a time bomb; the Jewish Agency feels that we have a window of another couple of years — no more. They must be gotten out of there as quickly as possible."

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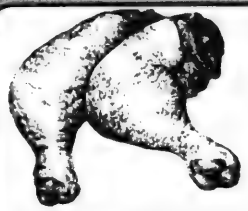

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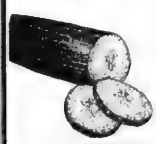

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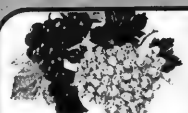

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The gunslinger vs. the mediator: and the winner is . . .

In my last column I examined two extremes in legal counsel: the "gunslinger" and "the mediator". Clients of the former often call their lawyers over every little dispute that arises and insist on courtroom action.

The other extreme can be just as bad. Some clients are too scared of spending money and much too afraid of their spouse. They prevent their lawyer from taking critical strategic steps at the beginning of a case to place them in a safer environment that will leave them with a stronger negotiating strategy. Such clients dream of a quick, cheap and friendly settlement.

Many cases warrant such an approach. But when my client's safety, children, property or sustenance is in jeopardy, I must advise that we obtain whatever necessary court orders are available to protect that client. Unfortunately, in some cases, particularly where property may quickly disappear, or where a spouse or child has been abused, I must beg such clients to permit me to proceed forcefully and, after an initial access, negotiate from a position of strength. Notwithstanding my advice to the contrary, such clients would rather risk their safety or property than further anger the other spouse.

Striking a balance

The key to success is to strike a balance between forceful action where necessary and informed settlement discussions when courtroom action is unwarranted. Accordingly, if you or a friend is searching for a lawyer, look for *chochem*: wisdom. Wisdom in this business is a function of practical experience in similar cases, knowledge of the law, knowledge of the lawyer who represents the opposition, and an eye wide open to your budget for legal services. (I am always reminded of a famous New York Times cartoon in which a rotund lawyer, smoking a fat cigar, glowers over his large desk at his much smaller client and bellows, "Well, Mr. Jones, just how much justice can you afford?")

Choose the *wise* lawyer and leave the stereotypes for television. When making your inquiries, don't just ask if the proposed lawyer is TOUGH. Ask if he/she solves problems, expedites issues, returns phone calls, bills fairly, is friendly, is respected by other lawyers, is prepared for meetings and court hearings or discoveries. Does he/she engage in senseless correspondence to please the client rather than solve the problem through real dialogue or court procedures? Are letters that really *are* important actually written?

Once you make the choice, make sure that the lawyer listens to you. But be just as careful about listening to him or her.

I guess it's like getting married again. Think of it! If you make the wrong choice, then you'll have to hire a new divorce lawyer to get a "divorce" from your present lawyer. Maybe Freud was right and we should have all stayed in the womb.

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CJC Blasts PAD on Immigrants

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has joined Chinese Family Services of Greater Montreal and the Black Coalition of Quebec in voicing concern at resolutions on immigration adopted by the new Parti Action Democratique (PAD) at its opening convention this month. The Quebec sovereigntist party's platform calls on immigrants to sign a "social contract" that includes a five-year surveillance period wherein immigrants who fail to comply with francization would be asked to reimburse the province for the cost of their integration. CJC Quebec region chair Manuel Schacter called the proposals "very disturbing."

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Church Backs Ross Appeal

FREDERICTON — The Woolastock presbytery of the United Church of Canada has issued a news release supporting the decision of the New Brunswick justice ministry to appeal the Malcolm Ross case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Rev. Jim Leland said the presbytery (a division of the church) took the unusual step of commenting on a legal case because "a lot of our people were concerned with the [Appeal Court] ruling. Many called me and said, 'Let's do something, write to the premier and make our feelings known.' "

In a judgment last December, the New Brunswick Court of Appeal overturned a lower court decision that had upheld Ross' removal from a Moncton-area classroom.

Rev. Leland said his parishioners wnated to provide "moral and spiritual support to the New Brunswick government" for taking the case to the Supreme Court.

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Compensation for Hebron Victims

JERUSALEM — Compensating victims of the Hebron massacre will cost Israel $6.67 million (U.S.), Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir said last week.

Civil administration spokeswoman Elise Shazar said the list of the wounded is still being compiled. Work is proceeding slowly, she said, because of the curfew imposed on the city and because of the holy month of Ramadan, which ends this week.

Sources said that apart from the 29 killed in the mosque shooting, and five killed in the aftermath, the number of wounded — some lightly and some seriously — is about 120.

While the government is picking up the bill for medical services for the wounded and has fixed a $1,666 grant for bereaved families, the range of compensation has not been officially published. Compensation will be paid by the National Insurance Institute, but the claims will be handled through the civil administration.

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Housing Ministry Ready to Help

JERUSALEM — Israel's Housing Ministry is ready to provide assistance for all families wishing to leave the territories for security reasons, even though there has been no change in official government policy, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told the Knesset last Wednesday.

Ben-Eliezer stressed that he is helping each family for humanitarian reasons, "so that the children will not be forced to live on the streets."

But he also said the government would have to provide assistance in an orderly manner and not in an ad hoc way, as has been the case so far.

Thirty-four families have applied to the Housing Ministry for aid to enable them to find housing inside the Green Line since the Hebron massacre, said Ben-Eliezer. Each family has received a one-year subsidy of 810 shekels a month.

Ben-Eliezer said there is no provision in his budget for this expenditure, and therefore the matter had to be settled with the Treasury.

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Israeli Arabs Travel to Syria

JERUSALEM — A group of 50 Israeli Arabs embarked on an unprecedented trip to Syria earlier this month to pay condolences to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Assad's son, Bassel, was killed in a car accident in January.

The delegation included Knesset Member Abdul Wahab Darawshe, head of the Arab Democratic Party.

The trip is reported to be the first time Assad has given permission for a group of Israeli citizens to visit Syria.

The trip was complicated, however, by Syrian demands that the delegation not cross into Syria from the Golan Heights and that they not use Israeli passports.

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Jews Most Frequent Targets

WASHINGTON — Jews were the most frequent targets of hate crimes based on religion in 1992, according to an FBI report released last week.

Crimes against Jews constituted an overwhelming 87 percent of all reported crimes motivated by bias against religious groups in 1992. This figure was similar to the 1991 figure of 86 percent.

Skewing the numbers, however, was the fact that less than half of American law enforcement agencies provided information for the FBI's report.

Crimes motivated by bias against religion constituted 15.4 percent of all hate crimes reported.

Anti-Jewish crimes made up 13.4 percent of all hate crimes from any category. In 1991, when far fewer enforcement agencies reported their hate crime statistics to the FBI, anti-Jewish crimes were 16.7 percent of the total.

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UN Condemns Anti-Semitism

GENEVA — Following a year-long campaign by the World Jewish Congress, the United Nations for the first time in its history formally condemned anti-Semitism in a resolution adopted last week by its Commission on Human Rights here. The 53-member Human Rights Commission included the condemnation of anti-Semitism in a general resolution on all forms of racism, which culminated weeks of behind-the-scenes wrangling with Western countries lined up against a rejectionist group led by Syria. The resolution, sponsored by Turkey, condemns not only anti-Semitism but also discrimination against Muslims, Arabs and what it calls "Negrophobia."

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French Ready for Jewish President...

PARIS — Only 13 per cent of the French people would object to having a Jew as their president, according to a survey published recently by the Roman Catholic weekly *La Vie*.

More than 80 per cent of those polled said they would not mind voting for a Jew; six per cent refused to answer.

The poll also inquired about the Dreyfus Affair, the nearly 100-year-old case in which French officer Alfred Dreyfus was sentenced to life imprisonment for spying for the Germans. The sentence, motivated by widespread anti-Semitism within the French army, was later commuted.

A majority of those polled — 51 per cent — said the case is neither taught sufficiently at school nor, according to 46 per cent of respondents, discussed sufficiently by the media.

Asked whether racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism had increased within French society since the Dreyfus case, 45 per cent said yes, while 13 per cent thought the problems had decreased.

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...But Fewer Germans Are

BERLIN — More than one in five German adults have hostile attitudes toward Jews, according to the results of a survey released this month.

Conducted for the American Jewish Committee, the survey shows a growing number of Germans — 26 per cent of respondents, compared to 14 per cent four years ago — feel anti-Semitism is a very serious problem in their country.

In the current poll, 31 per cent said Jews exert too much influence on world events, compared to 38 per cent in 1990. As well, 39 per cent of those interviewed thought Jews are exploiting the Holocaust for their own purposes — the highest percentage of any of the questions in the survey.

Asked if they would approve of a party nominating a Jew as its candidate for president of Germany, 28 per cent said no. All told, between 20 and 39 per cent of respondents expressed negative attitudes towards Jews.

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Righteous Gentile Dies

ROME — Guelfo Zamboni, an Italian diplomat who saved nearly 300 Jews during World War II by giving them false papers, died in Rome last weekend at the age of 97.

In 1943 Zamboni was Italian consul in Salonika, Greece, when the city's 55,000 Jews came under the harsh persecution of the Nazi occupiers, who began deportations to Auschwitz in March of that year.

He was able to get documents enabling 280 Jews to flee to Athens, which was under Italian military occupation, thus saving them from deportation.

In October 1992, Israeli Ambassador to Italy Avi Pazner conferred on Zamboni the medal of honor from Yad Vashem, and 280 trees were planted in Jerusalem — one for each of the Jews he saved.

Front Line

Hebron attack the result of an atmosphere of fear

By YECHIEL M. LEITER

Like all responsible communities in Israel, the Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and the Yesha Council which represents them, have expressed their unequivocal condemnation of the attack in Hebron and extended their condolences to the families of the victims.

This is the only possible response from a community of people who have always fostered and worked for peaceful co-existence between Jews and Arabs, even under the most difficult circumstances. Despite six and a half years of incessant attacks on our innocents, despite attempts by the Rabin government to make our lives difficult and force us out, we have always insisted that there will never be true peace unless Jews have full rights to live in all parts of our homeland.

The human tragedy that took place at the Machpelah Cave was not born in a vacuum and was by no means a first. We in the settlements have warned for years about the dangers of Balkanization in central Israel. Since the signing of the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles, those dangers have become all too real. Thirty Jews have been slaughtered by terrorists over the last five and a half months, and just in the past few weeks 19 Arabs were murdered by fellow Arabs.

The Hebron attack was the act of a single man, not an organized plot or an orchestrated campaign of violence. As such, its consequences should be removed from political machinations and diplomatic processes. A shocking aberration from any norms accepted in Israeli society, the act of a lone gunman should not be used as an excuse for far-reaching Israeli concessions on the political plane.

How very different are the acts of violence perpetrated by Arab terrorists on a daily basis. Terrorism, violence, even mass murder by Arab gangs serve as part and parcel of their diplomacy. Terror is consistently used as a means to extract ever-further concessions from Israel. Far from reacting with shock or condemning the murderers of Jews, mainstream Arab leaders accept, condone and often encourage them.

The attempts to posit a moral equivalence between Friday's attack and Arab terrorism is no less reprehensible. Surely, Palestinian Arab leaders are the last who can speak out with indignation. The groups representing the Palestinian Arabs range from Hamas and Islamic Jihad to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Fatah, all terrorist organizations which have made an art out of the acts they now condemn.

PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, and his deputies in Tunis, appearing on international television as "experts" on the Hebron attack, were unashamed to assert a host of blatant falsehoods in their bid for increased world pressure on Israel: that Dr. Baruch Goldstein had at least 10 accomplices, that the Israeli government and the IDF were conspirators in his attack, that the shootings lasted close to half an hour. And the Israeli government, always eager to keep Arafat happy, ignored its negotiating partners' flagrant lies.

This is the reverse of the stance the government should be taking. The attack represents an unfortunate consequence of the atmosphere of fear pervading Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Only firm steps taken to stop the escalating violence against Jews there can ensure that similar atrocities do not occur again.

It has been suggested that it is time for the settlement community to engage in collective soul-searching. While soul-searching is always a good idea, the glee of the left in calling for it only now is transparent and self-serving. Soul-searching is no less the responsibility of those whose moral outrage is largely muted when Jews are slaughtered. Not only do they refrain from condemning the perpetrators of the attacks, but they lend them legitimacy by negotiating with them.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his government have clearly lost control of the situation. It was inevitable that it would happen and tragedy ensue, since the path the government has been following is one which requires the support and encouragement of the overwhelming majority of the population. The government's minority status is not sufficient backing for it to force the Declaration of Principles with the PLO murder group down the throats of the Israeli public.

If the Land of Israel is to be divided, then it must be done by a united people. Otherwise, dividing the land will result in dividing the people irreparably.

(Yechiel M. Leiter is the executive director of the foreign desk of the Yesha Council, which represents the Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.)

Israel's health care system faces many problems

By CARL ALPERT

The United States is not the only country which has been facing up to the problems of national health care. Israel, too, has been confronted with similar problems, which in recent months have erupted into a crisis.

A look at the background is necessary for an understanding of the present controversy. For decades the all-powerful Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, offered its members health insurance through the Kupat Holim, literally, Fund for the Sick. The hospitals, clinics and medical services of the Fund blanketed the country, serving also as a most powerful inducement for membership in the Histadrut.

Changes came with the years. The charge was made that the union was siphoning off a greater percentage of the dues to maintain a bloated union bureaucracy, and as a result less and less, relatively, was going into the health services. Kupat Holim accumulated large deficits. Increasing numbers of the membership became unhappy with the service they were getting and sought alternative, better services. This they found in the several private health funds which were set up. Competition became acute.

During the Likud government, the then health minister, Ehud Olmert, drew up a bill which called for comprehensive national health service. Payments would be collected from every resident by the Bituah Leumi, the national insurance institute, and every citizen would be covered, whether a union member or not. The premium would be set in accordance with the economic status of each individual.

Former Israeli health minister Chaim Ramon. Isranet photo]

The Histadrut interpreted this as an attempt to undermine it. The Labor Party rallied its opposition, and Olmert's bill never got off the ground.

The idea was not lost, however, and when the Labor Government came into power its Minister of Health, Haim Ramon, proposed legislation, not unlike the Olmert plan, calling for the establishment of state sponsored national health insurance for all. The Likud was delighted, and pledged its support. Backers of the Histadrut in the Labor Party rose up in fury, intent on preserving the union's hegemony in such matters. Opinion in the party split. More than one economist predicted that if the new law was passed, tens of thousands of people would terminate their membership in the Histadrut.

Ignoring the union opposition, Ramon managed to get his bill on the agenda of the Knesset. Under his plan, the several health services, including Kupat Holim, would continue to operate, and citizens could choose whichever they wished — whichever gave the better service. The progressive fees, however, would be collected through the government Bituah Leumi. It was estimated that more than 60 per cent of the population would pay less than they do today. The government, in turn, would reimburse the respective health services on the basis of services rendered.

Charging that this was nothing less than an attempt to destroy the labor federation, the Histadrut steam-rollered through the Labor Party convention a series of changes in the proposed bill, designed to preserve the unbreakable link between membership in the federation and insurance rights in Kupat Holim. The government cabinet, controlled by the Labor Party, then instructed that the bill drawn up by Ramon should be removed from the Knesset agenda, ostensibly to be rewritten. Ramon resigned as minister of health.

Most observers predict that the plan for a comprehensive national health insurance is dead and will not be revived, at least so long as Labor is in power.

Basically, there are two principal issues in this controversy. One is the nature of the health insurance program. The other revolves around the nature and functions of the Histadrut. Critics point out that it is a hydra-headed organization. It is a labor union; it is the owner and operator of large industrial and financial concerns; it runs a network of schools; it sponsors numerous cultural and educational facilities; it runs a health insurance and health service program. Many voices these days advocate that it divest itself of all these manifold activities and confine itself to the functions of a trade union, looking after the interests of the working class.

Search for academic truth hits Jewish studies

By ARNOLD AGES

Forty years ago when I began my university education at Carleton College in Ottawa, there was no such thing as Jewish studies. Occasionally, a student could find a course called Religious Knowledge where some insights into Judaism and the Bible could be obtained. In fact, Carleton was unique in the 1950s because it engaged Rabbi Simon Eckstein of Ottawa to teach a course on the Bible from a Jewish perpective. I was privileged to enroll in his class.

Four decades later the situation has changed radically. More than 400 institutions of higher learning in North America and Europe now offer Jewish studies at the undergraduate and graduate level. The major Ivy League schools, most of the state universities in the United States, and Canadian institutions such as York, the University of Toronto, McGill, University of British Columbia, University of Manitoba and Concordia have programs with specialists in Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy and history.

It is at the university level that many Jewish students have an opportunity, for the first time since their elementary Jewish education, to see the richness and diversity of Jewish civilization as manifested in the Bible, Talmud, codes and rich exegetical literature. The availability of these courses shows students that Judaism and its texts have as much right to be represented in the university curriculum as other disciplines.

However, like other disciplines, Jewish studies have not been unaffected by the worldwide recession. Many departments have had to cut back on their programs but by dint of various economies, the majority of them are maintaining their critical velocities. The number of scholarly books on Jewish themes published by Princeton, Havard, New York University, the University of California and Indiana University Press continues to grow each year, enriching our knowledge of the Jewish past and present.

Arnold Ages

With such a splendid profile, one would think that Jewish studies at the university level is sailing along without a ripple, but the fact is that there are waves and swells.

One of the problems is common to all religious traditions exposed to the university curriculum. The starting point for an academic inquiry into any discipline is the search for truth no matter where that search leads. This approach abuts directly against religious convictions in which truth is not seen as a process but rather as an article of faith which is not amenable to rational analysis.

But are the approaches of religion and scholarship necessarily at odds with each other? Prof. David Noel Freedman, one of the outstanding Bible scholars of our day, argues in a recent two-part interview in *The Bible Review*, that there are areas of mutual interest to the religious researcher and the academic one, which need not occasion friction or disagreement.

Freedman, author of a recent book entitled *The Unity of the Hebrew Bible* also indicates that, as general editor of *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, an ambitious work of scholarship, he has been working happily with a broad range of Bible scholars from different university disciplines and with scholars from Christian seminaries and rabbinical schools. Freedman's argument is simple: people with deep religious commitments can work in the vineyards of Bible study along with secularists and humanists without surrendering any doctrinal purity.

Perhaps.

That is not the view of a recent writer in *The Jewish Press* (Jan. 28). In an article entitled Jewish Studies on campus, he argues that university courses on Bible and Talmud may be deleterious to the spiritual health of Jewish students. In buttressing his argument the writer alludes to a passage in tractate Yoma (72b) where it is stated that the Torah, properly used, is like medicine — but when misused, is comparable to a deadly poison.

In his polemic against Jewish studies, the writer identifies as a source of contamination higher biblical criticism, which applies conventional literary criticism to the oral and the written Law. Both of these, in the traditional perspective, are seen as divinely mandated. Students from religious backgrounds, he argues, might conclude that the Judaism they have studied is a fraud.

There is some merit to this argument: university education is not for everyone and not only for the reason the writer cites. But he draws a conclusion that does not necessarily follow from its premise. His argument also hinges on an excessively pessimistic view of students from religious backgrounds, who are thought to be incapable of grappling with diverse ways of looking at texts. The writer gives religious students insufficient credit for the learning and intellectual sophistication they have acquired in their home environment. Some would argue, moreover, that faith and religious commitment can be immeasurably strengthened by confrontation with other views.

In my view, inclusion of Jewish studies is one of the most exciting developments in the university curriculum in the last half century.

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Encore, Damascus

The currents of Jewish history sometimes pull us back even as we move forward.

In 1840, at this time of year just before Pesach, the Jewish community of Damascus faced a terrible threat. Falsely accused of the age-old perfidious blood libel, several members of the community were arrested, tortured and murdered; 63 Jewish children were seized by the authorities as a means of obtaining "evidence" in a sham investigation. The entire community stared directly into the grisly face of impending pogrom.

Ultimately however, due to the timely intervention of outraged Jews and non-Jews from the West, the pogrom was averted. The ruler of Syria was forced to issue an order protecting the community from the violence of the mob. And some months later, he set free the few Jewish prisoners who were still alive. The frightening incident became known in our history as the Damascus affair.

In a haunting echo of bygone fears, the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice last week threatened that "the blood of all Jews living in Syria would be spilled" starting March 13, the end of Ramadan. But again, with Pesach in sight, the Jewish community of Damascus, thus far at least, has been spared pogrom.

Again, Jews and non-Jews alike from the West quickly mobilized to pressure the Assad regime to protect the few remaining Jews left in Syria and to facilitate their safe, speedy departure from the country which has been their home for centuries.

The second Damascus "affair" reminds us that in various pockets of the world, Jews still remain in jeopardy.

Many Jews are still trapped in Bosnia.

In Iran, the entire country is a form of prison and the Jewish community, along with other non-Muslim groups, its prisoners.

In Russia, ugly, inhospitable nationalism has again raised its Jew-hating head. Thousands of Jews anxiously "sit on their suitcases" awaiting the next manifestation of the familiar but bullying xenophobia that generates stomach-wrenching fear.

As long as Jews are in jeopardy, we have our responsibility to them. The weight of that responsibility is borne across generations through time uncounted. It is carried in our hearts by collective memory. And it must always stir us to act.

It is worthy to note that as we prayed last Shabbat in the synagogue, we also ushered in the new month of Nisan, the month of Pesach, in words whose simple plea was dedicated to all Jews beseeching their safe and speedy ingathering wherever they are in distress throughout the world.

Such are the currents of Jewish history.

Russian wake-up call

Within the last six months Russian Jews have received a dramatic wake-up call regarding their security and future in the former Soviet Union.

In 1993, Russian Jews were talking about a reconstituted Jewish community on Russian soil. A thriving Jewish life seemed to be taking root; a network of Jewish schools, newspapers and youth organizations all pointed to a mini-renascence of the community.

That scenario has changed radically since the sprint to prominence in December 1993 of Vladimir Zhirinovsky and his liberal Democratic Party. Together they received more than 24 per cent of the popular vote — a staggering endorsement of a party and a man who represent the crude extremes of Russian racism and xenophobia.

The Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Pinchas Goldschmidt, put it well when he said: "I am sure 25 per cent of Russians who voted for Zhirinovsky believe in what he says, even if he does not."

Chilling words. They are also realistic ones, for they express the vise-like atmosphere which Russian Jews are beginning to feel as they experience the pressure of Zhirinovsky's anti-Semitic tirades on the one hand and the seeming impotence of Boris Yeltsin on the other. Also contributing to the malaise of Russian Jews is the sharp downturn in Russia's economic performance.

In the past, these factors (along with extremist nationalist sentiments) have formed the matrix for explosions of anti-Semitism. A future election in which members of Zhirinovsky's coalition take power would make a dreary prognosis even more certain.

It is for these reasons that even Russian Jews who have argued on behalf of a continued Jewish presence in Russia — Tankred G. Golanpolsky to cite one example (the editor who successfully won a court case against the printers of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*) — are now recommending that people prepare for emigration.

As the democracies systematically seal off their borders to immigrants seeking respite from regimes which persecute their religious and racial minorities, Israel continues to remain a beacon of light. Many Russian Jews who have read the handwriting on the wall inscribed by Vladimir Zhirinovsky and his ilk will no doubt be availing themselves quickly of the opportunity to go to Israel.

The sooner the better.

VIOLENCE AT THE WESTERN WALL

A woman was injured at the Western Wall by a stone thrown by an Arab rioter on the Temple Mount after Ramadan prayers on Feb. 25. She and her husband — seen holding her — are news photographers who were at the site capturing on film the prolonged period of violent demonstrations there. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

WOMEN FOR PEACE

We, members of Palestinian and Jewish Women for Peace, wish to express our shock and horror over the recent events in Hebron. We grieve beside the survivors and families of the victims.

We believe that the massacre of innocent civilians was part of a calculated attempt to hinder the ongoing peace process. We urge those involved in the peace process not to allow the actions of one or a few to destroy the work of many. These events must not thwart the recent progress which has been made. We are frightened by the influence of groups such as Kach and deplore Israel's laxity in curbing their illegal activies.

Palestinian and Jewish Women for Peace is a group of Vancouver Palestinian and Jewish women meeting to build understanding and trust through dialogue. Over the past two years, our group has made great progress. Although recent events are discouraging, now more than ever, we persist in our commitment to promoting a just, lasting and comprehensive peace.

H. Elmasu, Vancouver,
Palestinian representative;
A. Fitch, Vancouver,
Jewish representative;
and 10 others.

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THE KRENTZMAN AFFAIR

After having read the article by Janice Arnold (March 3) on the Jewish community's reaction to Rabbi Krentzman's conviction, I felt compelled to write this letter.

I was always taught that as Jews we must practise forgiveness, that none of us is perfect and that we all pray to G-d to forgive our wrong doings and that He alone has the power to do so. Why then do I read in your newspaper comments attributed to our community leaders, attempting to distance themselves from Rabbi Krentzman? Why do I read about comments attributed to a well known community rabbi suggesting that this incident may lead to heightened scrutiny about who is entrusted with community responsibility?

I would expect to read remarks suggesting that Rabbi Krentzman, for whatever reason, took a wrong path, that we must forgive him for his wrong doings and that we should help him return to the right road. I would also have expected our community leaders to have reminded us of all the good things that Rabbi Krentzman did for his community.

I for one had the opportunity to work with Rabbi Krentzman when he was executive director of The Jewish Education Council. While we did not always see eye to eye on issues, he always was willing to listen and I can assure you he put in tireless efforts on behalf of our children. I can also remember, long after we stopped working together, Rabbi Krentzman coming to my house when I was sitting shiva for my late mother. He came to comfort me, and to explain the Jewish way of dealing with death.

It certainly appears to me that many people in this community have forgotten our Jewish ways and are concerned only about how this incident might reflect on the Jewish community and therefore by extension on themselves. In reality our only concern should be, how do we ensure that one of our own returns to the fold.

Stephen Bratt
Montreal

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SHULS AND JOBS

At a time when unemployment is at record high levels, I would suggest that synagogues, which have not already done so, form in-house committees to help job-seekers find employment. In assisting the unemployed, synagogues will be doing a mitzvah.

The announcement of the formation of such committees, along with their phone and fax numbers, should be published by *The Canadian Jewish News* as a public service.

Charles Abshez
Toronto

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THE CONTRAST

A Muslim group planted a bomb in the altar of a Christian church in Lebanon, killing 10 Christians and guess what happened.

Nothing.

No calls for United Nations action. No Security Council meeting. No newspaper headlines.

No flaming editorials. No ringing denunciation by our foreign minister. No calls for international bombing. No calls to disarm the Muslims. No mass demonstrations.

Nothing.

I guess it depends on whose ox is gored.

Gordon Urbach
Toronto

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LET RECORD SPEAK

It is revealing to follow the media's "feeding frenzy" on the Hebron massacre.

No one with normal feelings can condone such an act — no matter the excuse. I condemn it unhesitatingly and unequivocally. However, some pertinent facts should be noted:

Since September 1993, 23 Jews have been murdered by Palestinians.

[During the same period] over 30 Palestinians have been brutally murdered (over 1,000 since the Intifada), not by Israeli soldiers or settlers, but by Palestinians who call their victims "collaborators." Some of them may actually be spies, but most simply worked as postmen, clerks, etc., or (women) wore "immodest" clothes (short skirts, shorts or bathing suits), or were adultresses or even prostitutes! Obviously all were deserving of such punishment!

In the loud demands that all settlers be disarmed, not just the extremists, hardly anyone raises the obvious question: Why are all these people carrying guns wherever they go? I have a "reasonable" proposal for both sides. Let both sides be disarmed, i.e. the Palestinians can give up their guns, axes, stabbing knives. Then there will be no need for the settlers to carry weapons.

Finally, just a small historical note. When the Jews came to Hebron to "settle" after the 1967 war, the Arabs said the Jews had no right to intrude on Arab territory. Some still say the Tomb of the Patriarchs is only for Muslims, even though it is equally holy to Jews, and even to Christians. The fact is that there was a flourishing Jewish community in Hebron until the pogrom/massacre of many of these Jews in 1929. They were not allowed to return until the Israelis recaptured it from the then occupier, Jordan.

Isadore Kalin
Ottawa

Opinion

Of Schindler's tale and a 75th birthday

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Schindler. What do Hawaii, New Jersey and Germany have in common? They all played recent roles in the ongoing journey of Spielberg's *Schindler's List.*

In Hawaii (about which I wrote last week, reporting on our month-long journey there) the number of Jews is small, but there are lots of other people who want to see the latest box-office sensation.

Only a few years ago, I remember, the market seemed to be tired of anything that had to do with the Holocaust, and some cognoscenti predicted a premature demise for *Schindler's List.* No longer. Hawaii is generally quite detached from much that goes on in the world, but this film bridges distance and time. Sometimes I think that even Spielberg is surprised at what he has brought off.

In New Jersey, an innovative Gentile woman has entered the company of active promoters. According to an AP dispatch, Gov. Christie Whitman had planned special showings of the film for college students throughout the state on the day Louis Farrakhan was to speak at Trenton State College. The papers reported what Farrakhan had to say: disavowing anti-Semitism from one side of his mouth and spouting it from the other. As of this writing (on the plane back home) I have not heard any report about the results of the governor's strategy.

It was the reception the film received in Germany which engaged my special interest. On March 2, the *New York Times* had an extensive report on the Frankfurt showing of the film, the first in the country.

It was a gala occasion. High officials attended; the opening was under the patronage of former President Richard von Weizsäcker, who enjoys phenomenal prestige in the country. He said to Spielberg: "[The film] needed you to do it."

The Times reported numerous reactions. A Protestant minister, who had befriended Oskar Schindler during his dog-days in the 1960s, commented: "On the whole, it succeeded in getting across a sense of what those events were really like, and posing the most important question: 'Where was every one else?' "

Rabbi Plaut

A Frankfurt lawyer, both of whose parents were saved by Schindler, saw the film with his mother. "I saw the millions who did not survive, and I was crying, and I saw the Germans who murdered and I was crying too. I hope a lot of Germans, particularly young Germans, will go see the film, which helps us to feel the Holocaust."

The *Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung*, one of Germany's influential dailies, hoped that everyone would see the picture and that it would move and excite the viewers. *Der Spiegel*, Germany's widely read weekly which is patterned after *Time* magazine, called it "great beyond all expectations. No book, no documentation, no film can grasp the horror and the incomprehensibility of the Holocaust. But *Schindler's List* — the first great movie that has really taken bureaucratically planned and factory-executed mass murder as its subject — shows what is possible to do: it is possible to tell the story."

Krakow, Poland, at whose outskirts Auschwitz is located, will be the show's next stop. I hope Polish and German movie goers alike will absorb the message which Schindler, via Spielberg, left behind.

A great anniversary: "Montreal, March 16, 1919, 3 o'clock. Monument National. On the afternoon the large auditorium of the Monument National was overfilled with two hundred delegates arriving from all parts of Canada ... and over 2,500 visitors. The auditorium was fittingly decorated with British, Canadian and Jewish flags — the orchestra played — an air of joyful expectancy and subdued enthusiasm filled the spacious hall. The curtain rose and the eyes beheld a compact group of school children, boys and girls, dressed in blue and white. Behind them were seen the figures of men about to take a leading part in the deliberations of the Congress."

The memo was written long ago by H. M. Caiserman, Canadian Jewish Congress general secretary from 1919-1950. This week, when Congress celebrates its 75th year, President Irving Abella will begin the anniversary observances at the very spot and at the exact day and hour, to signal the beginning of a nation-wide anniversary observances.

The 75 years of Congress have been filled with many achievements. They range over wide areas of vital interest to our community: advocacy on civic concerns before the public and government councils, giving voice and meaning to our love for Israel, issues of anti-Semitism, settlement of immigrants (in consort with JIAS), restitution (in consort with URO), Jewish education, Holocaust awareness, religious affairs, matters of social justice and human rights, and a host of other activities.

The Ontario region will continue the nationwide observances with a Plenary on March 19-20; the Quebec region's date is April 24, and other regions will follow with their own celebrations. A hearty mazel tov, and *ken yirbu!*

Rabbi Plaut is a past president of Congress.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A printer's devil crept into Rabbi Plaut's column last week; as a result, it appeared that Kirk Cashmere was the owner of the building housing Temple Emanu-El. The sentence should have read: "Temple Emanu-El is the only Jewish property in Honolulu or anywhere on the islands, a lovely synagogue, with educational and social facilities and a very respectable library."

Continuity a serious challenge to Jamaican Jews

By BOAZ DVIR

The Jamaican Jewish community has managed since 1494 to gain a prominent place in society while struggling with such external threats as religious and political oppression. Yet it may succumb to an internal danger — assimilation.

The warning signs, according to two local Jewish leaders, include high intermarriage and low birth rates, continued emigration, lack of Jewish education and absence of Jewish organizations.

"I am very worried about the future," says Geoffrey de Sola Pinto, lay leader of the tiny Jewish community in Montego Bay.

On this tropical island, "Jewish continuity" sounds more like a Darwinian term than a fund-raising buzz-word.

The Jamaica Jewish population has been decreasing dramatically since the 19th century, when it reached 2,000.

Today, 250 mostly older assimilated Jews live in Jamaica, according to Ernest Desouza, lay rabbi of the island's only synagogue — Sharre Shalom United Congregation of Israelites in Kingston.

Desouza and Pinto point out that Jamaican Jews rarely marry each other.

"Most of the (Jamaican Jewish) families are so connected that young people don't want to marry each other. They'd feel like they're marrying their cousins," says Pinto, whose wife converted from Catholicism to Judaism after researching her Marrano roots.

The Marranos (Jews who kept their faith in secret to escape the wrath of the Spanish Inquisition) launched the local Jewish community 499 years ago when they arrived with Christopher Columbus.

When the conquering Protestant British lifted the sword of the Catholic Church in 1655, some Marranos unveiled Jamaica's first visible signs of Judaism. Many of them, however, never returned to their Spanish ancestors' glorified Jewish tradition.

Today, some non-Jews with Marrano roots end up marrying Jews, but only a few convert "back" to Judaism. Pinto says.

Besides, he adds, even if they all converted, they wouldn't post enough numbers to assure Jewish continuity on the island.

It seems that the Jamaican Jewish community's spineless back would probably fail to support a larger population, anyway.

The synagogue's sisterhood stopped meeting years ago.

The community's two Jewish groups — B'nai B'rith and the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) — disappeared in the 1970s, along with hundreds of prominent Jews who were driven out by a new socialistic government.

"Economic uncertainty scared them away," Pinto says.

The two active organizations that still bear Jewish names and receive Jewish funding — the Hillel Academy elementary school and the Jewish Home for the Poor and the Aged — have few Jewish members.

Out of about 750 Hillel students, only a dozen are Jews. And they receive no Jewish education at this prestigious private school.

Lack of Jewish education, along with the other elements of assimilation, threaten Jamaica's Jewish future, says Is Aronin, adult education coordinator for the Academy of Jewish Studies in Boca Raton who visited this community a couple of years ago.

"I saw a community striving not to fall apart. But unfortunately, they're not doing great things," says Aronin, who met wth Desouza, while spending a week in Kingston and Ocho Rios.

Two Lubavitch representatives who recently visited Jamaica as part of their Caribbean travel-study showed even greater concern for the Jamaican Jewish community's esprit de corps, Pinto says.

They were "quite shaken up," says Pinto, who met with them for several hours.

Taking some of their criticism to heart, he decided to try to create a Jewish summer camp in Jamaica for kids from around the Caribbean islands. It would host children from such old-time Jewish communities as Barbados and St. Thomas (Virgin Islands).

"It would definitely do a great deal for Jewish continuity in the Caribbean," says Pinto, a London-born businessman who was unaware of his family's deep roots in Jamaica when he moved here from Quebec in 1957.

Conceding that this camp would certainly not be enough to "save" the Jamaican Jewish community, he says, "What else can you do?"

As if to answer his own question, Pinto adds that he's now organizing a group of about 25 Montego Bay Jews that will meet monthly for Sabbath morning services.

Even if he fails in one or both of his plans, Pinto will continue to stand as one of the community's two human pillars.

More traditional than religious, he keeps the flame of Judaism burning on the northwest side of the island by hosting Friday night dinners, Passover seders and other ritual and cultural events.

Desouza stands as the pillar on the southeast side of the island. A one-man show, he runs all aspects of the Kingston synagogue, conducts life-cycle events around the island and serves as the secretary of the Jamaican Jewish community.

After volunteering his services for 32 years while earning a living as a photographer, he has been a paid employee of the Jamaican Jewish community for the past 16 years.

"I have been carrying the bulk of the responsibility for 48 years," he says.

His family has been at it for close to 500 years, having arrived here from Spain in the early 1500s.

In 1655, they shed their mask of Catholicism and started practising Judaism openly. Along with others who became proud Jews, they built three synagogues, including one at the pirate town of Port Royal.

Today, only one temple still stands.

Built in 1885, Sharre Shalom United Congregation was destroyed 22 years later by an earthquake.

Rebuilt in 1912, the small synagogue is one of only four in the world that has sand on its floor, Pinto says.

It also has a mahogany ark and 200-year-old Torah scrolls topped with even older silver crowns.

Only about 4-12 kids show up on Sabbath mornings at the temple, which was once full of children, Desouza says.

Throughout Jamaica, only 15 Jews have yet to reach bar/bat mitzvah age.

Nevertheless, Desouza says that he is "not pessimistic" about the future.

"Jamaica is a developing country," he says. "In 10-20 years from now, people will move here."

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Preparing for Passover is pure physical torture

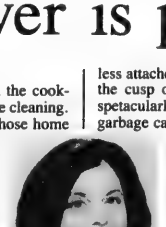
By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Passover presents many serious challenges, such as trying to really feel the experience of the Exodus, trying to learn the meaning of this pivotal saga in our peoples' history, trying to understand the miraculous events described in the Torah . . . and, trying to get the house ready.

And if the first three are metaphysically more difficult, the fourth is pure physical torture: every shelf, every drawer, every corner and cubby has to be emptied, cleaned, and then refilled with all its contents, themselves cleaned and fresh. The household operations involved thunder in on the heels of Purim and don't recede until the children hunt for chometz with their father while old Mom contemplates 40 for dinner.

The holiday is complicated this year because the seders are Saturday and Sunday night. On Saturday — Shabbat — one can't cook. On Sunday, which is yom tov, one can prepare food in some limited ways, but believe me when I tell you that starting on Tuesday night would be a great deal simpler.

However, I'm not worrying about the cooking yet. I'm too busy fretting about the cleaning. If I were one of those housewives whose home is always pristine, then cleaning for Passover would be a pro forma exercise: dust everything off, shake everything out, and proceed without a care in the world. But I am not one of those housewives.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

I am the kind of housewife who can throw a sheet over a pile of packing boxes and "not see it" for months. I am the kind of housewife who hoards newspapers, catalogues, magazines, children's art work, and miscellaneous mail, all in stacks, all over the place. I am the kind of housewife who believes in the concept of the buried elephant: if you can't spot it — in the closet, under the stairs — then, it's not there. But Passover shouts at me, yes it is there, and you have to tidy it up or throw it out.

Somehow, the closer we get to Passover, the less attached I feel to my stacks and hoards. On the cusp of the holiday, everything that isn't spetacularly beautiful, historic or meaningful is garbage can fodder, no quarter given, no questions asked, no mercy shown.

The unfortunate repercussion of this policy is that I spend the month after Passover looking for things I've thrown out.

I have certain allies in my Passover clean up: hired assistants, motherly support, effective chemicals. But I also have certain enemies: my children. The process begins when I suggest that my daughters go through their closets and drawers, discarding things they will never wear again, can't fit into any more, haven't worn in a year, or don't really like. By the time they have completed this effort — if, indeed, I can get them to undertake it — they are completely used up and not available for other tasks. This is improving as they get older, but basically the scouring, scrubbing, sorting gig is mine, and mine alone.

I don't mind doing the living room: it is relatively organized and open. The rooms I mind (like the master bedroom) are ones with lots of nooks and crannies, multiple hidey-holes where anything can lurk — and does.

I'm also not wild about doing my 4-year-old son's room. He hoards treasures, too, but he and I disagree on what constitutes a treasure. For instance, I do not think a dried-out lizard belongs in that category, but he does. I would also disallow headless dinosaurs, pieceless jigsaw puzzles, random toy men from random train and castle sets, and anything smelly, squishy or unidentifiable. To him, mysterious odoriferous squishiness adds to an object's value. He can't imagine why I don't think the more squishy, the more stinky, the better, but that's his philosophy and he's standing by it.

Given that kind of support, I plunge into Passover cleaning with one eye over my shoulder, looking out for sabotage. And while I scrub and sweep, sort and mop, I know my son is just around the corner trying to add to the holiday in his own way, searching for treasures so he can proudly present something smelly, something soft, something wonderful, just for me, just now.

Features

Memory of Holocaust was suppressed

Reporting from St. Petersburg and Minsk, Sheldon Kirshner looks at the Holocaust in the former Soviet Union.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

More than two million Soviet Jews died in the Holocaust, the vast majority in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

And yet information about the Holocaust as a Jewish tragedy was all but repressed by the former Communist authorities.

As late as 1991, the year the Soviet Union collapsed as an entity, a Jewish researcher in St. Petersburg named Aleksandr Frenkel could write: "A state policy of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union... led to almost complete oblivion of the memory of the victims of the Nazi genocide."

Memorials supposedly dedicated in their honor rarely contained references to Jews. Instead, monuments memorialized "Soviet people" who had perished during the fascist occupation.

Jews bold enough to complain were accused of being narrow and divisive bourgeois nationalists bent on separating the Holocaust from the deaths of millions of Soviet citizens in World War II.

Sometimes, the lengths to which the regime went to erase symbols of the Holocaust bordered on the ludicrous. On some tombstones, the lower triangles on Magen Davids were scratched out, thus deracinating them. In other instances, Yiddish inscriptions were removed.

In 1943, the Soviet government established a committee to investigate Nazi war crimes. However, eyewitness accounts and documents that had been laboriously collected were sealed.

In general, publications on the Holocaust were taboo. Shortly after the war, Josef Stalin ordered the destruction of the master copy of *The Black Book*, an unpublished text which documented the destruction of Soviet Jewish communities. As a result of a political thaw in the early 1960s, several Holocaust-related books were published, notably *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Otherwise, nothing.

Media shows little interest, says activist

At schools and universities, the Holocaust was deemed unfit to be taught. It was simply a non-subject. And when the Holocaust was broached, as in the case of Babi Yar, the site of a Nazi massacre in Kiev, it was cynically drained of its Jewish content.

In the final indignity, Jewish survivors throughout the Soviet empire were denied access to German reparation funds.

With the advent of glasnost and perestroika in the mid-1980s, the official prohibition against the Holocaust gradually withered away.

In 1988, the Holocaust Research Group was founded by Frenkel and his colleague, Daniel Romanofsky, who has since made aliyah. Its purpose was to collect oral recollections of survivors, build Holocaust memorials, and repair and update existing ones.

Frenkel and Romanofsky conducted their first round of interviews in towns such as Mogilov, Vitebsk, Smolensk, Pskov and Bryansk.

In the same year, the Holocaust Research Group sponsored the first known photographic exhibition on the Holocaust. Not open to the general public, it was held in a private apartment in St. Petersburg. The photographs, taken by members of the team, were of killing fields and memorials.

Later that year, the first *official* exhibit took place in St. Petersburg Choral Synagogue.

The Courage to Remember, an American Holocaust exhibition, was shown in 1989 in Moscow.

All three exhibitions drew large crowds. "For the post-war Jewish generation, the Holocaust was a Jewish consciousness-raising event," said Frenkel, a 32-year-old hydraulic engineer who's chair of the Holocaust Research Group and acting chair of the Jewish Association of St. Petersburg. "In a sense, (Soviet) Jews became aware of their Jewish heritage through their knowledge of the Holocaust."

Frenkel himself began to learn of the enormity of the Holocaust a little more than a decade ago.

"I knew next to nothing about the Holocaust until then," said the slight figure with the trimmed brown beard, blue jeans and a heavy sweater.

"At school, I heard nothing," he added.

All that changed when Frenkel and his fellow Jewish activists came into possession of English-language books on the Holocaust given to them by overseas Jewish tourists.

Intent on disseminating this information to a wider audience, Frenkel and his friends broke the law by illegally translating some of these books, including Lucy Davidowicz's *The War Against the Jews*, into Russian samizdats.

Today, Frenkel is one of Russia's leading Holocaust authorities. In his bookcase are such classics as *Schindler's List*, *Beyond Belief* and *The Yellow Star*.

Under his direction, the Holocaust Research Group works to convince municipalities to build memorials and maintain existing monuments. In his estimation, there are 70 Holocaust memorials in all of Russia, five built since perestroika.

Perhaps 10 refer to Jews, either directly or indirectly. In the town of Roslavl, south of Smolensk, one side of a memorial refers to the victims' "Jewish nationality.". The other side is blank. In Smolensk, an inscription honors "prisoners of the ghetto."

"Who can this be?" said Frenkel sarcastically.

Frenkel is particularly proud of the group's stylized Holocaust monument in Pushkin, near St. Petersburg. The site of a czarist summer estate, Pushkin was once home to some 1,000 Jews. The German army captured the town in September 1941 and, within weeks, nearly all its Jewish inhabitants were murdered.

According to Frenkel, Pushkin was the northernmost place where Jews were exterminated. The Holocaust memorial there was erected in October 1991 with the approval of the town council.

To his regret, Frenkel doubts whether the Russian government is interested in erecting Holocaust memorials. "Russia is not ready for this. Yeltsin has not even made a public statement against anti-Semitism," he said, in a reference to Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

The reverse is true in other ex-Soviet republics, such as Ukraine and Latvia, because they have a greater appreciation of public relations.

Frenkel has tried, but failed, to interest the Russian media in Holocaust monuments. However, some Russian periodicals have published articles on Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial cum-museum in Jerusalem.

Today, Frenkel is hard at work on other projects designed to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust in Russia.

He has asked the Ministry of Education to introduce a Holocaust curriculum. "They are interested in the idea, but only if it's presented within the context of the anti-fascist struggle."

Contemplating the future, Frenkel wants to organize regular school trips to Holocaust memorials. "It's important to give students a feeling that the Holocaust was real and that it happened right here in Russia."

Magen Davids defaced during Soviet era

As well, Frenkel is working on a plan to publish a guide, with maps, on Holocaust sites throughout the country.

Frenkel lauds the appearance of the first Russian edition of Elie Wiesel's novel, *Night*. It was published last August and, in the view of observers, ushers in a new age of Holocaust awareness here.

He is pleased that Yad Vashem has been granted permission to examine Holocaust data in Russian archives in Moscow. The agreement, signed last year, is expected to throw new light on Nazi war crimes and perhaps on the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews and who disappeared in Budapest at war's end.

And Frenkel is gratified that, finally, Jews in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus will be eligible for German reparation payments, worth approximately $600 million (US). Germany's gesture was announced during the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising last year.

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Belarus, formerly Belorussia, is soaked with Jewish blood.

Almost 400,000 Jews, 80,000 from Minsk, the capital, were killed during the Holocaust, according to Yacov Bassin, vice-president of Minsk's Jewish community.

German forces entered Minsk on June 28, 1941, and soon established a ghetto. A Jewish resistance group, led by Hersh Smolar, emerged. With its assistance, 10,000 Jews managed to escape. On Oct. 21, 1943, the ghetto was liquidated.

Thanks to funds collected by the Jewish community, an obelisk dedicated to the Holocaust was erected in Minsk in 1946. It was the first such monument in the Soviet Union. The inscription was in Russian and Yiddish.

In 1952, with Stalin's anti-Jewish campaign in full swing, the memorial's stone engraver was arrested. He spent eight months in prison, Bassin said.

In the 1970s, at the height of the Cold War, the authorities tried to pull down the memorial. But Jewish protests nipped that plan in the bud.

Last October, the 50th anniversary of the ghetto's destruction was marked by a ceremony in Minsk attended by Jewish representatives, Belarus government officials and foreign diplomats (including the ambassadors of Israel and Germany).

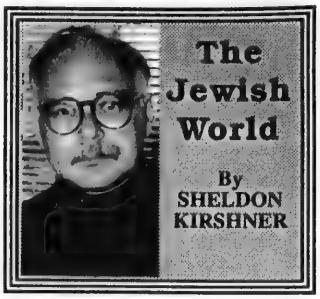
After the unveiling of a new memorial, a series of commemorative events took place — climaxed by a Jewish book fair at the National Library and a Holocaust exhibition at the Museum of World War II.

Never before had the Belarus government lavished so much attention, and respect, on the Holocaust.

Nevertheless, observers wonder whether the powers-that-be have really adopted an entirely new attitude to the greatest tragedy to befall the Jewish people.

Russian Holocaust memorial in Nevel, circa 1987. Note that the Magen David's sixth point is missing.

In 1992, the Star of David was restored.



Books of Jewish interest...

Have you ever wondered when and why the Jewish people adopted the Star of David — the Magen David — as a national insignia? This question piqued Rabbi Gunther Plaut's curiosity in 1945 as American forces nearing the Rhine River prepared for the final assault on Nazi Germany.

Rabbi Plaut, now senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto and then a soldier in the U.S. army, stumbled upon a bombed-out church with one intact window whose sole design was the Star of David. He was rightly puzzled, since the Magen David is normally recognized as a symbol of Judaism.

Years later, Rabbi Plaut took it upon himself to probe the origins of the Star of David, a geometric figure known as a hexagram. Perhaps, to his surprise, he discovered that the hexagram is a widely-used symbol. It's found in Islamic manuscripts, and in colonial Africa, the British minted a coin which featured a six-pointed star.

Hexagrams, he informs us in *The Magen David* (B'nai B'rith Books, $12.95 U.S.), appeared first in a distinctly Jewish setting in the seventh century BCE In the 14th century, the Magen David was used in an official capacity by the Jews of Prague. In 19th century Germany, the Magen David adorned synagogues, and in Eastern Europe, it denoted freedom from Czarist oppression.

After 1897, the Zionist movement enshrined it as its insignia, and subsequently, the Magen David became inextricably bound up with Jews.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, inaugurated in April 1993 on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto revolt, is a beacon of remembrance.

The World Must Know (Little, Brown, $50) is a photographic album of the story this museum tells. Both a chronicle of Jewish life in Europe before the Holocaust and of the Final Solution, it is by turns nostalgic and horrific. The writer of the text is the museum's project director, Michael Berenbaum. The photographs are graphic, sometimes sickeningly so.

Cornucopia of books

Some 15,000 children passed through the portals of the Terezin concentration camp from 1942 to 1944. Not more than 100 survived the ordeal. All that is left of these children are their drawings and poems, which are showcased poignantly in ... *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*... (Random House, $31.50).

The original edition, published in 1964, has been updated and includes new illustrations and poems. It's powerful stuff. Consider these lines:

Who was toughened up before,
He'll survive these days.
But who was used to servants
Will sink into his grave.

Young readers will surely appreciate Sharon Lennea's *Raoul Wallenberg* (Jewish Publication Society of America, $9.95). Based on archival materials and first-person interviews with Wallenberg's family, his colleagues and the Hungarian Jews he saved, *Raoul Wallenberg* is illustrated with photographs taken by his personal photographer, Tom Veres. This affecting biography is written for children 10 and older.

In 1988, Morris Dees — a noted American civil rights lawyer — was retained by the family of an Ethiopian man who had been murdered by racists in Portland, Oregon. Dees, a white Alabamian whose parents had been poor cotton farmers, proved in a landmark case that the skinheads who killed the Ethiopian were linked directly to and were acting on behalf of the notorious white supremacist, Tom Metzger.

Hate on Trial (Villard Books, $26.50) is Dees' account of the trial, and his attempt to understand the wellsprings of racism. It's an intelligent, deeply-felt book.

Lucien Wolf is a forgotten figure today, but during World War I this British Jewish communal leader had an effect on two central events — the Balfour Declaration, which formally recognized the right of Jews to establish a national homeland in Palestine, and the Minorities Treaty, which endorsed a framework for Jewish existence in Europe.

In *War, Jews and the New Europe* (Oxford University Press, $50 U.S.), a dense analysis of Wolf's role in an ever-shifting political landscape, scholar Mark Levene puts his contributions in historic perspective.

By RABBI IRA GRUSSGOTT

Many people are put off by the third book of the Pentateuch, Leviticus (Vayikra). Half of the book is devoted to the sacrificial offerings, the mysterious tumah and taharah (spiritual states of impurity and purity) and rules and regulations dealing with diet. This is the point in the Torah reading cycle where rabbis really have it rough. What's there to talk about?

We tend to overlook the fact that it is in this book that we find those sublime verses which express such ethical doctrines of Judaism as: "Proclaim ye liberty throughout the land . . ." and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

But still we must admit, after reading the stirring stories of our patriarchs in Genesis and after following the national drama of our people that unfolds in Exodus, that there is a letdown, indeed a lack of tolerance and outright impatience, when we arrive at Vayikra with all of its rituals.

But Vayikra is just as important as the stirring stories of Genesis and Exodus and just as significant as the dramatic discourses of Numbers and Deuteronomy. Vayikra reminds us that ritual relates to the human experience, and indeed as its placement in the Pentateuch suggests, it is central to our lives.

Look at what is happening today. Everyone talks about "freedom" and "justice" and "mercy" and "brotherly love." The political posterings and nationalistic trappings of the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer provide a telling illustration. North Korea calls itself a "People's Republic." Likewise China. The *Montreal Gazette* recently ran an item on Turkey. The country is now officially regarded as representing the modern, tolerant, enlightened elements of Islam. The coverage conveniently overlooked Turkey's continuing conflict with the Kurds — 4,000 killed in 1993 alone.

Principles are one thing, practice quite another. This is human nature.

The Torah recognizes our fragile nature, and to avoid this pitfall, it introduces the discipline of Halachah. Through special rituals and detailed commandments, the lofty principles of our Torah are brought down to earth and actualized. No amount of abstract speculation about freedom can do as much to further that idea as observing the seder in the traditional manner. Soon we will be busying ourselves buying matzah. But part of matzah's ritual with its recitation of "ha lachma anya" calls for sharing, and so through the seder, the ideal of freedom is realized. Without the seder how often would we invite the needy to our homes? Left to our own devices how often would we give charity? Not how much but how often? Would we give charity twice a day? People who come to minyan do. Again, the amount is not significant, the habitual practice of the act is.

The laws of Vayikra are detailed and revolve around sacrifices; they remind us that part of being a good Jew means paying attention to the details of life and attending to them in a spirit of sacrifice.

Too often people express a fallacious philosophy of Judaism. Some see it as evolving from a lowly "Priestly" cult to a higher "Prophetic" religion. To see the two as conflicting or contending with each other is to distort the essence of traditional Judaism. Our Torah is at once priestly and prophetic. To deny the priestly aspect is to deny that part of our human nature which says there is a need to translate ideals into action. Professor Nechama Leibowitz remarks that this narrative of animal sacrifices follows the story of the Golden Calf as a natural sequence. It was as if God Himself were saying that ritual needed to be introduced to serve as an outlet for human expression and an alternative to human folly.

Significantly, albeit belatedly, even the exponents of Prophetic Judaism find it hard to deny the powerful pull of the "Priestly" aspect. More and more of our young people who come back to Judaism are in fact first attracted to its ritual, its aspect of observance. Of course our young are idealistic but they need a vehicle, a mode of expressing their ideals.

Halachah is the means toward this end.

The book of Vayikra (Leviticus) with its emphasis on ritual detail is very much an integral part of our Torah, as much as any stirring story in Genesis or Exodus, as much as any dramatic rhetoric in Deuteronomy. Of the Five Books of Moses it stands at the centre. Let's make its lessons more central to our lives.

Rabbi Ira Samuel Grussgott is the spiritual leader of Shaar Hashomayim Congregation in Montreal.

Rabin gets needed support

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin moved an important step closer to broadening his fragile coalition government last week when a hard-fought piece of legislation was virtually assured of passage by the Knesset.

The fervently Orthodox Shas party earlier last week had agreed to rejoin the Labor-led government but conditioned its return on the passage of a bill that would pave the way for banning the importation of non-kosher meat.

In mid-February, the bill passed a preliminary vote in the Knesset, and last Wednesday it appeared there were enough votes to ensure final passage.

The bill had initially been opposed by Rabin's left-wing coalition partner, Meretz.

But Meretz — which had made a number of concessions to Shas before the Orthodox party left the coalition last fall — is now prepared for yet another concession in order to give the Rabin government the parliamentary support it needs to put the peace process firmly back on track.

Shas left the coalition when its political leader, former Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, was indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of public trust.

Also obliged to vote for the religious legislation, though from the opposition benches, were the other Orthodox parties, United Torah Judaism and the National Religious Party. Almost in spite of themselves, they thus made it possible for Rabin to widen his coalition before leaving for an important trip to the United States this week.

What is still not clear is whether Rabin will undertake additional negotiations to further broaden his governing coalition.

Earlier last week, he seemed on the brink of a serious breach with Meretz and members of his own Labor party over his negotiations with the right-wing Tsomet Party, which he had also been trying to woo into the coalition.

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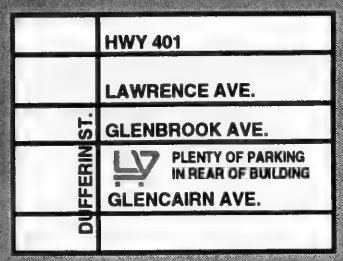

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Skinhead gets four years for attack on Sri Lankan

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A racist skinhead whose unprovoked attack left a Sri Lankan immigrant partially paralyzed was sentenced last week to four years in a federal penitentiary.

Calling Jason Hoolans "a street thug" whose attack was racially motivated, Ontario Court Judge Hugh Locke said "a message must go out to the public that the streets are protected for those who obey the law. . . Our streets are not for criminals."

In sentencing Hoolans, Locke pointed out that the racist element served to "aggravate the sentence." He imposed the four-year term after considering that Hoolans had already spent nine months in jail awaiting trial.

Locke rejected defence lawyer Daniel Brodsky's submission that a two-year term followed by three years of probation would best serve the community's interest in deterrence.

"Hoolans is a violent young man [who] remains a danger to society. . . He and others of his ilk prowled the streets of Toronto looking for victims" who were non-white, Locke said.

In addressing the court prior to sentencing, Crown attorney Michael Leshner called for a five-year jail term, saying society must be protected from "vicious animals prowling the streets."

Hoolans, wearing steel-pointed boots, kicked the victim, Sivarajah Vinasithamby, twice in the head "simply because he was a person of color," Leshner said. "It could have been any other target group."

In a taped interview with police that was shown in court, Hooolans said he would like to see a white Canada operated "in a fascist line." Court also heard about Hoolans' tattoos, which include the Maltese Cross with a symbol of the SS, and a Celtic Cross, symbol of the racist skinhead movement.

Leshner pointed out that in 1991, Hoolans was convicted of an aggravated assault in which he and another attacker assaulted another skinhead, kicking him an estimated 100 to 150 times.

After receiving an 18-month sentence for that assault, Hoolans apologized to the victim and expressed remorse for what he had done. Yet that did not prevent him from later searching out an innocent victim and administering a savage beating, Leshner said.

Hoolans, 20, who has grown his hair longer and who wore a suit in court, sat impassively in the prisoner's box as the sentence was handed down. Earlier, he had testified about the events leading up to the attack.

Hoolans said he began drinking heavily at age 13 or 14, as well as using drugs and sniffing glue. At around the same time, he became attracted to racist groups. "They seemed so proud [like] they belonged to an empire," he said. It was "like a militia."

He said he became immersed in listening to racist rock groups like Brutal Attack and reading racist materials.

Vinasithamby, a mathematics teacher in his native Sri Lanka, suffered a brain hemorrhage and remains partially paralyzed on his left side. A medical report read in court indicated he will likely be permanently disabled and will continue to suffer "intellectual impairments."

In a sometimes emotional statement prior to sentencing, Hoolans repeatedly expressed remorse for the incident and apologized to Vinasithamby and his family. He broke into tears when describing the pain he had caused his father.

Hoolans said that during the nine months he spent in the Don (Toronto) Jail he's re-evaluated his life and wants to put it in a new direction, including convincing other skinheads to change their ways.

After sentencing, Brodsky said he was disappointed that the judge had not accepted his recommendation that he place Hoolans on probation and give him the opportunity to go back to the community of skinheads to speak to them and try to turn them away from their racist beliefs.

Farber, who testified as an expert witness on anti-Semitism and hate groups, said "it's not enough for a person who has gone so far down the line of hatred to stand up in court and say he's reformed himself." He commended Locke for imposing a sentence "that demonstrates that racially-motivated crimes will not be tolerated."

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS
Finalists in the Ontario Public Speaking Competition sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation are (from left) Avi Pollock, Andrea Freedman and Ari Odinocki. The winner, Pollock is a law student at York University and has won a trip to Israel as his prize. The first runner-up, Freedman won a $250 Israeli Bond and second runner-up Odinocki, won $100.

Haifa U to fete Stronach

TORONTO — Magna International chair Frank Stronach will be honored by the Canadian Friends of Haifa University at a tribute dinner May 2 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

Frank Stronach

All proceeds from the dinner will go towards establishing the Frank Stronach Centre of Education for Peace at the University of Haifa.

"It is fitting that Canadians are sponsoring the Haifa Centre considering our international reputation as leaders in the promotion of peace," said Stronach. He will also receive an honorary doctorate from the university at a ceremony this June.

University of Toronto chancellor Rose Wolfe is honorary chair, with Bill Davis chairing the dinner evening and Karen Miller chairing the dinner committee.

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Beth Emeth buys $1 million Bond

TORONTO — You might call it a 20 million dollar anniversary.

For the twentieth consecutive year, Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue has purchased a million dollar note, which is part of the Israel Bonds program. It is in effect a bank loan, guaranteed by the government of Israel, which receives the million dollars in proceeds. Although the bank charges interest for the note, Israel pays interest, just as it does with Bonds. The net result for State of Israel Bonds has been $20 million dollars over 20 years.

Each year, with the help of Jimmy Graff, David Anisman, a past president of Beth Emeth, has been organizing a fundraising dinner to finance the difference between what is owing on the note and interest received from Israel. Any extra funds collected are directed toward other charities, such as the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT), which has been the beneficiary for three years.

"The proceeds will fulfil a dream that is about to become a reality: the construction of a new dormitory building," said Henry Zieleniec, who co-chairs Canadian Friends of JCT.

The idea of purchasing notes, then running annual events to pay for the interest and more, was spearheaded by Anisman, who categorically rejects claims that Israel no longer needs Bonds.

"Israel needs the money," he asserted, "and they know what to do with it."

Next year, Anisman expects to be back at the dinner table, even though, he admitted, he sometimes feels like letting go.

"I've been saying for 19 years that I'm not going to do it any more, and next year, I probably will again."

For further information, please contact Howard English at (905) 889-1300.

Vancouver JFSA seeks grant to aid newcomers

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Family Service Agency has applied for a $25,000 grant through the British Columbia Settlement Grants Program to help with the integration of new immigrants into the community.

Barry Corrin, executive director of the agency, said his organization, which has received such grants in the past, puts emphasis on integration. "We try to get them involved in the community," he said. "We help the immigrants put their kids in Jewish schools and we encourage families to join synagogues. We deal with people who in most cases have jobs but have not yet joined in community activities. We encourage them to become volunteers and to mix wholeheartedly in community life."

Under its Multiculturalism B.C. program, the government offers the grants to organizations which provide direct settlement services to new immigrants in B.C. communities. Organizations must be registered as non-profit groups.

The Jewish Family Service Agency, which is funded mainly by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, represents the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS) in Vancouver.

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Ramah program aids 'disabled' children

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

The Tikvah program for campers with special needs is all set to run at Camp Ramah in Canada again this year, after its successful inauguration last summer.

The program, which is modelled after similar Tikvah programs in Ramah camps in California, Wisconsin and New England, enables Jewish adolescents with learning and other developmental disabilities to participate fully with other campers, in the experiences of a summer at Camp Ramah.

Dr. Mitch Parker, director of the program, and an educational psychologist who has been involved with Camp Ramah as a counsellor and teacher says that last summer was the first time many of the nine Tikvah campers had been involved in an integrated program. "There was a lot of skepticism during staff week but it all disappeared quickly. Within a week, the Tikvah campers were totally accepted."

He says that one of the program's goals is to have its participants develop a positive Jewish identity. "The campers learn what it means to be Jewish through concrete hands-on activities. They participate in daily and Shabbat services, take part in Jewish living classes, learn Hebrew through song and dance and become part of the vibrant Jewish milieu of the camp. We really discovered that this goal was attained, when a camper in last summer's regular program, said in her bat mitzvah speech, that she didn't realize what Kavanah, the ability to concentrate on prayer and God, really meant, until she saw one of the Tikvah campers read from the Torah."

Other program objectives include strengthening self-sufficiency and self-esteem, providing as inclusive a program as each camper can comfortably manage and making sure that the camping experience is safe, nurturing and challenging. "Part of the philosophy of the Tikvah program is to encourage each camper to be as independent as he or she can be, and mastery of daily living skills is encouraged. A sense of success is fostered in each camper," says Parker.

He adds that, as in the other Ramah camps, the Tikvah program not only benefits the Tikvah campers themselves, but educates and sensitizes the entire camp community to the needs of others. "Tikvah is the Hebrew word for hope and we are proud to provide programing that will bring new hope and opportunities for Jewish and human growth to many families throughout our region."

Parker says that a letter he received from a mother whose son was a Tikvah camper last summer is testament to the success of the program. "In all our experience in these matters, we have never felt such careful philosophical and moral consideration given to a special needs program. The issues of when to and when not to integrate, how much and how little to explain to other campers, how much or little independence to give, how to teach, learn and enjoy, the provision of normal camping activities, the selection and training of staff and finally the generalized inclusion that was apparent throughout the camp, all happens successfully because of a job extremely well done," she wrote.

Letter testament to program's success

With a welcome grant from the Bequest and Endowment Fund, United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, the Tikvah program hopes to be able to take 12 campers this summer. "We plan to give the older kids jobs and responsibilities around the camp such as sorting mail and helping in the dining hall. Everyone is looking forward to another successful summer," says Parker.

Human Rights Awards to recognize Wilson

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Wilson was born in Fife, Scotland and obtained her master's degree from the University of Aberdeen. She immigrated to Canada in 1949 and took her law degree at Dalhousie University in 1957. She practised law in Toronto for 17 years with the firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt.

She was made a Justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1975 and the Supreme Court of Canada in 1982. She retired from the court on Jan. 4, 1991.

"Bertha Wilson is an outstanding Canadian, and a tireless fighter for women's rights, human rights and true equity for all," said awards chair Mark Sandler.

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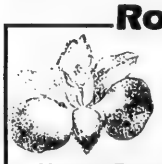

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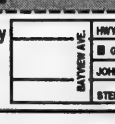

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, March 17 is deadline for March 31 issue and Thursday, March 24 is deadline for April 7 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331; fax, 424-1886.

Thursday, March 17

NORTH YORK LIBRARIES

A police officer will give tips to teens who want to know how to protect themselves when a dangerous situation arises or when there might be trouble, 2-3:30 p.m., Downsview Library, 2793 Keele St. Call 395-5720 to register.

Sunday, March 20

PRE-PESACH VENDORS' SHOW

JCC North Y branch Program Department is holding a vendors' show featuring crafts, toys, jewelry, clothing, kitchenware, Judaica and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the front lobby. Free admission to the public. Interested vendors call Rosanne, 631-5658.

PASSOVER WORKSHOPS

Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. is holding Passover workshops for families and singles, 10 a.m.-noon featuring activities for children, seminars for adults, music for the seder, Passover art and information.

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

The Jewish Recovery Network is an organization whose aim is to provide emotional, spiritual and communal support for Jews in a 12-step recovery program, as well as serving as a resource centre and information exchange. Next monthly discussion meeting is from 4-6 p.m., Earl Bales Senior Centre. For information call 669-0904.

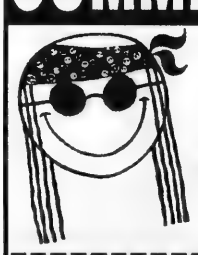
RELATIONSHIPS

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto New Leadership Division in association with Aish Hatorah presents an informative, round table discussion for singles age 30-45, featuring **Mitch Mandel** who will discuss The Perfect Date. Doors open 7:30 p.m., program begins 8 p.m. Refreshments served. Cost, $10 per person. RSVP **Rosanne**, 631-5658 First 50 people to RSVP will receive a JCC Health Club pass at the door.

COMMUNITY VIGIL

Several Jewish women's organizations affiliated with International Coalition for Agunah Rights held a recent community vigil to plead for understanding and immediate action to relieve the plight of the agunah. Speakers represented B'nai Brith Women, Emunah Women, Hadassah-WIZO, Jewish Women's Federation, Na'amat Canada, National Council of Jewish Women and Toronto Women's ORT. Shown (from left) are Louise Cornblum, Na'amat Canada national board; Etty Danzig, national president, Na'amat Canada; Esther Rodzynek, president, Na'amat, Toronto Council. (Mollie Rothman photo)

SUMMER CAMP '94



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Monday, March 21

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets, 7:30 p.m., library, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For more information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

Tuesday, March 22

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Pregnant and nursing mothers interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding are invited to attend the first in a series of four monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. For information call **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Risa**, (905) 738-8870.

Wednesday, March 23

READ AND RESPOND

Very Rev. Bruce McLeod, president, Canadian Council of Churches and **Professor Irving Zeitlin** will discuss Christian Anti-Judaism: Then, Now, 7-8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall 137, McLennan Physics Bldg, 255 Huron St. Read and Respond is a discussion group of adult Jewish and Christian students, staff, alumni, residents, workers and worshippers in and around the University of Toronto. For information call **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, 923-9861.

Thursday, March 24

HEALTH MATTERS

If you have ever felt lonely or isolated, join the North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., 1-2 p.m. for a lively discussion on getting support from those around you. Presented by **Lorraine Ruthven**, North York Public Health nurse. For information, call 784-0920.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The following courses will be starting shortly: Thursday, March 17, Yiddish is Alive and Well with **Judge Philip Givens**, 7:30 p.m., North Y branch, JCC; Tuesday, March 22, Celluloid Jews, Part II, with **John Katz**, 6:30 p.m., Bloor Y branch, JCC. For information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

HOLY BLOSSOM AIDS COMMITTEE

The fourth annual Third Seder: A Passover Celebration for those Affected and Infected by AIDS and HIV, will be held Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., 519 Community Centre, 519 Church St. Traditional Passover meal will be served, kosher food on request. Transportation available for those who require it. No charge, but donations are appreciated. For information, to volunteer or to make reservations, call **Deborah** in confidence, 789-3291.

CJC ONTARIO REGION PLENARY

The 28th Plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region gets underway Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. with a panel discussion entitled From Camp David to Oslo to...? No admission charge; reception follows. The plenary continues on Sunday March 20 with eight plenums and forums focusing on Jewish life around the world. For registration and information, call 635-2883, ext. 152 or 154.

SENIOR ACHIEVMENT AWARDS

The Ontario government is recognizing seniors who have made significant contributions to their communities during their senior years, with the Ontario Senior Achievement Awards, to be presented June 7. Award nominees must be 65 or older, residents of Ontario and have made contributions in such fields as arts, community service, education, fitness or volunteerism. Deadline for nominations is April 15. Forms are available by writing Ministry of Citizenship, Office for Seniors' Issues, 76 College Street, 6th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1N3 or by calling 327-2422 within Toronto or 1-800-267-7329, toll free, outside Toronto.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach/JEP: Thornhill looks at the weekly Parsha, for women only, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., 2939 Bathurst St. Babysitting available for a slight fee.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Improve conversational Hebrew skills through discussion, Israeli music and newspaper articles in an intermediate level class led by **Yael Lev**. People of all ages welcome. Series of 10 classes begins Thursday, April 14. Cost, $130. For information call Israel Youth Program Centre, 398-6931.

SEMINARS

Toronto lawyers Barry and Erwin Seltzer and Laurie-Anne Jones have launched Prism Professional Seminars, which caters to the Canadian and American medical and legal professionals.

JOYS OF PARENTING

Share stories and learn more about bringing up babies at parenting sessions held by the North York Public Health Department. Six-week sessions are held at several North York sites. Babies welcome. To register, call 395-7600.

Join other parents for sessions on how to deal with temper tantrums, toilet training and other joys of parenting 2-4 years olds at six-week sessions led by North York Public Health Nurses. To register, call 395-7600.

HEALTHY ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre is looking for healthy adult volunteers of all ages to take part in ongoing research projects. No risks involved and all information is kept confidential. Reimbursement of travel costs to Baycrest Centre is available. For information call **Sylvain Gagnon**, 789-5131, ext. 2908.

AIDS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A Tuesday evening weekly Bereavement group, is being organized through the AIDS Committee of Holy Blossom Temple, for people who have lost someone to AIDS. Call the confidential AIDS information line, 789-1187.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

Learn the basic concepts of Kabbalah at a 13-week course beginning Wednesday, March 23, 8:30 p.m.

A documentary explaining the mysteries behind life, death, good, evil, success and failure is held Sundays, 7:30 p.m., Kabbalah Learning Centre. Call the centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services, 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information, call 362-3248.

MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

Passover is approaching and the Community Integration Program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto is seeking Canadian families to host recently arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call Seder Hotline, 631-5680 for information.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE-NORTH YORK

Senior volunteers required for students needing academic, social or emotional support — to serve as role models, tutors, advocates and advisors in a school setting, for about one hour a week. Training and ongoing support available. Call 481-6194.

CUMMER LODGE FAMILY SEDER

Mitzvah Volunteers, Cummer Lodge is organizing a family seder, Sunday, March 27, 5 p.m. The seder is kosher, catered by **Leo Winnick** and seder leader will be **Carl Rees.** Mitzvah Volunteers will help set up tables and serve the meal.

FOUR SEASONS CONNECTIONS

An outdoor maintenance program in North York links seniors and disabled adults with students and adult workers willing to do a variety of outside jobs including lawn mowing, leaf raking, yard work and snow shovelling. Fees, paid by client to workers, who are students ages 12-17, $7 per hour; adults over 18, $12 per hour. One hour minimum and clients must provide necessary equipment. For information call 447-5074.

YIDDISH CONVERSATION

Learn and/or improve your Yiddish through conversation, culture, literature and song at seven-week, evening or day classes, beginning mid-April, sponsored by the North York Board of Education. Evening classes are at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Day classes are at Beth

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Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Fee for these courses is $38.50; seniors, free. A ten-week session, held at the JCC, North Y branch, begins Thursday, March 17. Fee, $120. For more information call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a caregiver to aging parents, a spouse or relative, you may want the support of your peers, Mondays, 1-3 p.m., Bernard Betel Centre. For information, call 225-2112.

IMMIGRANT ART EXHIBIT

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada is sponsoring an art exhibit at the Koffler Gallery, featuring the two-dimensional work of artists who came to Canada as immigrants. Juried exhibit runs from April 15 to May 1. Application deadline, April 4. Special reception, Saturday, April 23, 8:30 p.m. Judges' choice prize will be awarded. Interested artists should call **Paulina**, JIAS office, 630-6481.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is now registering for summer conversational Hebrew courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced adults and teenagers, Tuesdays, May 31 to August 30, 7:30-9 p.m. Classes conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers and the promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. Free introductory private lesson for beginners. Call Joseph Klinger, 787-0197.

PASSOVER CANDY TREES

Jordana-Yamit chapter, Hadassah-WIZO is selling kosher candy trees for Passover, $12, free delivery. Call **Margi**, 731-4227 or **Janet**, 631-0724.

RUSSIAN SEDERS

The Jewish Russian Community Centre is holding communal seders conducted in Russian, for the Jewish Russian community March 26 and March 27, B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. Many attendees will be new immigrants, and for some, this will be their first seder. Tickets are available for $26 from the JRC office, 222-7105.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

At the Divorce and Separation series, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, **Elinor Gertner**, co-ordinator of Picking Up the Pieces program will discuss The Impact of Separation and Divorce on Children. Fee, $10. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for details.

Holocaust Remembrance Committee and JF&CS are offering a six-week series beginning April 18 for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Discuss the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership presents. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883 or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

Other JF&CS groups include Single Parent Challenge (begins April 4); For Women Only, which explores self-esteem, strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships (begins April 4); Living with Teens, begins April 4. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for information concerning fees and registration.

KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION

Shabbat services continue on Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Services led by **Meir Bester**. Kiddush follows. Everyone welcome.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. is planning trips for summer and fall including Stage West, Stratford, The Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills and Mother and Father Day special celebrations. Next luncheon meeting is after Pesach. The centre is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for socializing.

Wagman Centre, self-help group for widows meets Friday, March 18, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Board Room. For information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131.

Holocaust Survivor's Group provides an opportunity for seniors who are Nazi war victims to discuss common issues and concerns in a supportive environment. **Paula David**, supervisor of social work, cultural and educational department leads the group. Call 789-5131, ext. 2271 for information.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. will enjoy music appreciation with pianist **Mildred Bennett**, Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Reservations are being taken for Western Canada trip, June 5-15; Catskills, July 3-11; and the musicals, July 19, August 9 and September 29. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is screening **Golden Girl** with Mitzi Gaynor, Wednesday, March 30, 2 p.m. in the clubhouse. Saturday night dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. Seats still available for Atlantic City trip, April 18-21. Trips also planned to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Tuesday, April 26 and the Catskills, Monday, July 25 to Sunday, July 31. For information on trips and ongoing activities, call 395-7881.

Funtime Travel Group invites you to join them on a seven-day trip to Cape Cod, leaving May 15. Includes meals, entertainment, tours and more. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Call 783-9453 or **Avner**, 771-0250.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton is holding a special Shabbat service, Saturday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. in the garden lounge. Sunday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. celebrate Simcha Sunday with **Ruth Johnstone, Florence Lasky** and **Lena Weintrop. Joseph Roth** entertains. The first seder of Pesach is on March 26. Cost, $13.50 per person.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 23rd annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., Sunday, March 27. Doors open, 6:45 p.m., seder begins 7:15 p.m. Fee, $15 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Bernard Betel Centre. For information call **Goldy Leibman**, 635-2860.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Learn about the benefits of quitting smoking, coping with withdrawal, preparing to quit and helping others to quit, Tuesday, March 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For information, call 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Wednesday afternoon social, March 23, 1:30 p.m., features Around the World in Song with **Liza Shein**.

Traditional seder lunch will be held Wednesday, March 30, 12 noon featuring holiday songs with **Shelley Ovdat**. Members, $7. Cost for concert only, at 1:30 p.m., is $2 members, $3 non-members.

Bonnie Lacome, Registered professional dietician will discuss the vegetarian way of eating and the health benefits that vegetarians enjoy, Thursday, March 17, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue.

at the JCC

Register children ages 18 months to 4 years, for Pintsize, Nursery and Junior Kindergarten at the JCC Valley. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, (905) 889-0813.

Leah Posluns Theatre School presents Summer Stage, July 4-28, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for children ages 10-13 and teens ages 14-19. Classes include theatre exercises, improvisation, movement, voice work and acting techniques. Classes culminate in a performance. For information, call **Valerie** or **Rose**, 636-1880, ext. 287 or 298.

About People

RYERSON BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Adam Fuerstenberg, professor of English, was recently elected to the board of governors of Ryerson Polytechnic University for a two-year term. An authority on Jewish and Yiddish Canadian literature and active in the community, Fuerstenberg is the chair of the Jewish Book Committee and a member of the executive committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Adam Fuerstenberg

SEEING EYES FOR BLIND

Jacob Matek, chair of the board, Seeing Eyes for the Blind in Israel, an organization that provides seeing eye dogs at no charge, announces the appointment of **Sid Butovksy** as chair for Canada. He will be responsible for public relations and development in a voluntary capacity.

The non-profit training centre is located at Kibbutz Sasa, in the Galilee and operates on a non-profit basis. Until this organization was established in 1989, the blind in Israel had to receive instruction and well-trained dogs outside the country.

CANTOR JOINS TEMPLE

Thomas Schwartz has been named full-time cantor at Temple Sinai. He joins the temple's musical team of senior cantor **Severin Weingort** and its director of music, composer, **Ben Steinberg**.

SOLOMON SCHECHTER AWARD

Beth Tikvah Synagogue was the recipient of two gold Solomon Schechter awards for excellence in programming in adult education and worship/ritual at the recent United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism convention. From left are Harold Shapiro, president of Beth Tikvah; Charlotte Koven-Feldbloom; Heather Shapero; Rabbi Wayne Allen; Stuart Razin, director of adult centred activities.

SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

Marlene Myerson, director of education, Temple Emanu-El (second from left) receives the Irving J. Fain Award for Social Action from (from left) Rabbi Eric Yoffie, director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and Evely Laser Shlensky, chair of the recent Union of American Hebrew Congregations biennial in San Francisco.

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Organizations and People

Primacy of Torah said essential for all Jews

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There is nothing wrong with arguments over differing religious viewpoints, providing they rest on a "rock-bottom acceptance" of the primacy of Torah, says well-known writer, teacher and scholar Rabbi Shlomo Riskin.

Rabbi Riskin, chief rabbi of the city of Efrat in Israel, dean of the Or Torah system of schools and a leading advocate of religious pluralism, was giving the David and Lois Buckstein Endowed Lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation recently.

The Talmud, he explained, when ruling on a disagreement between the philosophical schools of Hillel and Shammai, called both "the words of the living G-d," even while accepting the opinions of Hillel.

"It is impossible not to be awed by the ... respect by rabbis for different opinions," he said.

He lamented that this same respect does not exist now, even within Orthodox circles, let alone between Orthodoxy and the other streams of Judaism.

"We have lost the ability to disagree and still maintain respect. This is essential, both within a family and between people."

This said, Rabbi Riskin criticized the Conservative and Reform movements for "giving Halachah a vote [in religious decisions], rather than a veto."

While Hillel and Shammai might interpret laws differently, they nevertheless accepted the fact that there was a law, which must be accepted.

The Talmud felt if there were not acceptance of Halachah, "then everything would become permissable. And that's what happened, and we can't accept that."

Homosexuality, which is under intense discussion in the Conservative and Reform movements, is one example, Rabbi Riskin said.

"Judaism can accept and understand an individual, without in any way condoning their actions," the rabbi said.

"Jewish law does not hold a homosexual person as culpable. But homosexuality is outlawed as a legitimate alternative lifestyle, as [Torah] ultimately believes that a relationship that can't lead to children and grandchildren can't lead to satisfaction."

Unlike western society, he said "Judaism takes a strong stand — homosexuality is beyond the pale."

Conversion is another, perhaps more basic area of disagreement.

While there may be arguments over whether or not one can use electricity on Shabbat, he said as an example, whatever side a person comes down on, "my son can still marry your daughter."

But, he said, when the Reform movement accepts patrilinial descent (contrary to the Talmudic dictum that Jewish status is determined by the mother) and doesn't demand ritual immersion, acceptance of the commandments or circumcision for men as essential for conversion, "suddenly there is an unbridgable chasm, and the Jewish people are torn apart."

Still, Rabbi Riskin said he supports the introduction of Conservative and Reform to Israel, saying it would strengthen Orthodoxy to have healthy competition.

Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, who acted as a facilitator for Rabbi Riskin's presentation, pointed out that Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik, one of the deans of Orthodoxy, refuses to accept Conservative conversions, even if the Beth Din performing them "is Shomer Shabbat, and has yirat shomayim (fear of G-d). Rabbi Soloveitchik calls them evil."

While admitting he himself would accept a conversion from such a Beth Din, Riskin that at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative rabbinical seminary, halachic decisions can be "voted on even by people who do not observe Halachah," and this situation, he suggested, lessens the acceptability of all Conservative rabbis.

Both rabbis deplored the gulf between religious and secular Jews in Israel.

Rabbi Riskin said the gulf is so wide that "Hashomair Hatzair (a left-wing, secular movement) kibbutzim have all their baby boys circumcised. If Rabbi Porush (a stalwart member of Agudath Israel, who sits in the Knesset) suggested making circumcision a law, they would immediately stop doing it."

People have to be encouraged to follow Halachah, Rabbi Riskin said, not coerced.

Jews, he feels, are looking for spirituality in their lives. While this is leading to a return to traditionalism, there is also intermarriage and alienation.

Many have not been exposed to "healthy, non-fanatic, non-cultic" Judaism, Rabbi Riskin charged. He urged Jews "to Shabbes — as a verb," stressing Shabbat as a day when the family sits together, and sings together.

The food, the aromas, the songs, the dialogue, provide the glue to keep the family together, he said, adding that "my six-foot son, who is now serving in the Golani brigade, calls every Friday evening for a brachah."

The Shabbat experience is not only an Orthodox one, he said. "Any serious return to serious Judaism, where Shabbat is for studying and family rather than for golf and shopping, is to be applauded."

B.C. helps fight racism

VICTORIA — The government of British Columbia has added $10,000 to the funds of the Greater Victoria Race Relations Council to help fight racism in the Victoria area. The council was set up last year and has already received a $10,000 grant from the Greater Victoria Regional District.

The government cheque was presented by Victoria MLA Gretchen Brewin to Michael Peters and Walter Quon at a recent meeting in the Legislative Building.

Brewin said the impetus to set up a race relations council began when she was mayor of the city several years ago and the idea came to fruition last year. She said she had stressed the need to the Federation of Municipalities and to the police commission.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

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Carlo's and Pepe's Party for Sunday March 20th has been **cancelled.** Metro Toronto Singles presents Passover Long Weekend party at the **Baha Beach Club** 277 Front St. W. (at the foot of John St. at the bottom of the CN Tower) Saturday April 2 9 p.m. Door prize Tickets for 2 to Yuk Yuk's **No work the next day** (Easter Sunday). Cover $10. 222-7111 for info.

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The Cakemaster, an acknowledged Canadian painter, great humanitarian, wonderful grandfather to Robert and Daniel, beloved special father to Eva and her husband Frank, and a caring friend to many, died peacefully, in his 88th year, on February 27, 1994 in Toronto. Mourned by many including George Jonas in Toronto, Magda Hubsch in Budapest and Hilda Zenner in New York. Funeral services took place at Holy Blossom Temple on February 28.

CJC Pacific region seeks end to discriminatory practices

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region wants British Columbia to pass a law against discriminatory business practices, a move supported by the Liberal Opposition in the legislature.

The legislature is scheduled to open later this month.

Pacific region leaders met with Val Anderson, a Vancouver MLA and chair of the Liberal caucus. Anderson is also the Liberal critic for human rights and multiculturalism.

"He promised full support for a Discriminatory Act and agreed with us that it's time for B.C. to fall in line with Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, which have this legislation," said Herb Silber, legal counsel for Congress.

"We've been trying to get this law for years," Silber told *The CJN*, "and we're optimistic that we may finally succeed."

A bill proposing the act would have to be introduced in the legislature by the NDP majority government. "There's no commitment from the government ... but we think there's a possibility, and we're pleased the Opposition will support it," said Silber.

It is legal for British Columbian businesses to adhere to the Arab boycott and "sporadic instances of this are reported to us," he said.

Silber added that the Arab League has in no way relented in easing up on the boycott.

Silber said both Ontario and Manitoba have specific legislation against discriminatory trade practices. In Saskatchewan this comes under the Human Rights Act. In those provinces firms which break the law can be barred from doing business with their governments.

Also discussed at the meeting with Anderson was anti-Semitism, multiculturalism and immigration, all of which are included in his job as Liberal critic.

ICRF'S CLUB FUN WEEKEND

Israel Cancer Research Fund's Club Fun weekend at White Oaks Inn Racquet Club was a success. The crowd enjoyed the use of the resort's amenities and danced to two D.J.s. Seen here are Don Kagan and Lianne Esakov.

Soviet students change with times

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The economies of Russia and Ukraine may be in a very deep hole but, according to University of Manitoba professor Larry Gould, students are eagerly signing up for new, business-oriented university courses to learn how to operate in a free market economy.

"A lot of progress is being made in business education," said Gould, head of the Department of Accounting and Finance in the university's Faculty of Management. "The former Soviet universities are restructuring their business education to accommodate themselves to a free market economy. The students want to learn how to make money."

Originally from St. Louis, Gould taught at McMaster University in Hamilton before coming to the U of M nine years ago. In early 1991, he was a visiting professor at the University of Lvov teaching a course on finance.

"Ukraine was still part of the USSR at that time," he recalled. "The university was trying to start a Western-style MBA program. That was revolutionary. They were looking for assistance in developing a curriculum. There were not many teachers of finance in the Soviet Union. Very few people had any concept of interest on money earned for example."

Gould was in Lvov for one month. He came back with an idea of an exchange program and undertook to raise money for it. As he became more involved, he saw the need for business programs throughout the Soviet Union.

"To help the peoples of the former Soviet Union establish a market economy, it is necessary to help them establish business programs in their universities similar to ours in North America.

Planned economy

"Their universities are geared to a planned economy. If you believe that education is useful in business, then management programs are lacking."

Gould successfully applied to the External Affairs Department's Task Force for Central and Eastern Europe (now called the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe) and is now heading a U of M program operating in the University of Finance and Economics in St. Petersburg and the Russian Economic Academy in Moscow — the top business institutes in Russia, Gould says — and the Kiev State University of Economics and the Ivan Franko University in Lvov.

"We have assigned 12 of our faculty members to teach at the Russian and Ukrainian universities for one-month periods in areas where they are lacking teaching expertise. We are helping them develop curriculum and bringing over their faculty members for six month upgrading programs at the University of Manitoba."

Gould and his colleagues are trying to broaden the program to include more universities in the former Soviet Union. Although the Ukrainian and Russian universities have gone a long way to incorporating new business techniques, he says, they are under heavy economic pressure and salaries for professors are relatively low.

Ukraine in particular is facing severe economic difficulties, he reports. Although Russia is much farther along in its privatization efforts, investment is slow because of concerns about the political situation.

"Both countries have a long way to go," Gould said. "The results of the Russian elections pose a major problem for the speed of reform."

On his last visit to Russia and Ukraine, Gould visited synagogues in Kiev and Moscow. "The people seemed friendly," he said. "My own family's roots are in Kiev. From a personal standpoint, it is hard not to be concerned by the stature and impact of [new Russian leader Vladimir] Zhirinovsky."

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PASSOVER FOOD

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Creative Pesach baking without the leavening

By LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN
Special to The CJN

Each year, the head of the household starts the Passover seder by holding up a piece of matzoh, saying, "This is the bread of our affliction, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat." More than any other holiday, Passover, which begins on the evening of March 26 this year, is surrounded by food traditions and observances. Most of them are related to matzoh.

Matzoh, a cracker-like bread, must be eaten on Passover instead of the usual yeast-raised bread. It recalls that the Jews, fleeing Pharaoh and slavery in ancient Egypt, had no time to let bread rise while preparing for their departure. They quickly mixed flour and water and let it bake in the sun.

Modern methods of preparing matzoh are limited by strict regulations regarding the growing of the wheat and grinding it into flour. Even the water used to mix with this specially prepared flour is guarded against the unwelcome intrusion of any foreign matter that might act as leavening. In a matzoh factory, the entire process must not take more than eighteen minutes, from the initial mixing of flour and water to taking the final product out of the oven. Matzoh is one food not recommended for home preparation.

The requirements that nothing containing leavening be eaten during this eight day observance has strongly influenced the food traditions that surround selecting and preparing foods for the holiday. In addition to not using yeast, homemakers omit baking powder, baking soda, and cream of tartar from the usual list of baking ingredients. Only flour prepared from matzoh itself, called matzoh meal, or a more finely ground version called cake meal, is allowed. Tradition explains that because this flour has been baked already, it isn't in danger of being affected by airborne raising organisms. No other flours are permitted.

These stipulations — using only flour made from matzoh and no leavening agents whatever — limit Jewish homemakers, especially in the area of dessert. As a result, sponge cake is one of the mainstays of Passover desserts. But eight days of eating sponge cake, sponge cake, and more sponge cake is monotonous. Cooking creatively for Passover means searching out recipes that don't depend on raising agents, such as cookies, crisps, and tarts. In addition, the abundance of ingredients in the United States, especially of fresh fruit, has broadened the dessert horizon considerably.

PASSOVER BROWNIES

¾ cup canola oil
4 eggs
¾ cup Passover cocoa
2 cups sugar
1 cup cake meal
2 tablespoons potato starch
½ cup strong, cold coffee
½ cup coarsely ground chopped nuts

Oil a 9x13 glass baking pan. Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the oil and eggs. Add the cocoa and sugar. Mix well. In another bowl, combine the cake meal and potato starch.

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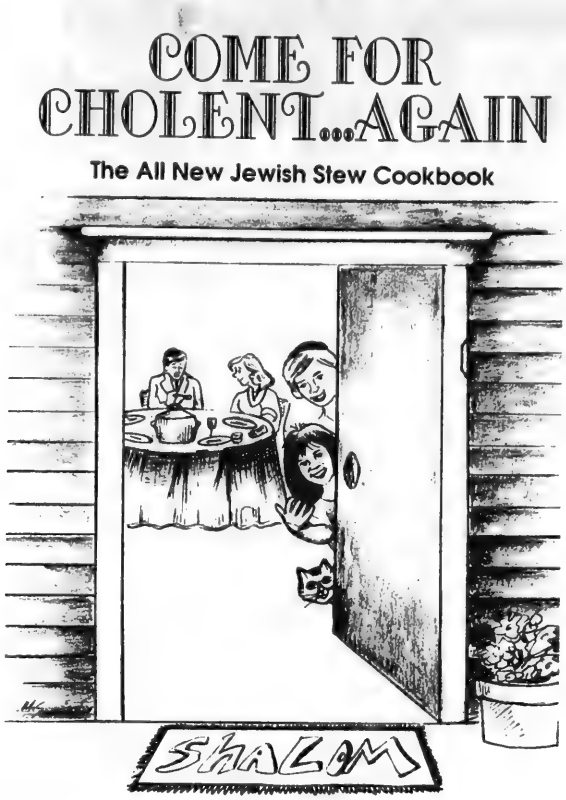

Cholent on Pesach? Sure!

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Not that Pesach isn't difficult enough, what with different dishes, covered counters, exploding tempers and no bagels.

But what on earth do you do for cholent on Shabbat? Especially this year when there are, for all intents and purposes, two Shabbats to think about?

True, the essentials of cholent are potatoes, cooked to a rich, dark brown, meat falling off the bone, maybe even, for the gourmet, a few choice bits of kishka. But what is cholent without beans? Or barley?

For the answer, we can turn to a new cookbook, *Come for Cholent ... Again*, by Kay Kantor Pomerantz (Bloch Publishing Co., 1994).

This is actually Pomerantz's second cholent cookbook; the first one, *Come for Cholent*, came out in 1990, and introduced us to such unusual types of cholent as chocolate, vegetarian and Chinese.

The new edition has several interesting twists; Cholent of the month (apple for September, turkey for November, Tex-Mex for July); Guatamalian, made with sausage hot dogs, yam and squash; and even sexy garlic. (Pomerantz explains that garlic to the ancients was considered an aphrodaisiac, and since marital relations are considered a special mitzvah on Shabbat ...)

A nice touch in this edition is a selection of cholents especially for Pesach, where fruits, spices and vegetables almost make you forget what you can't use.

CHOLENT CON VINO

Brown 3 or 4 crushed garlic cloves and 1 medium diced onion in 2 tbsp. oil. Place in crockpot and add all ingredients listed below:

1½ lbs. beef stew meat
2 cut-up tomatoes
5 whole potatoes
6 pearl onions
1 cup sweet wine
2 tbsp. vinegar
2 tbsp. Passover brown sugar (or plain sugar)
½ cup almonds
½ cup raisins
salt and pepper to taste
water

PERUVIAN HENS IN THE POT CHOLENT

Select 2 or 3 cornish hens, depending on size. Dry inside, and rub with mixture of pareve margarine (about 2 tbsp.), garlic (1 or 2, crushed), wine (about 2 tbsp.) and salt and pepper.

Stuffing

1 cup ground beef
1 cup matzah meal
2 eggs
1 cup parsley
1/4 cup grated lemon rind
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. (each) salt and pepper

Stuff hens and sew up cavities with needle and thread. Brown in cholent pot in small amount of oil (1/4 cup). When browned, remove hens from pot. Add to pot:

1 layer white potatoes
1 layer parsnips
1 layer onion slices

Return hens to pot and pour sauce over everything:

4 tomatoes, smashed
⅓ cup lemon juice
ginger and paprika
salt and pepper
water, as needed

PASSOVER HAWAIIAN CHOLENT

3 white potatoes, cubed
4 sweet potatoes, cubed
1 can crushed pineapple, with juice
1 onion, diced
1 chicken, cut in eighths
1 cup celery, chopped fine
2 tbsp. Passover brown sugar, or plain sugar
salt and pepper
water

Mix all ingredients in crock pot and season.

Come for Cholent ... Again is available at Jewish book stores.

Pure spices, tea are fine for Pesach

Contrary to popular belief, it is not necessary to buy all foodstuffs with a specifically Passover label. For instance:

Most pure spices, such as pepper, basil, rosemary, may be purchased before Passover, with just the regular kashruth certification. This does not apply to spice blends, such as seasoned salt, lemon pepper or Italian seasoning.

This is reflected in the recipes used in both Passover food supplements, which often contain spices not available with Passover certification.

By the way, tea is another product which, if bought before Passover, requires no special Passover hechsher.

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Vegetarians have an even harder time on Passover than the rest of us, since the staples of their diet, grains and lentils, are not acceptable for Ashkenazi Jews — which is most of us.

The Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto has kindly sent us the following recipes. They are vegan, so do not contain eggs or dairy products.

A green salad, matzah and a fruit salad would complete these meals.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE
Serves 4-6

A delicious accompaniment which goes particularly well with spicy dishes.

1 lb. 2 oz. sweet potatoes
4 oz. margarine
3 large bananas, sliced
Juice of 2 oranges

Cook the sweet potatoes in their skins in boiling water to cover until just tender. Drain and allow to cool. When cool enough to handle, peel and cut into slices.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Arrange half of the sweet potato slices in a "margarined" oven-proof dish in a single layer. Dot with a quarter of the margarine, then cover with half of the banana slices. Dot with margarine. Repeat these layers, finishing with a layer of banana slices and the remaining margarine. Pour on the orange juice and bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Serve hot.

(Adapted from: Oxfam Vegetarian Cookbook).

SPANISH-STYLE STEWED VEGETABLES
(Menestra de Verdurus)

3 to 4 cloves garlic (optional)
½ lb. yellow onions (about 2 medium sized)
1 lb. small white-skinned potatoes
¼ lb. carrots
1 large green pepper, in chunks
6 tbsp. olive oil
½ lb. mushrooms
1 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. sweet paprika
Fresh-ground black pepper to taste
1 cup vegetable broth
3 cups peeled, chopped tomatoes (with their liquid)
2 bay leaves
Pinch of hot paprika
½ lb. fresh asparagus
½ lb. cooked artichoke hearts
Garnish
Ripe green olives

Peel and thinly slice the garlic. Peel, halve, and thickly slice the onions and the potatoes. Scrape the carrots and cut them in ½-inch lengths.

Heat the olive oil in large, heavy-bottomed pot and saute the garlic and onions in it until the onions are transparent. Add the potatoes, carrots, and green pepper and saute them for 10 minutes, stirring almost constantly.

Wash and trim the mushrooms and add them to the pot along with the salt, sweet paprika, and some fresh-ground pepper. Continue sauteing the vegetables for 5 minutes more, stirring constantly, then add the vegetable broth, tomatoes, bay leaves and a pinch of hot paprika.

Simmer the mixture, uncovered, over low heat for 45 to 50 minutes. Stir it occasionally.

Peel the bottom ends of the asparagus stalks and cut the stalks in 1- to 2-inch pieces. Thickly slice the artichoke bottoms. Add the asparagus and artichoke bottoms to the menestra and simmer it, covered, stirring often, for 10 to 15 minutes more, or just until all the vegetables are tender. The liquid should be greatly reduced by this time.

Serve the menestra hot and garnish each plate with a quartered hard-boiled egg if desired and a few ripe green olives.

Serves 6 to 8.

(Adapted from: The Vegetarian Epicure Book Two).

CASHEW-CARROT LOAF

6 cups chopped carrots
2 cups ground cashews, raw or kosher for Passover
3 tbsp. oil
1 cup finely chopped leeks
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup matzah meal
1 tsp. sea salt
½ tsp. black pepper
2 tsp. crushed sage
½ tsp. thyme
1 tsp. basil

Steam the carrots until tender, then mash them using a fork, potato-masher, blender or food-processor. Six cups of chopped raw carrots make about 3 cups or mashed.

Grind the cashews in a food processor or blender until they are quite fine. Add the oil to the blender, if necessary to help with the grinding.

Mix all the ingredients together and place in an oiled loaf-tin. Bake at 350 F for 35-45 minutes, or until the top edges begin to look dry.

(Source: Salt Spring Island Cooking).

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Add this mixture alternately with the coffee, beating well after each addition. Stir in the nuts. Pour this mixture into the prepared pan. Bake for about 25 minutes. Bake less for fudgier brownies; bake longer for more cake-like brownies.

Place on a wire cooling rack. Cut into 48 pieces while still warm. When cool, cover and set aside until serving time.

Makes 48 pieces.

PASSOVER APRICOT BARS

1 cup canola oil
1 egg
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
2 cups cake meal
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tsp. vanilla

Filling

Oil a 9x13 glass baking dish. Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Combine all ingredients in a medium mixing bowl. Spread three-quarters of the dough on the bottom and sides of the prepared pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the filling.

Remove from the oven. While still hot, spread the filling over the crust. Crumble the remaining dough over the top. Bake for another 30-35 minutes. Cut when cool.

Makes 48 pieces.

Filling:

1 16-ounce jar apricot preserves
½ cup fresh lemon juice
½ cup chopped nuts

Combine ingredients and spread over hot, partially baked dough as directed above.

PASSOVER LOOK LIKE OATMEAL COOKIES

½ cup raisins
½ cup canola oil
2 eggs
1 cup matzoh meal
¾ cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup matzoh farfel
½ cup chopped nuts

Place the raisins in a small saucepan. Cover with water. Simmer until the raisins are plump and tender. Drain thoroughly before combining in cookie dough.

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Oil a cookie sheet.

In a large bowl, beat oil and eggs. Combine matzoh meal, sugar, and cinnamon in another bowl. Add the blended dry ingredients to the egg mixture. Mix well. Add the raisins, farfel, and nuts.

Place rounded teaspoons of batter on the prepared cookie sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container until ready to serve.

Makes 36 cookies.

PASSOVER APPLE CRISP

Filling:

5 tart apples, peeled and sliced (about 6 cups)
½ cup raisins (optional)
½ cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
Juice of a fresh lemon

Topping:

½ cup sugar
1 cup matzoh meal
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup pareve Passover margarine
½ cup chopped almonds

Oil a 9x13 glass baking dish. Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Place the sliced apples in the prepared pan. Add the remaining filling ingredients. Toss lightly to coat the apples.

In a medium mixing bowl, combine all the topping ingredients except the nuts. Mix until the topping looks like coarse cornmeal. Add the nuts. Sprinkle evenly over the apples in the pan. Place in the oven. Bake for 30 minutes** or until the pan juices start to bubble up through the topping.

Serves 12.

**Bake longer if you prefer softer apples.

PASSOVER STRAWBERRY TART

Crust:

1 cup matzoh meal
¼ cup sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup pareve Passover margarine, melted

In a 9-inch glass pie pan, combine matzoh meal, sugar, and cinnamon. Add the melted margarine. Combine thoroughly. Press this mixture onto the bottom and sides of the pan. Bake for 10 minutes, until crust sets. Refrigerate until ready to fill.

Fresh Strawberry Filling:

2 12-ounce baskets of strawberries
Fruit glaze

Wash, stem, and dry the strawberries. Paint the crust with a small amount of the glaze. Arrange the strawberries on the crust, placing the largest in the centre and the smaller ones on the outside. Brush the strawberries with more glaze. Serve at once.

Fruit Glaze:

4 tbsp. apricot preserves
1 tbsp. sweet Passover liqueur or water

In a very small saucepan, heat the preserves or marmalade. Add the liqueur or water. Stir. Heat until the mixture liquifies. Use as directed above.

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¾ cup Passover cocoa
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1 tsp. grated orange rind
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Combine the cocoa and margarine. Add the sugar, and then the boiling water, one tablespoon at a time. Beat until the mixture is smooth and a good consistency for spreading. Stir in the orange rind.

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Spread the glaze on matzoh with a rubber spatula. Allow the chocolate to set before storing.

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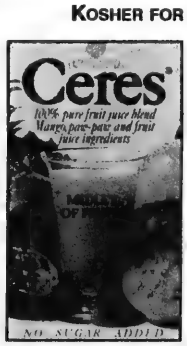

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The 30 member families of Kibbutz Harduf enjoy a holistic alternative lifestyle which includes organic food, a cleaner environment, homeopathic medicine and progressive education. "But we have our feet firmly on the ground," insists Guy Lapidot, 32, the settlement's economic manager. "While pursuing what we perceive to be a more wholesome lifestyle, we realize that we have to be a profitable enterprise."

Kibbutz Harduf is certainly a profitable enterprise, with earnings derived from a number of ventures. Among them is Israel's only organic bakery. Using organically grown wheat from the settlement's own fields and flour from its own mill, the bakery supplies bread to health-food shops and subscribers throughout the country.

The kibbutz also operates a vegetarian restaurant and a packaging plant for a range of health foods organically grown in its fields, including soya, barley, cereals and herbs.

Cattle are being raised on organically grown alfalfa and other feeds in Israel's first organic cowshed and dairy, established with the assistance of loans from the Jewish Agency's Department for Rural and Urban Development.

Kibbutz Harduf's alternative approach extends well beyond food production. Its famous homeopathic clinic attracts patients from throughout the country. The settlement's elementary school has an enrolment of more than 120 youngsters from the region. And there are plans to open a residential school for retarded children.

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Traditional food, recipes cherished part of seders

By NAOMI ARBIT

Special to The CJN

Tradition is important in the Jewish kitchen, especially at Passover time, the oldest and most cherished of the holidays. At the seder, where family and friends gather, food and wine are used symbolically as the biblical story of the Exodus is retold.

Recipes for foods served at the seder and during Passover may be passed from generation to generation, but there is always room for new dishes that will carry on the tradition.

CHAROSET

4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, seeded and chopped
1/2 cup raisins (opt.)
1/2 cup dates, chopped (opt.)
1 cup chopped walnuts
1-2 tsp. cinnamon, or to taste
2 tbsp. sugar or sugar substitute
1/4 cup Passover wine

Soak raisins and dates in wine several hours. In a food processor, with metal blade process all ingredients until desired consistency.

COUNTRY CHICKEN

1/4 cup parve Passover margarine
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 whole chicken breasts, skinned and halved (or cut-up fryer)
Salt and pepper to taste
1 medium onion, diced
1/2 green pepper chopped
1/2 tsp. thyme
1 16-oz. can whole tomatoes, undrained and chopped
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup chicken broth or white wine
Toasted slivered almonds

Heat margarine in a large skillet. Brown chicken; remove from skillet to a baking dish.

Saute garlic, onion, and green pepper in drippings until soft. Add tomatoes, thyme, currants and stock. Cook 2-3 minutes. Pour sauce over chicken.

Bake in a 350-degree oven 45 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Garnish with almonds. (4-6 servings)

HOT FRUIT MEDLEY

12 drained macaroons, crumbled
4 large cans fruit; peaches, pears, apricot halves, pineapple slices, pitted cherries, well-drained
1/2 cup slivered almonds
1/4 cup Passover brown sugar, or regular sugar
1/2 cup Passover wine
1/4 cup melted margarine

Cover the bottom of a non-stick, sprayed, 2 1/2 quart casserole with some macaroon crumbs. Alternate layers of fruit and macaroons, ending with macaroons.

Sprinkle with wine, sugar and almonds. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes.

Add melted margarine and serve hot. (8 servings)

VEGETABLE KUGEL

1 cup grated apple
1 cup grated sweet potato
1 cup grated carrot
1 cup matzah meal
1/2 cup margarine, melted
2/3 teaspoon salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 cup sugar; more or less to taste

Cover the bottom of a 10-inch oven dish with non-stick cooking spray. In a mixing bowl combine all ingredients and mix well.

Spoon into the baking dish; cover with foil and bake in a 325-degree oven 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes longer or until as crisp on top as desired.

Slice and serve hot, warm or cool.

ALMOND SPONGE ROLL

6 large eggs, separated; the whites at room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup blanched ground almonds
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla; or orange or lemon juice, as desired

In a mixing bowl, beat egg whites with salt until stiff but not dry. Set aside.

In another large mixing bowl, beat yolks until light, beat in sugar gradually. Add almonds and flavoring. Fold the egg whites into the yolk mixture.

Pour into a 10 1/2 X 15 1/2 X 12-inch greased baking sheet lined with parchment or oiled foil extending over the ends of the pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven about 15 minutes.

Loosen edges as soon as it comes out of the oven; turn out on a towel dusted with sugar. Remove paper.

Roll hot cake in towel and place on rack to cool.

Cream Filling

2 cups Passover non-dairy whipped topping
3 tbsp. unsweetened Passover cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. cinnamon or flavoring of choice
1 sweet chocolate bar
kosher for Passover whipped topping and strawberries for decorating.

In a mixing bowl, stir whipped topping, cocoa and cinnamon together gently. Shave or shred chocolate bar into the mixture.

Spread filling over the unrolled cake. Beginning with the long side, roll up the cake jelly-roll fashion, using the towel.

Place seam side down onto a serving place. Decorate with whipped topping and whole strawberries. Cake keeps up to 12 hours in the refrigerator. (Do not place berries on cake until serving time.) — JTA

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New kosher wines out for Pesach

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) is offering nearly 40 kosher l'Pesach products this year, including eight new wines.

Included in the selection, available at several LCBO outlets across Ontario, are red and white table wines from Israel, France, Italy, California and New York state.

There is also a kosher for Passover Carmel Brut sparkling wine from Israel; an Italian hazelnut liqueur; Amaretto, peach, orange peel and chocolate liqueurs from Israel; and Carmel vodka, a grape brandy and arrack (a licorice flavored spirit), all from Israel.

The Israeli white wines include a Carmel King David Chateau Richon; a Sauvignon Blanc and a Chardonay, both from Golan Galil; a Carmel Hock and a Givon French Colombard.

The reds from Israel include a 1992 Golan Village and a 1990 Golan Galil Cabarnet Sauvignon.

Prices range from $5.95 to $14.40 for wines and $7.95 to $19.65 for spirits.

As well, LCBO Vintages stores and Vintages selections in regular LCBO outlets will be releasing eight new premium kosher l'Pesach wines on March 19. These new releases include table wines from Israel, France and California.

The kosher products are "part of a larger program designed to meet the interests of specific communities and ethnic groups," explains Anne Hartley, director of product management for the LCBO.

Kosher for Passover products can be purchased at LCBO outlets in Hamilton, Kitchener/Waterloo, London, Metro Toronto, Richmond Hill, Unionville, Thornhill, Windsor, Ottawa, Kingston and St. Catharines.

The new table wines will be available at three Metro-area Vintages stores, one in Mississauga and one in Ottawa. They will also be stocked in selected Vintages sections of other stores.

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Feminist seder adds new meaning

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

The Passover seder is rich with symbols, among them charoset (representing the mortar used by Israelite slaves in Egypt); matzoh (to remind us that their hasty departure left no time for bread to rise), and salt water (so that we remember their tears).

Recent years have seen the rise of a new trend — a feminist seder in addition to the two traditional seders, bringing new layers of meaning to the ancient symbols.

"Why is this seder...different from all others?" participants were asked at the recent feminist seder co-sponsored by the B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) League for Human Rights, The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, and Relation & Encounter, Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, under the umbrella of Women in Interfaith Dialogue. The seder took place at BBC's Hove Street building.

The Haggadah used at the recent event shows *how* the feminist seder differs from its traditional counterpart. The booklet was compiled from a variety of Jewish/feminist sources and is not meant to replace a traditional Haggadah. In it, within the framework of the traditional seder, readings about women replace readings about the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

Instead of spilling drops of wine for each of the 10 plagues of Egyptian times, participants at the feminist seder spilled wine (grape juice, actually) for each of five plagues related to the oppression of women.

"We recognize the plague of ignorance," begins one reading. "Those who have been beguiled by patriarchal structures and values have ignored and diminished the presence and contribution of their mothers, wives, daughters and sisters. In doing so, they have become only half-learned, their scholarship is only half-finished."

"Why have our mothers on this night been bitter?" goes the second of the four questions in the feminist Haggadah. "Because they did the preparation but not the ritual. They did the serving but not the conducting. They read of their fathers but not of their mothers."

"It's so true," sighed one participant.

The feminist seder is a tribute to Jewish matriarchs and women leaders whose stories have traditionally been relegated to a less prominent position than those of male leaders. The Toronto seder is called The Legacy of Miriam, in honor of Moses' older sister, Miriam the prophetess, who played a key role in the exodus from Egypt.

Other Jewish women heroes recalled during the seder include Hannah Senesh, Glueckel of Hameln, Beruriah, and Deborah the prophetess.

The mix of seder participants, representing Canada's multicultural mosaic, was unusual for a seder. The mix at the head table was symbolic, noted Karen Mock, national director of the League. Rosemary Brown, chief commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission; Vivian Harrower, executive director, Women's Interchurch Council of Canada; and Janice Dembo, co-ordinator, Toronto Mayor's Committee on Race Relations were among those at the head table.

Matzoh covers at each table were handmade by Grade 7 students at St. Anthony's School.

"Without intercultural programs like these, we will not make any progress in our battle against hatred and bigotry," said Rochelle Wilner, Ontario regional chair of the League.

Although the seder is a Jewish tradition, the oppression of women is a universal experience, noted seder leader Rabbi Sharon Sobel of Holy Blossom Temple.

Rabbi Sharon Sobel, left, and Camille Nelson of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights lead close to 200 participants in Hebrew singing at the recent feminist seder.

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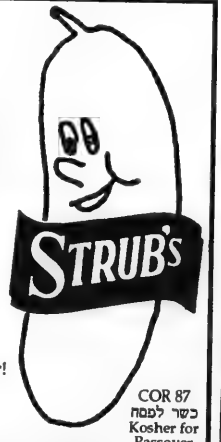

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New commercial/industrial units are: Acadian Seaplants Ltd. COR 357 processes Irish moss and kelp powder, Coby's Cookies Inc. COR 352-352D has various dairy and pareve frozen products available such as cookie doughs, muffins and brownies; Pro Pack Custom Packaging COR 358 and Quality Custom Blending Ltd. COR 359 are available to custom blend and package products for the kosher market; Sterling Pulp Chemicals COR 360 markets various disinfectant detergents; Van Amerongen & Son Inc. COR 351 makes sweetened coconut.

For the retail market, the following are additions and changes: Ault Foods Ltd. COR 201D has added Forest (D) and Stacey (D) margarines; Benckiser Inc. COR 231 added a dishwashing detergent called Electrasol Dish Soap; Colgate-Palmolive Canada Inc. COR 281 added Javex Multi-Surface Cleaner, while Glide Fabric Starch (aerosol and liquid) is no longer available; Hershey Canada Inc. COR 68-68D now has Glossettes Peanuts (D) under certification; Kellog Canada Inc. COR 246-246D new product, Common Sense Toasted Whole Wheat Cereal; Mead Johnson Canada COR 35-35D added Enfalac Powder (D), Enfalac with Iron (pdr) (D), Prosobee Powder, Vitalac Liquid (D), Vitalac Powder (D), Alactamil Powder (D). Note that Alactamil Nursette is dairy. Oetker Ltd. COR 61-61D has a variety of dairy and pareve Shirriff and Oetker puddings and pie fillings; Primo Foods Co. COR 78 now has Old El Paso Nachips; Quaker Oats Company of Canada Ltd. COR 112-112D added Instant Orange Flavour Gatorade Mix, Quaker Oat Bran Cereal and Quaker Oat Flour, but has removed: Instant Citrus Cooler Flavour Gatorade Mix and Aunt Jemima Buckwheat Pancake Mix (D); Shaklee Canada Inc. COR 26 has removed several nutritional supplements: Calcium-Magnesium Plus Tablets, Vita-Cal Plus Tablets, Vita-Lea Chewables, Vita-Lea Tablets; Unico, A Division of Culinar Foods Inc. COR 52 no longer has under supervision, canned chick peas, lentils, romano, white kidney beans, but continue with other products under COR.

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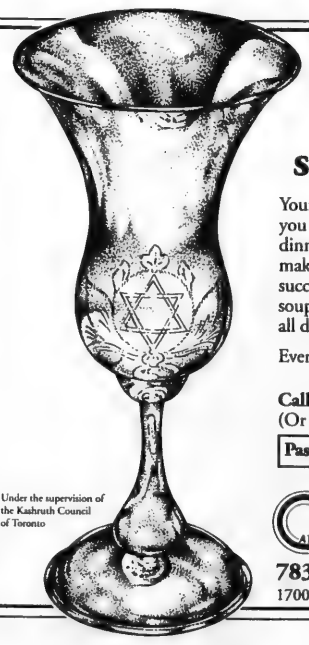

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Grossinger's had everything — even on Pesach

Grossinger family seder table, about 1949. [Photo courtesy the author]

By TANIA GROSSINGER
Special to The CJN

I grew up at Grossinger's, the world-famous hotel in New York's Catskill Mountains. Its motto, "Grossinger's has everything," was deemed by those who knew it to be an understatement.

I moved there at the age of 8 from Los Angeles, and still remember the day. I had seen postcards of the resort, but nothing prepared me for that first vision. Everything was, to my small eyes, unexpectedly grand: the large stuccoed main building, with its spacious lobbies and wood-panelled fireplaces; the dining room the size of a football field.

In a two-block radius stood a number of three-storey guest cottages surrounded by lily ponds, flagstone walkways and colorful gardens dotted with small signs that read "Please do not pick us. We bloom for your pleasure. Thank you, the flowers." People in uniforms scurried back and forth doing guests' biddings. The seeming confusion left me breathless.

The hotel, built on 850 acres with accommodations for more than 1,200 guests, had been founded in 1914 by Malke and Selig Grossinger. By the time I arrived, in 1945, it already had earned a worldwide reputation under the ownership of their daughter, Jennie, who was my father's first cousin.

After my father died, my mother Karla and I had moved to Los Angeles. It was Jennie who, thinking I should be with family, offered my mother the job of social director.

Hotel had many repeat guests

In those days, the hotel had many repeat guests. And it was for the Passover holiday that they always reserved places far in advance. Not only were they spared the preparation of the complicated seder meal, they were assured that the religious services would be in accordance with Orthodox law.

Traditionally, Passover is a holiday during which Jewish families come together for two ritualized dinners to celebrate the exodus of the Jews from ancient Egypt. My immediate family was small, yet our seder dinners included a cast of thousands.

My first Passover seder at Grossinger's was the most memorable. I knew next to nothing about the Jewish religion or dietary laws, having attended (I still don't know why) Christian Science Sunday school in Beverley Hills.

I had no idea, for example, that all of the hotel's china, silverware and cooking stoves had to be specially kashered for this particular holiday. Rather than go through the time-consuming ritual with the china, Grossinger's kitchen steward used to purchase a new 2,000-plate set — in the same old pattern, of course. His rationale was breakage during the previous year.

The stoves were made kosher for Pesach with a blowtorch. That first year, the rabbi was so zealous he burned out all the electrical wiring. It was the year there almost was no seder at Grossinger's.

The two seder services were celebrated in the main dining room. An elevated table in the centre seated the cantor, choir, rabbi and male members of the Grossinger family.

I sat alongside the stage at the "family" table. Here gathered Jennie Grossinger, her daughter, assorted aunts, cousins, in-laws and the hotel "children" — youngsters about my age whose parents worked or were related to owners of the hotel.

There must have been 30 of us at the table, all elegantly dressed. Formal attire was de riguer and guests, many of whom were successful in the garment business, vied with each other for the most splendiferous outfits. It was the only evening at the hotel on which women wore their full-length mink coats to dinner.

Each table was set with all the Passover offerings — matzah, bitter herbs, charoset, hard-boiled eggs in salted water — all symbolizing different aspects of the days when Jews were slaves in Egypt. Wine was also central to the celebration.

My mother was up and about most of the time; as the social director, she circulated among the guests to see everything was in order. In her absence, whenever the guests lifted their wine glasses to drink, I followed suit, proud of acting like a grown up.

Toward the end of the evening it came time for everyone to join the choir in singing Passover favorites *Dayenu* and *Chad Gad Yah*. I didn't know the words and felt left out. I also felt a little dizzy from the wine. When the songs were over, I stood up to sing one of my own, learned of course at Sunday school. It was surely the first time any of our guests heard *Onward Christian Soldiers* sung at a seder.

It was at this seder, too, that the tradition of the "holy glass" was born among the children. The Passover service lasted about four hours and none of us children understood Hebrew. Out of boredom, one of the boys dropped some horseradish into his glass of water. The person next to him added some borscht. The third, some mushed-up gefilte fish. And on it went. We passed the glass among ourselves, each person adding something else from the dinner table.

Somebody suggested that the kid who could find nothing new to add to the holy glass had to drink it. The honor turned out to be mine.

Grossinger's was always noted for its entertainment. Danny Kaye, Eddie Cantor, Eddie Fisher, Alan King, Jan Peerce, Jackie Mason and countless other big-name celebrities graced its stage. But during the Passover week, the shows were replaced with lectures, forums, liturgical concerts — in short, nothing exciting to 8 year olds. Left to our own devices — which we almost always were, since our parents worked — we found more interesting pursuits.

That first Grossinger's Passover, I was introduced by my colleagues to the dining room pegboard. People who've been to resort hotels sometimes wonder how the maitre d' determines who is to sit with whom. In those days, he used a pegboard with as many circles as there were tables, with holes in the circle to represent guests. He then placed multicolored pegs — blue for single males, yellow for couples, green for children and pink for single women.

When he received the registration sheet the night before check-in, he filled the board accordingly, seeing that singles sat with singles and women with men whenever possible, then noting it on the chart. When a guest entered the dining room he gave his name, it was checked against the chart and he was shown to his table.

So what did we do before the end-of-the-week check in?

We went to the pegboard when everyone else was at a lecture, took out all the pegs before they were charted and rearranged them our way. The next day, dinner was bedlam.

I spent many other seders at Grossinger's and now, alas, only the memories remain. In 1985, the family sold the property to another hotel operator who planned to renovate it and reopen it under the Grossinger name. It never came to pass. Grossinger's today is nothing more than a few unkempt buildings.

This year, as every year since then, I will sit down to my own Passover seder. I will probably shed a tear, and then I will smile and fill up a "holy glass," honoring the memory of Passover past.

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UJA Young Leadership network mission participant Dr. Sharon Perlmutter tries her hand at assembling wheelchairs during a visit to a Yad Sarah workshop last year. Yad Sarah is supported by UJA.

UJA's young leaders set to visit concentration camp

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Network (YLN) will be visiting one of the Nazi era's most gruesome symbols of deceit this summer.

The YLN mission to Czechoslovakia and Israel will be touring Theresienstadt, used as a propaganda ghetto to fool the world about how Jews were being treated.

In July, 1943, the Nazis allowed the International Red Cross to inspect Theresienstadt. Before Red Cross officials set foot in the ghetto, the Nazis had deported a large number of residents to Auschwitz to decrease congestion. They erected phony stores, schools, a bank and flower gardens. They produced a film demonstrating, according to the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*, "how the Jews were leading a new life under the benevolent protection of the Third Reich." After the movie was shot, those who appeared in it were shipped to the gas chambers.

Mission participants will learn the real story of Theresienstadt during a pre-trip seminar led by an expert on the subject. Of 140,000 Jews sent to Theresienstadt, only 19,000 survived.

According to mission co-chair Joni Rosenthal, the Theresienstadt trip and a visit to other Czechoslovakian Jewish sites will be quite an eye opener.

"The majority of participants going on the trip have never been to a ghetto or a concentration camp," she said.

In fact, most of those on previous tours were first-time mission members. Rosenthal expects the same situation this year.

In Israel, UJA's young leaders will be visiting projects built and supported with the help of donor dollars. One of them is Metullah's Canada Centre recreation complex on the Lebanese border, where Israel's Olympic figure skater Misha Shmerkin spent time training for the games.

But Rosenthal believes the biggest benefit of a mission is building lasting friendships.

"People I never knew before I went are now my closest friends."

The YLN mission, Linking Our Legacy, leaves Toronto for Prague July 14 and returns from Israel July 26.

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Cardin challenges women to reach for top

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shoshana Cardin, longtime high-profile Jewish community leader in the United States, challenged local women leaders to set even higher standards for themselves in a recent keynote speech.

The chair of the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) and national vice-chair of United Jewish Appeal (UJA) spoke at the joint installation of the 1995 boards of Jewish Women's Federation (JWF), and UJA Women's Campaign held at the Lipa Green Building.

Noting the diminishing number of Jews who are "passionately involved," Cardin urged her audience to "start using the word passion. A passionless act is forgotten both by the activist and the recipient."

"Values" is another word Cardin would like to hear more often. "We have to have the courage to express expectations," she said.

"We are responsible for the future. We are the matriarchs of the 21st century and we are fashioning that 21st century right now.

"In the past, for some time, form was more important than substance," Cardin said. "[Leaders were] chosen because they spoke well, because they dressed well, because they came from the right families or homes, or because their gifts were magnanimous.

"What has changed in the Jewish community around the world is that today substance is more important than form. We understand that we must be Jewishly educated. We no longer ask [whether programming should] have a Jewish component. There must be a Jewish component in everything we do. As leaders we must recognize that component and express it."

Shoshana Cardin

Do we have the courage, she asked, to require leaders to be Jewishly educated in addition to having leadership skills? "I throw that challenge out for both men and women, and in some places it's rejected immediately."

Cardin also spoke of extending the idea of family to include the larger Jewish community. "We are charged to be activists, to speak out when there are needs to be adressed...needs of the Jewish community here, in Israel and in lands where there is still strife and anti-Semitism. That's our responsibility," she said.

Cardin expressed her support for the peace process in Israel and reminded her audience that "we have a role to play — to support that which will probably create a different Israel."

Alluding to the Hebron massacre, Cardin stated, "All human beings, not just Jews, have the right to be protected and if you and I don't express that, then we don't have the right to ask for it."

Reminding her audience of the skills and responsibility that come with leadership, Cardin cautioned, "Don't be afraid of the words 'authority' and 'power.' We must use [power] discreetly, invisibly, wisely — but we must use it."

The most important responsibility for leaders, said Cardin, touching on the theme of continuity that underlay her talk, is to develop the next generation of leadership. "A Jewish leader who does not leave a successful, Jewishly educated, Jewishly committed, passionate leader [to succeed her] has failed," she said.

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Glennie Lindenberg was installed as president of the JWF board by Judy Noyek, JWF nominations chair. She succeeds Beverley Holtzman.

Barbara Bank was installed as chair of the 1995 UJA Women's Campaign board by Lorraine Sandler, Women's Campaign nominations chair. Bank succeeds Debbie Kimel.

Last year, Women's Campaign raised approximately $4 million noted Kimel.

Bernie Ghert, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, of which JWF is a department, brought greetings on behalf of his organization. JWF is the umbrella group for 50 volunteer organizations in the Toronto Jewish community.

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The family of the late Leo M. Sherman gathered recently at the Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch for the dedication of a handball court in his memory. Seen (from left) are son Billy, Leo's widow Pearl, grandson Richard Sherman and Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC.

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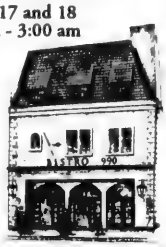

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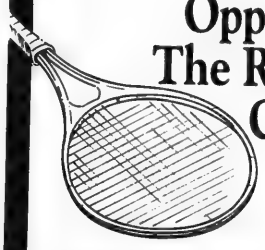

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Two months after opening, the restaurant continues to have lineups nightly. Partner Malcolm Manricks emphasizes, however, that the wait is never too long. And what better time to catch up with the neighbours?!

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In another neck of the woods, Manricks and his partners Rabbi A.J. Eisenberger, Joe Elmaleh, and Mendy Goldman have pulled off a major coup by opening Canada' first in-hotel glatt kosher restaurant.

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Hadassah — WIZO develops future leaders

Developing new leaders is the road to a secure future for any organization, an official of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO says.

Leadership chair Judith Bloom says Hadassah-WIZO has attracted many new members, resulting in a substantial growth in the organization.

"We feel we have to meet their needs as well as our existing members who have not seen themselves in a leadership role. They are our future leaders, so we want to instill in them the desire to lead and give them the confidence and necessary skills to do so."

Judith Bloom is flanked by Katy Hess (left) and Marla Dan.

To that end, Bloom's committee is holding a Leadership Day on Sunday, April 17. Strategies For Success will offer participants the chance to explore leadership ideas with experts in Human Resources Management. Workshops will be facilitated by Prof. Selma Sage of York University and Davis Associates' Anita Gertin and Taube Zeifman.

"It's a full day that will be extensive and intensive, offering opportunities to develop leadership skills which will take us into the next century."

Marla Dan is a member of the leadership committee. A member of Hadassah-WIZO for six years, Dan has served in executive roles for Tamid Chapter but this is her first time serving on a committee at the Toronto executive level.

She attributes her success in these roles to leadership forums for chapter executives.

"We learned how to confidently organize and preside over meetings. Effective leaders need to be able to listen and be objective.

"It's crucial that leadership development be available to women in our chapters. They need to be given the confidence and skills to get involved as productive leaders."

Bloom says it's Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's obligation to groom leaders who will ensure the future and well-being of the organization.

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Cajinet links community on the information highway

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — York University psychologist Laurence Miller has communicated extensively with Israeli Jews in recent weeks, learning firsthand about their attitudes towards their Palestinian neighbours at this tense juncture in the peace process.

Because he utilizes the electronic mail service known as Internet, Miller participates in these discussions at a fraction of the cost of long-distance telephone calls.

Miller, whose professional specialty is learning disabilities, raves about the so-called information highway and its potential for interglobal personal communication.

"Internet makes geography irrelevant," he said. "You can access a computer in Israel or in Timbuktu almost as easily as accessing a computer in Peterborough. It can give you personal relationships with people on the other side of the world."

Recently, Miller and Rob Brickman, a Thornhill accountant, set up a Canadian Jewish information network called Cajinet. Their aim was to help disseminate information of interest to the Canadian Jewish community and to various communal agencies that might benefit from an Internet link.

Free for users, Cajinet is operated by Cajin, which Miller describes as "an embryonic community service agency."

Discussion group just for rabbis

Cajinet joins a growing number of discussion groups, or conferences, of interest to Jewish users. These include special interests like Torah, Jewish genealogy and making aliyah.

According to Miller, there is a discussion group specifically for rabbis and a service called Israeline, which provides news about Israel. Jerusalem One, a computer node operated by the government of Israel, provides a range of informational services.

"It's very active in promoting information sharing between Israel and the Diaspora," said Miller, Jerusalem One's Toronto representative. (Electronic address is: Jerusalem One.datasrv.co.il.)

To gain access to the information highway, potential users require a computer, modem and telephone line. They also need an electronic address, which is usually acquired through a subscription to an on-line service like Compuserve, CRS Online, Delphi or America Online. The cost is roughly the same as for a basic telephone line.

"It's a major technological innovation," Miller said. "Like the invention of television, it opens up whole new areas of information that people never had access to before. Like television, it changes your whole perception of reality. It gives you access to people and information that you never would have had access to before."

So far, Cajinet has attracted about 30 members. To join, send this e-mail message — subscribe cajinet [your name] — to this electronic address: listserv-at-nysernet.org. In response, you should receive a message outlining the features of Cajinet and the various commands it uses.

"Cajinet discussions can be about social or political issues, organizational matters, community events, anything of interest to Jewish people in Canada," said Miller. "Say someone is concerned about an incident of anti-Semitism in Moncton, N.B. He or she would post that on the list. It's a way of keeping people informed about things you'd like them to know about."

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Saltzman lands plum role

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Not many Canadian Jewish actors have a father born in Harlem, N.Y., but that's why 37-year-old musical comedy star Avery Saltzman can play both sides of the border.

Saltzman, son of Pearl and George Saltzman of Thornhill, now has his feet planted squarely in Canada, performing in the Canadian megamusical *Napoleon* at the Elgin Theatre. It's now in previews and is opening March 23.

"My father was born in Harlem in 1920 when it was a far different place than it is now and where many Jewish immigrants lived," Saltzman said.

The light baritone singer plays several roles in *Napoleon*: the "mean-spirited and vindictive" French consul Barras and lighter characters with comedy duets.

"We need this kind of musical in Canada where we can create characters from scratch, not just be slotted into roles as part of regional productions," he said.

Seven weeks of intense rehearsal led up to previews of *Napoleon*. All the performers in this Canadian-written play are Canadian, except for the two leads. It has cost $4.5 million to stage, has a 32-member cast, a 26-piece orchestra and an $80 top ticket price. Marlene Smith and Ernie Rubenstein are the producers.

Though he is excited about appearing in *Napoleon*, Saltzman bemoans the shrinking market for smaller theatres hit by the success of the megamusicals like Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Cats*.

"The small theatres are badly needed, that's what theatre is all about."

In addition to his parents, Saltzman has two brothers, Mark and Laurin, living in Thornhill.

Among his favorite Toronto appearances were performances in *Kismet* and *Damn Yankees* at the Royal Alex, in *Rumors* with Elliott Gould and as Pozzo in *Waiting for Godot*.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Unto The Soul by Aharon Appelfeld (Random House $27.50)

In an interview some years ago, Aharon Appelfeld stated that the Jewish experience in the 20th Century, in all its manifestations is probably the "deepest" experience that human beings have ever had. He went on to say, "The range of this experience — religious, secular, socialist, anarchic, liberal, nationalist — is a wonderful thing. It is what makes me so happy to be a Jew."

Appelfeld is widely recognized as the most successful writer in Hebrew attempting to portray the plight of Jews during the Holocaust.

As a child he was forced to fend for himself when the Nazis occupied his native Romania in 1941. When his parents were killed by the Germans, he was placed in a camp and would have shared their fate if he had not managed to escape, living in the woods on what locals and peasants gave him. With the arrival of the Red Army he managed to get to Italy and later to Palestine.

He was only 16 when he shared in the Israeli War of Independence. Later he saw service in the Sinai campaign and in the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars.

A prolific writer (twelve novels, five collections of short stories and a volume of essays) Appelfeld rarely describes life in the ghettos or death camps. His artistic method is to focus on what happened before the outbreak of war or in the aftermath of the liberation of the camps. His technique is one of obliquity or indirection. It has been called "eloquence through reticence."

Thus, in *Badenheim 1939* (1974), perhaps his best known novel, he presents the false sense of security on the part of a self-deluded group of Jews just before the outbreak of war. Set in a central European resort town with all its traditional entertainments for visitors, the story moves slowly but inexorably from a general, vague feeling of malaise to bizarre reactions on the part of the Jewish vacationers to their eventual orderly deportation in boxcars. There is little rage shown by the bewildered victims — only frustration, bafflement and incredulity.

As a writer, sensitive to the full range of Jewish feeling and belief, Appelfeld asserts that he identifies with his parents who were assimilated Jews, but also with his grandparents who were devout believers. "The presence of both sets in me is strong."

Unto the Soul is a strange and ultimately disappointing novella. Gad and Amalia, adult brother and sister, are importuned by their dying uncle to become caretakers of a cemetery of Jewish martyrs, high on a Rutherian mountain. Turn of the century Eastern Europe is evoked only sketchily as the siblings begin to suffer from physical isolation and lack of human contact.

With increasing despair they resort to alcoholism and incest. Racked with pain and guilt over their sins, and Gad's inability to pray, the couple's arid and thankless lives are depicted in stark contrast to their sacred responsibility to maintain the cemetery. In the end typhus from the valley below afflicts Amalia and the bleak and spare story ends in ambivalence and indecision as the couple leave their mountain home to find hospital treatment for the sick Amalia.

Is this book meant as an allegory of Jewish suffering and isolation? Does the mountain graveyard somehow symbolize the martyred men and women of the State of Israel? Are the sins of the depressed couple symbolic of the shortcomings of modern society?

Some readers will interpret this powerful and haunting work in a variety of ways and find meaning in an uncertain message. Others, however, will regard it as oblique, unpleasant and depressing.

Children's Haggadah makes seder meaningful

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — No matter how much one likes to talk about the importance of tradition at Passover, the fact remains that for children, the regular Haggadah tends to be long, and frequently tedious. It is to the credit of the Reform and humanist elements of Judaism that they have published Haggadahs that will make the seder more meaningful and enjoyable.

Bubby and Zaydy's Happy Haggadah; an ethical-humanist seder, by Cantor Jason Norman Bauch (Punim Press, 1993) emphasizes the universality of Jewish teachings, such as a concern for the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed, a recognition of the dangers of pollution, the uniqueness of the individual.

Deliberately short, as the introduction explains, the order of the seder is changed, so that, for instance, the four questions and the popular *Dayenu* come after the meal.

Seder songs are translated somewhat freely; *Echad Me Yodeiah, (Who knows one?)* comes out: One means unity/Everyone is free...In all the world/Let no one be in slavery.

There is even a selection of "Bubby's Famous Passover recipes," including charoset, tzimmes, and matzah balls.

A Children's Haggadah (text by Howard Bogot and Robert Orkand, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1994) while also shortened, follows the order of the traditional seder. It is filled with delightful illustrations and sketches, by Devis Grebu, musical notes for songs, and clear explanations of the different rituals. The language is simple, but never condescending.

Especially effective is an introduction, which discusses the different meanings of freedom.

Gloria Teles Pushker's *Toby Belfer's Seder; a Passover story retold* (Pelican Publishing Co., 1994) is not a Haggadah; rather, it is a delightful story of a little girl who lives in a small southern town, and shares her seder with her best friend, a Christian girl. The family atmosphere is very strong here, with the grandparents coming to spend Pesach, and everyone pitching in to help prepare.

The reader learns about the rituals of the seder along with the girlfriend, in a moving and interesting way.

Illustrations, by Judith Hierstein, are beautiful, with emphasis on bright purples, greens and pinks.

I would wish the author had not included Toby tricking her friend by convincing her she had to wear a sheet to the seder. Although it is done in the context of friendship, it adds a jarring note totally at odds with the rest of the book.

Similarly, Toby's explanation of the concluding line of the seder "next year in Jerusalem" as being "just our way of wishing each other freedom and peace" is unworthy of the seder experience.

What is interesting is a brief discussion of the parallels between Passover and Easter.

Jerome a delight in Stage West production

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It takes a menacing hulk of a man to be the star of the comedy *Breaking Legs*, and Jewish actor Howard Jerome fills the bill to a T. In fact, the role of a Mafia gangster, suffering constantly from heartburn, who can laugh without opening his lips, seems made to order for him.

The story of *Breaking Legs* is straightforward: The local Mafia, for reasons unkown, is bankrolling a new play by a New England professor of literature. The professor wants out of the deal after Jerome and his pals rub out a crony who welched on a debt. But the daughter of one of Jerome's colleagues, an ex-student of the professor, steps in to rescue the deal — and the professor.

Running at Stage West dinner theatre in Mississauga until May 1, *Breaking Legs*, written by Tom Dulack, and directed by Richard Kline, is well served by all its cast, but Jerome, with his bulk and menacing airs, gives the play the tension and comedy it needs.

A lot of the fun comes fom the wide cultural gap between the professor, played well by Peter James Haworth, and the Mafia members. Another Jewish actor, Sam Malkin, as the man who can't pay his race track debts, neatly conveys the nervousness and hanging-on-to-life quality needed.

Jerome, describes himself as an actor, singer, writer, teacher, director, producer, activist, futurist and humorist. This may or not be true, but one thing is certain — he can laugh without opening his lips. It's much more menacing that way.

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Kop-Hacker in Mikado raises support, money for Yiddish

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Those British scions of the Victorian era, Gilbert and Sullivan, have left us an unusual legacy.

Three sold-out performances of a Yiddish version of their famous operetta *The Mikado* have ensured continuation of Yiddish studies at the University of Toronto through 1994-95. A net of $10,000 was raised.

On its 10th anniversary, event sponsor Friends of Yiddish was able to show that Yiddish lives in Toronto. Almost 2,000 people crowded the halls of Harbord Collegiate to see *Der Yiddisher Mikado* over the March 5 weekend.

It was fitting that the star of the show, Murray Nesbitt as the mischievous Kop-Hacker/Lord High Executioner, (Khay-Shpay, or Big Shot), is a native Torontonian. Now a New York law professor, Nesbitt's sisters attended Harbord Collegiate, where annual G. & S operettas (in English) became a legend.

The high point of the production by the visiting Gilbert and Sullivan Light Orchestra Company of Long Island came when Khay-Shpay entreated the audience to join him in wooing Khane Pesl, his second choice for a bride, by singing *Oy Vez Mir* (Woe is Me) to the famous Tit-Willow music.

For Eda Zimler Schiff, president of Friends of Yiddish, and Bayla Chaikof, chair of the committee for Yiddish at U of T, the weekend confirmed that Yiddish can capture the nuances of G & S librettos while giving them a twist of skepticism. Both thanked the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto for supporting Yiddish causes.

Among Harbordites introduced at the opening performance were Frank Shuster, who played Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner in 1933, and Bernie Berger, former director of the Jewish Vocational Service, who was the Major General in *Pirates of Penzance*.

Der Yiddisher Mikado doesn't approach the quality of choreography and voice of *The Mikado* staged at the Stratford Festival, but that isn't the intention. It did best when the Yiddish, in dialogue and song, was enunciated clearly enough so that the misdoings of bureaucrats were understood. Khay-Shpay walked away with the honors in this category. He moved with grace and elan, and he could be heard. It would have helped the audience to have transliterated versions of the Yiddish adaptation of the famous songs.

Also a sharper, political bite to the adapations would be welcomed. This was evident in the audience's lively reaction to the Lord High Executioner putting on his hit list, "all those who say some of their best friends are Jews."

The show's musical director, Al Barouch, played Yanki-Pu (Nanki-Poo in English), the disgusied wandering minstrel looking for Yum-Yum. He had the most outstanding voice in the cast. Marty Fuller as Der Mikado and Arlene Kane, Roberta Scholl and Evelyn Rob as the Three Little Maids were strong performers.

Sally Buckstone did an energetic job as director from a seat in front of the cast.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Dizengoff Comes To Bathurst: In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the Israeli Independence Day, Holy Blossom Temple is presenting Dizengoff on Bathurst, an evening of Israeli and Jewish songs on Yom Ha'atzmaut, April 10, at 8 p.m.

The Holy Blossom Temple Singers, children's choir and Cantor Benjamin Maissner are to be accompanied by Nadia Adler and Ted Labow on instrumentals. In an attempt to replicate the ambience of an Israeli coffee house, Israeli foods and beverages will be served. For tickets or further details, phone (416) 789- 3291.

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Holocaust Discussion: Vision TV, which bills itself as "Canada's faith network," is presenting 14 new episodes in the popular *Faith In The First Person* series. The series of half-hour interviews airs Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m., beginning March 1. The April 19 show features Rabbi Irving Greenburg, president of the U.S.-based National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership. Rabbi Greenburg conveys his original perspective on the impact of the Holocaust on the Jewish religion and ethics.

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Festival of Sound: Violinist Moshe Hammer and flutist Suzanne Shulman are among 16 musicians participating in A Festival of Sound, a Toronto benefit concert in aid of The Festival of the Sound, an annual summer music festival at Parry Sound. Presented under artistic director James Campbell, the program includes works by Saint-Saens, Martinu, Milhaud, Francaix and Strauss. Glenn Gould Studio, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Phone (416) 205-5555 for tickets ($35).

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Suitable for Children: *Something from Nothing*, a children's story by Canadian author and illustrator Phoebe Gilman, is a folktale about a young boy growing up in a European shtetl and the grandfather he cherishes.

Allan Merovitz, actor and co-founder of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, has adapted Gilman's story for the stage. Jerry Silver directs a free public showing at the Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor St., on March 19 at 3 p.m. This Cascade Theatre production, suitable for families with children aged 4 to 10, is available for school performances. For further information, phone (416) 469-2878.

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Cameras & Accessories: The Photographic Historical Society of Canada presents its annual spring Photographica Fair at the Queensway Lions Club (near Kipling & The Queensway, Toronto) on Sunday March 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Here's where you'll find more than 100 vendors selling antique, classic and modern cameras plus all manner of photographic accessory. Admission $5. For more details, phone (416) 221-8888.

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Show Boat on Compact Disc: This month, Live Entertainment of Canada releases the world premiere cast recording of *Show Boat* under its new label, Livent Music. Based on the story by Edna Ferber, the Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II blockbuster musical continues at the North York Performing Arts Centre. For tickets, phone (416) 872-2222.

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Art at the Library: The exhibit *Cornucopia* by artist Jean Rodak is currently on view at the Northern District Branch of the Toronto Public Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto. A varied, colorful display of watercolors, acrylics and mixed media, the show continues through April.

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Upcoming Exhibits: The Collector's Eye is an exhibition of contemporary American, Canadian and British ceramics from the collection of Aaron Milrad, a leading Toronto arts and entertainment lawyer. The show opens with a reception at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., North York, on April 20 at 8 p.m. An exhibition of folk paintings by Mayer Kirshenblatt opens simultaneously.

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Suddenly Single: What happens when two vibrant women in their 50s find themselves suddenly single in the '90s? The answer is contained in a new musical called *How to Live Alone Until You Like It ... And Then You Are Ready for Someone Else!* The script is by Corinne Copnick, the music by Nathan Samuel Rosen, and Gloria Valentine is the creative consultant. Copnick and Valentine play the lead roles when the show opens at the North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre on May 19.

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North York Public Library invites artists to submit their work for exhibit in nine library branches. The selection committee will consider framed work in all media, including photography. For further details, contact the Public Relations & Planning Department at (416) 395-5512.

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Buses to Kleinburg: The McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg, Ont., has initiated a new public transit bus schedule to bring art lovers to its museum, which houses works by the historic Group of Seven and other Canadian painters. The bus service runs daily except Sunday and picks up passengers at the Bay and Dundas Bus Terminal, Yorkdale GO Station, and at Terminal 2 of Pearson International Airport. One way fare is $6.50. The bus departs Yorkdale GO at 11:15 a.m. and returns there at 4:35 p.m. For information on gallery programs, phone (905) 893-1121.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

How many deluxe North American hotels provide glatt kosher room service at the drop of a yarmulke? New York's posh Hotel Pierre does. Prime rib of beef, veal with rosemary, grilled breast of chicken and poached salmon are just some of the kosher entrees available on a moment's notice at this city landmark on Fifth Avenue at 61st Street, overlooking the southeast corner of Central Park.

The Pierre's award-winning chef de cuisine is 27-year-old Joel Somerstein, whose family has been in the kosher catering business for three generations. His parents operate The Water's Edge, a kosher restaurant in Queens with a stunning view of Manhattan.

The Pierre is a distinctive building with arched windows and an extended mansard roof conveying a European sensibility. Situated in one of the most exclusive neighbourhoods of Manhattan, the hotel opened in 1929, at the tail end of an era in which New York society matrons and patrons still cherished their links with Europe. Today one still occasionally hears guest speaking French, German or Italian in the elevators — run by friendly operators who don't hesitate to advise you to wear a scarf if it's cold outside.

The Pierre offers an intimate cafe, impeccable service, prime park views and 203 guest rooms and suites decorated in a style of refined opulence. Last year the magazine *Conde Nast Traveler* ranked the hotel 16th on its list of top 25 American hotels. The price for the Pierre's brand of exclusivity is as steep as its skyscraping tower: double rooms start at $310 per night.

"People may have seen staying at the Pierre as needless luxury," says public relations manager Mary Jo McNally. "We see that people are willing to spend top dollar as long as they get value for their money."

That value includes complimentary overnight shoe shines, 24-hour dry cleaning, and other services meant to give business travelers the edge. Popular for weddings and other functions within New York's Jewish community, the hotel is also strong on family leisure travel, and even offers amenities for pets.

The Pierre is part of the world-renowned Four Seasons chain, which is headquartered in Toronto under president Isadore Sharp. As Four Seasons recently acquired the Regent chain of hotels, Sharp has been doing an inordinate amount of globe-trotting lately. With any luck, however, we might catch him in Toronto soon after Pesach.

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Tours of Italy

Italian Jewish Heritage: Victours, a Toronto-based group travel company that focuses on Italy, is offering a new 14-day Jewish heritage tour of Italy, with 1994 departures dates set for April 17, May 15, Oct. 9 and Nov. 6.

Sights include the ruins of the oldest synagogue in Europe at Ostia Antica, the Ardeatine Caves, Isola Tiberina and the Jewish Ghetto, the Great Synagogue of Florence, the Milan synagogue, and the medieval ghetto of Venice. The Vatican and other non-Jewish sites are also included, as are 13 nights' accommodation in four-star hotels, most meals, tour escort throughout, and all entrance fees where applicable.

Air travel is via Air France, land travel via deluxe motorcoach. The cost is $4,595 per person, based on double occupancy. The program was designed by Victours' public relations manager Max Benaim in conjunction with Mary Vecchiarino, Victours' Italian-born president.

"What impresses me the most on this itinerary is the Jewish ghetto in Venice," says Vecchiarino. "The place is breathtaking. You feel that you are in a 100 per cent Jewish country. The community has been there for centuries — yes, it's still there — and it occupies a full city block. The synagogue, the people wearing the old costumes, everything conveys the old ambience, right in the heart of Venice."

There are old synagogues and traces of Jewish history all over Italy. Rome, which boasts the earliest Jewish foothold in Europe (dating from 139 BCE), was the capital of the corrupt empire that destroyed the Jerusalem Temple. Bitter was the lot of the Jewish slaves who in 70 CE were forced to erect the Arch of Titus in Rome to celebrate the Temple's destruction.

In the Venice ghetto nearly 200 years ago (1797), Jews danced joyously as vanguards of Napoleon's armies broke down the heavy ghetto doors which had been locked nightly since medieval times. And 50 years ago next week — on March 24, 1944 — the German SS brutally shot to death 335 Jewish men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves, which are catacombs along the Appian Way.

These are among the momentous sites of Jewish significance on the Victours itinerary. For further information, phone (416) 630-0153 or toll-free 1-800-668-7475.

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Jewish Singles at Club Med: "Seven days of sun, swimming, snorkelling, scuba, sports, discussions and sumptuous buffets" await participants of a Jewish singles gathering at the Club Med beach resort on the Caribbean island of Turkoise, April 15 to 22. Weekends Unlimited, 1-800-388-8850.

Killer whale born at Orlando park

ORLANDO, Florida — On December 31, Sea World of Florida rang in a whale of a new year with the arrival of Baby Namu, the second killer whale birth in just three months at the Orlando marine life park.

Gudrun, a 17-year-old killer whale gave birth to the calf in Sea World's multimillion-litre research and breeding facility, Shamu Stadium.

As a result of the two births coming so closely together, researchers and marine mammal experts are afforded an extraordinary opportunity to study the social interaction, communication, behavior and development of two young killer whale calves. The information, which will be shared with independent researchers and the public, will help to further understanding and knowledge of killer whales.

According to Dr. Ann Bowles, senior research biologist at San Diego's Hubbs Research Institute, communication among young killer whales is one of the many unexplored areas of marine mammal science. "Nobody has figured out how to make recordings of mother and calf killer whales from the wild, so Sea World is the only place we could address such questions. We'd also like to understand whether there are gender differences in learning, and what this means in social interactions later on," Dr. Bowles said.

Gudrun gave birth to the 136-kilogram, two-metre-long calf in Shamu Stadium following a 90-minute labor. Moments after the birth, the newborn calf instinctively swam to the surface for its first breath of air.

"With each successful birth at the Sea World parks, we are adding to the knowledge about killer whales," said Brad Andrews, vice president/zoological operations for the Sea World parks."

"Gudrun and her calf appear to be doing well," Andrews said. "As always, the first few weeks in a calf's life, are critical." First-year mortality rates of killer whales in the wild are estimated to run as high as 50 per cent.

Four little rockhopper penguins steal the hearts of anyone who sees them — includng Sea World of Florida bird specialist Janet Adams. These chicks are being raised by Sea World's aviculture staff.

"As we always do in this situation, we'll observe Gudrun and the new calf around the clock. We'll be looking for normal bonding and nursing," said Andrews. "Good nursing is critical to the calf's survival, but we'll also watch for an indication that its digestive system is healthy."

The calf will nurse for about a year before slowly graduating to a solid diet of fish. In the next 12 months, its weight will nearly triple.

The birth was Gudrun's second. In 1989, the more than five-metre-long, 2,100-kilogram whale gave birth to a female killer whale.

In addition to the most recent calf, eight other killer whales have been born and successfully raised at Sea World parks in San Diego, California, San Antonio, Texas and Orlando.

The births, part of the most successful killer whale breeding program in the world, have allowed scientists to study the animals' growth rates, reproductive biology, development, blood parameters, acoustics, cognitive skills and communications. The program has also provided a unique opportunity for Sea World guests to see, enjoy and learn about killer whales.

Sea World of Florida is an Anheuser-Busch Theme Park. Other Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks include Busch Gardens parks in Tampa and Williamsburg, Va.; Water Country USA in Williamsburg; Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa., near Philadelphia; Adventure Island in Tampa; the Sea World parks in San Diego, Calif., San Antonio, Texas, and Aurora, Ohio; and Cypress Gardens near Winter Haven, Fla.

Tour of Petra reveals wonders of ancient world

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

We left Aqaba at dawn, its squat buildings and palm trees receding into the desert behind the jeep's clouds of dust.

Travelling the King's Highway, we reached Petra in two hours, and took breakfast at the Forum, one of only a few good local hotels. Then, seeing horses for hire, we chose two fine beasts — Ruba a noble white steed, myself a sturdy roan — and penetrated the mouth of the serpentine canyon, the Siq, that winds into the rose-red ancient city of Petra.

A trained guide, Ruba had been here many times. Still, Ruba seemed as awed as me, entering Petra for the first time. We rode in silence as the Siq became steeper and narrower around us.

There was a kind of sultry holiness in the air that neither of us could disturb. We encountered few other visitors. For almost three-quarters of an hour, the grating of the horses' hooves on rock was practically the only sound we heard.

We rounded a bend and confronted an astonishing sight: the majestic facade of the Treasury, a large and architecturally splendid building carved into solid rock. At this point the Siq opens into a broad plaza, beyond which lies a city of 10,000 rock-hewn dwellings. The builders were the Nabateans, a reclusive Biblical-era tribe, and the Romans who conquered them.

What made the site so desirable to both the Nabateans and the Romans was its seclusion. Strange and vast, this unique metropolis is ringed by mostly impenetrable mountains. Lost to Western travellers since the Crusades, rediscovered by a Swiss explorer in 1812, Petra is considered one of the wonders of the ancient world.

The city, Ruba explained, has become accessible to sightseers only in the last few decades. Before then, Bedouins camping in the stone dwellings would greet travellers with rifle-fire. Even today, the city receives relatively few outsiders. There is no vehicular access, so you arrive on horse, camel or foot. The site was featured briefly in Steven Spielberg's *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*; one imagines an army of film people arriving in helicopters.

Beside the Treasury, several Bedouins park their camels, hoping to rent them out for photographs or guided tours. The Bedouins are not indigenous, Ruba informed me, since no one lives in Petra anymore. Several years ago, the government declared the site a national archaeological treasure and transferred its inhabitants to a newly-constructed village nearby.

We inspected the monumental ruins for a couple of hours, and made friends with some Palestinian children. When the sun became merciless, we ducked into a large rock chamber that, we surmised, had once been someone's living room: it was dark and chilly inside. To our surprise, a Bedouin boy had fashioned the ancient cubicle into a tiny variety shop. We bought two Pepsis in old-fashioned six-ounce bottles.

Re-emerging into the daylight, we spotted a stout elderly Bedouin woman sipping tea. She was dressed all in black and sitting on a rock in the shade of some dwarfish trees. Ruba seemed to recognize her at once. "Did I say there were no more Bedouins living here anymore? No, that was wrong. She's the only one."

The Old Woman of Petra looked possibly 600 years old. She seemed somehow to embody all the old mysterious ways that live on in the Arabian desert. Her face was wrinkled and tattooed, her head kerchiefed, her teeth rotten, her black eyes reflecting an ineffable knowledge.

Ruba spoke with her in Arabic. "She won't let you take her picture," Ruba told me as we walked away, having read my mind.

"She lives here all alone. The rest of her tribe accepted the government relocation, leaving her behind. She says that Petra is her home and she doesn't want to leave."

A further revelation dispossessed me of the naive assumption that the old woman, living without modern conveniences, would know little of the world beyond her petrified city in the desert. She had surprised Ruba by asking about — of all things — the performance of certain commodities on the New York Stock Exchange.

"She told me her son married a Swiss woman and now works for a bank in Zurich. She's hoping his investments do well so that he can afford to bring her grandchildren here for a visit."

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Casters company founder embodies Canadian dream

TORONTO — Max Guttmann, who embodies the Canadian corporate dream, will face a major adjustment in giving up something he started from scratch.

A destitute Holocaust survivor, he came to Canada, worked 100 hours a week to build Algood Casters, now a lucrative company, and then turned it over to his kids this year on the firm's 25th anniversary. For Guttmann, it's been a life of hope and hardship, of sacrifice and success.

One of the Guttmann sons, 30-year-old Craig, Algood's new president, remembers wishing to see more of his dad.

"Very often he would never come home for days, because he would be sleeping in the factory."

Guttmann himself admits to putting in punishing hours, with days running into nights on the factory floor. "I used to work from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.," he recalls.

Guttmann was born 62 years ago in Czechoslovakia and moved to Hungary at the age of 3. In 1943, Hungary's Nazi occupiers kicked him out of school. He was 11 at the time, with four years of formal education, which, to this day is the extent of his schooling. When the war was over, Guttmann was one of the fortunate survivors, who had somehow been spared because his parents had placed him in an orphanage.

"I was 12½ years old. They asked for children who wanted to help, so I volunteered," he says.

Volunteering meant learning a trade — die making and machine building, courtesy of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation & Training).

Six years later, with the help of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, he was on his way to Toronto, where finding work, by today's standards, was unbelievably easy. He accepted his first job offer the day he arrived.

Toronto in the early 50s was an intolerant town. Employers, private clubs and landlords thought nothing of barring Jews. Discrimination was standard procedure.

When Guttmann became the first Jew to be hired at Massey Harris, later to become Massey Ferguson, one of North America's major farm machinery manufacturers, he made labor history. But being accepted by his fellow workers wasn't so simple. Guttmann had taken off for Yom Kippur and returned to the taunting of a factory colleague who expressed regret about not having killed more Jews in Europe. His reaction was furiously instinctive.

"I picked up a hammer and started swinging until somebody stopped me."

Although Guttmann kept his job and the anti-Semite was transferred, other unpleasant incidents followed. One of the factory foremen threatened to fire him unless he could complete a specially designed task in a seemingly impossible amount of time.

"You little Jew boy," Guttmann remembers the foreman saying, "you won't finish the job. You'll get your ass kicked out of here." The result? "I finished the job in half the time."

Diverse product range

Craig Guttmann believes the persistent anti-Semitism his father faced prevented him from "sitting back while others were suffering and dying." His father joined several groups sponsoring Vietnamese boat people so they could come to Canada. He personally brought over one worker who is still employed at Algood.

Guttmann is, in fact, a soft touch for charitable causes. The list of recipients is long — Shearim Hebrew Day School, which teaches children with learning difficulties; Netivot Hatorah Day School; Or Chaim Yeshiva; the Mizrachi Zionist organization; Beit Halochem for wounded Israeli soldiers; ORT and many more.

By 1961, with a succession of employers behind him and $3,400 to start a new company, Guttmann and partner Keith Alexander created A & G Dies, Algood's predecessor. When A & G was bought out, Algood Casters Ltd. was born in 1969.

Although consumers tend to take casters on their furniture and shopping carts for granted, Guttmann never believed business would automatically come his way. He would load his car with casters at any time of the day for personal deliveries to clients, and he loved victory over imported casters based on price — the one significant selling point of his product.

When Algood was a less than prosperous corporate infant, there were two customers and $32,000 in annual sales. Today, Algood, 50 employees and 65,000 square feet later, serves over 700 customers, with coast to coast distributorships and sales in the millions. And whether it's 1969 or 1994, when it comes to customers, some things never change. "We spoil them rotten," Guttmann observes.

It's this personal pride, this "hands-on careful control," as Guttman describes it, that has allowed Algood to not just survive but flourish during the recession. Even before economic conditions deteriorated, Algood stopped concentrating primarily on the furniture market and diversified its product range.

"That way, when one market excelled, we felt it. When one market was depressed, we didn't," Craig observes.

In December 1990, Algood asked employees to forego raises and bonuses. They complied, saved their jobs and helped to pilot Algood through the economic storm.

Now, Algood is after the benefits of free trade. Already, 25 per cent of its business comes from the United States, which Craig considers untapped territory, and the company just picked up a Mexican customer.

With a solid sales base, a gigantic product line (some 25,000 caster variations) and 20 per cent growth expected this year, Algood is moving on to the next generation — sons Mark, Craig and Sean, with Craig running the company.

Why semi-retirement today, for Guttman and his wife Sheila when the founder and first president is only 62? The answer from Guttmann himself is typically practical and blunt.

"I want the company taken over when I'm still alive and still active to see the pleasure of them running it."

Algood Casters founder Max Guttmann (left) proudly displays his casters to customer Peter Williamson (Photo by Stephen Epstein).

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Business & Finance

Signatel Ltd. sees increased trade with hi-tech Tel Aviv-based firm

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Perhaps one of the more telling examples of change in the data communications industry is one cited by Maurice Kulik, owner of Signatel Limited, located in Markham.

In 1977, technology made it possible for people to send information over a computer link in two minutes; today, in that same time interval, we are able to send an entire encyclopedia over those links.

This dramatic increase in speed allows for current and therefore more usable information to be transferred. A definite asset in the field of communications.

Signatel is the exclusive Canadian distributor of hi-tech data communications products designed and manufactured by RAD, a Tel Aviv-based firm.

When The CJN first caught up with Signatel in August 1992, they had sole distributing rights for close to two years. Since that time, Signatel, which also represents many U.S. and Canadian firms, has "enjoyed increased business and association with more RAD companies," said Kulik.

He explained that after RAD was founded in 1980, the company started to effectively market and distribute products in Canada.

Signatel's initial decision to market RAD's technology was based on the fact that the equipment was of good quality and well priced.

Proof is in the profit. RAD has moved from making $100,000 in 1982 to $160 million a little more than a decade later.

"Something that most people don't know is that Israel is the second largest country of data communications, next to the U.S., and look at the difference in size," Kulik said.

He attributes the country's success in this sector to the unusual number of engineers — the highest per capita even before the Russian exodus. He adds that technology, computers and communications have also played an integral part in Israel's security.

"Israel has always had very smart, capable engineering design organizations. Their data communications has always been strong and the country produces some of the best in the world," Kulik said, adding it makes tremendous business sense to invest in Israel.

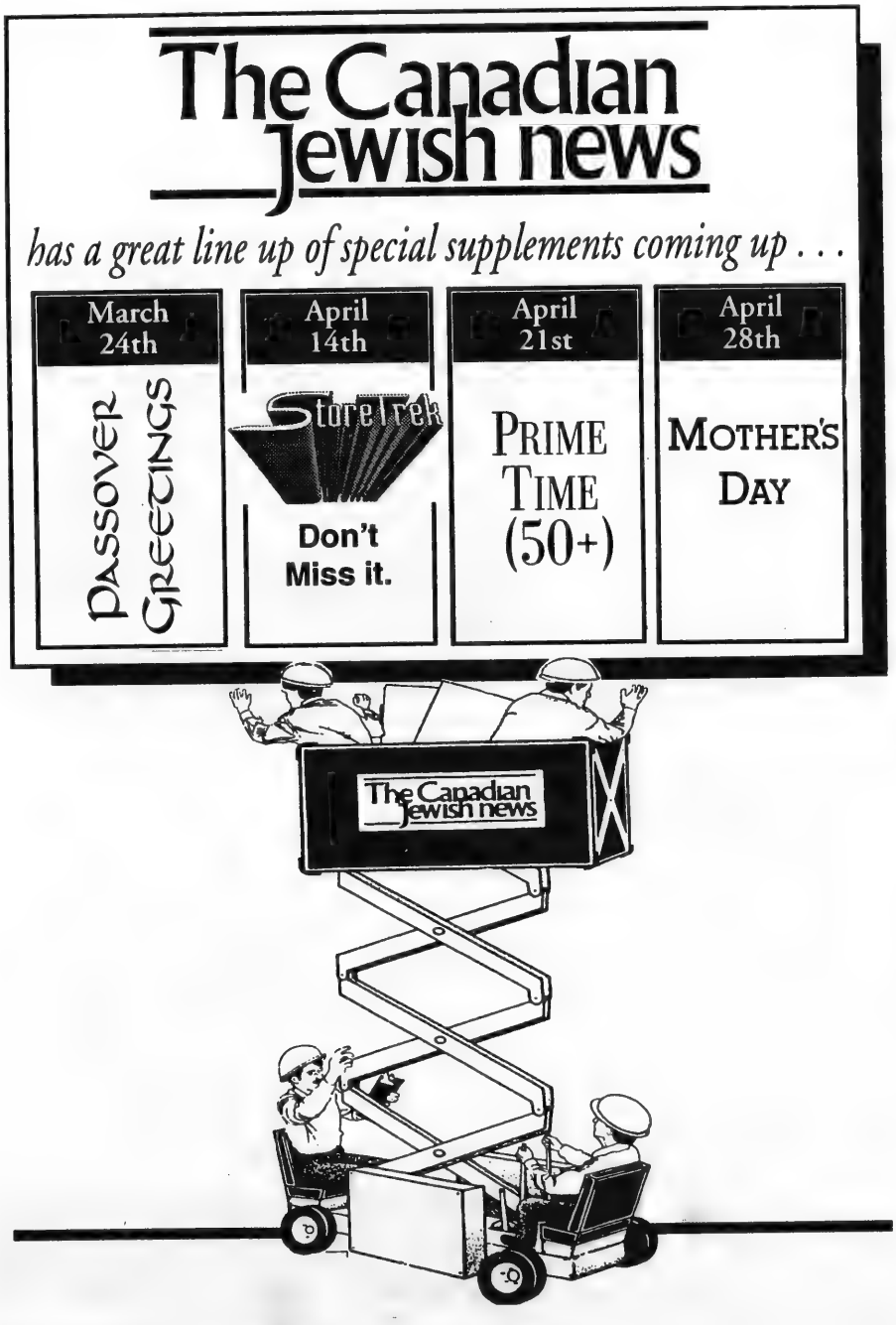
He refutes the idea of investing in Israel for sentimental reasons. Kulik said "I don't know any business man who would invest for those reasons."

While Kulik is delighted to be able to visit Israel for family and business, ultimately, he is interested in returns for the shareholders.

Kulik has no complaints about doing business in Israel but improvements can always be made. He says joint market projects and programs designed to address the Canadian market specifically would be beneficial but "you can only ask for so much."

He cites the seven-hour time difference as the only inconvenience. The solution: line up the faxes at night and the answers are waiting the next morning. No problem.

Although some maintain that no company is recession-proof, Signatel's area of expertise comes close. While many firms may opt to wait before incorporating advanced technology, for many downsizing means technology must fill the gap. Given this, Kulik says he is looking to double sales in the next three years.



Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — People enjoy shopping for groceries at large stores because they like the selection and prices, said Charlie Coppa, co-founder and president of Highland Farms Inc. Low prices reflect the high volume of sales, he said.

However, he predicted that smaller stores would survive because "the smaller store is going to be used as a convenience."

In 1987 Coppa and his brother Louis opened their largest store, 120,000 square feet. Located on Dufferin Street north of Finch, the supermarket is the busiest of the three they currently own. Their stores at Ellesmere and Kennedy and Lawrence and Bennett Road are 6,500 and 25,000 square feet respectively.

According to Coppa some retailers regularly move merchandise from one area to another to force customers to shop in unfamiliar parts of the store and to expose them to products they might have passed by.

He said that Highland Farms does the reverse, ensuring that products stay on the same shelves for optimum customer convenience and ease of shopping. The giant Dufferin Street Highland Farms store can be overwhelming at first, but the consistency and the way the store is organized make shopping there easy, said Coppa.

The Dufferin Street store caters to shoppers from diverse backgrounds, including Italian, Portuguese, Greek, Chinese, Spanish and Jewish customers, carrying an unusual variety of ethnic foods. Kosher food, however, dominates, said Coppa, as the majority of the store's customers are Jewish. "The store is suited for Toronto today. It reflects the mix of people in Toronto. That's why we call it the international food experience."

Most of the produce at Highland Farms is imported from California, Florida, Texas and Mexico.

Coppa said Canada's free trade agreement with the United States has led to some reduction of duties on fresh fruit and vegetables but not to the elimination of duties, adding that the agreement is still being phased in.

For example, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), he said, has so far not affected duties on produce from Mexico. About 10 per cent of Highland's fresh fruit and vegetables come from Mexico. It will take awhile before duties are reduced.

When Ontario produce is available, Highland Farms carries it exclusively. During Ontario peach season, for instance, the stores do not sell American peaches.

Many of the grocery items on the shelves are manufactured in Canada by companies that have a U.S. parent. Since they are made in Canada, Coppa said, pricing has not been affected by our free trade agreement with the United States.

With reference to price, Coppa had some advice for today's price-conscious customers. It's a perception in the minds of many that if they buy items in large quantities, they will save significant amounts of money. He pointed out, however, that this is not always true.

He recommended that people who do not need large quantities should watch out for specials, as individual prices are sometimes lower than a single item in a large package.

He added that by buying specials, customers would avoid making a costly one-time investment and be able to enjoy a larger variety of products each time they went shopping.

Charlie and Louis Coppa got their start by working in grocery stores after school, beginning in their later years of elementary school. In 1963, when they were in their early 20s, they purchased their first grocery store with help from their family. The Highland Farms giant grew out of that 3,300 square-foot store in Toronto's west end.

Business Briefs

International Training Program Grows

About 3,000 students from over 100 countries will be attending training courses in Israel this year, run by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The student population is about 600 higher than last year.

The courses, designed mostly for participants from developing nations in Latin America, Africa and Asia, started more than 40 years ago. They teach subjects in which Israel has recognized expertise, such as mother and infant care, modern irrigation systems and farm product marketing programs.

Some of the students come from countries that do not officially recognize Israel.

Nearly 50,000 people have benefited from the program since it began in the mid-50s.

Material for these business briefs was supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto (416) 961-1242.

Business forum nets returns despite Hebron massacre

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The Fourth International Business Forum brought over 1,600 world business leaders and statesmen to Jerusalem recently to explore opportunities for doing business with Israel and to envision what the Middle East could look like in peacetime.

An estimated $45 million in transactions were conducted during the conference, according to organizers. That's about twice the amount of deals closed at the previous Forum held two years ago.

This year's conference, devoted to the theme of Making the Business of Peace a Reality, was marred by the Hebron massacre, which kept Palestinian and Egyptian representatives away and underscored the fragility of the peace process. But the fact that the conference attracted a record number of participants, including business leaders from Japan, China, India and several former Soviet republics was proof of something else: the unstoppable momentum driving more and more countries into economic partnerships with Israel.

"The world is opening up to us as never before," declared one Israeli conference participant.

Even the shadow cast by the Hebron massacre and its violent aftermath did not keep potential investors or statesmen away. "I never considered cancelling this visit," said Slovenian President Milan Kucan, who addressed the forum during his first trip to Israel.

"It seems difficult to speak of peaceful co-existence after [this] terrible tragedy," said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "But let's not be blind to the great opportunities peace can bring to our people."

U.S. Vice-President Al Gore, addressing the Forum from Washington via video conference, called on the Arab world to end the economic boycott against Israel. "The boycott is anathema to peace," said Gore. "It's time to put an end to it."

Israeli and world leaders presented contrasting visions of what peace would mean to the Middle East from an economic perspective.

"Advancement of the peace process will make Israel a more attractive destination for foreign investment and will result in closer economic ties between Israel and its Arab neighbors," said Gore.

The vice-president added that the Israeli and Arab economies have much to offer one another and that these economic ties would bind the region together. He described a time in which "swords will be turned into ploughshares and personal computers. We will see a Middle East Economic Community that will work to improve health care, eradicate hunger, cleanse the environment, and perhaps even build super highways from the Mediterranean to the Gulf."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres also portrayed a sweeping vision of the region's promising economic future, centred on a Middle East Common Market. Peres bemoaned the fact that over the last decade, the Middle East has spent a trillion dollars financing the arms race.

"We took this money out of the mouths of our children. With half that money we could have built an entirely new Middle East," he declared.

The arms race can be halted only by a joint effort of all countries in the region, he said, declaring that goal to be "the call of our time."

But Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frankel presented a less sanguine view of the future. "We should not kid ourselves that in the early stages of the peace process the defense burden will be reduced," asserted Frankel.

He maintained that the risks which Israel assumes during the peace process will probably demand increased defense expenditures. "A peace dividend will not be felt for a long time to come."

Frankel also dismisses the notion of a Middle East Common Market. "Even in an era of peace I don't believe that Israel and the Arab world will have a huge common market like that of North America or Europe because the structure of our economies is very different." He noted that only four per cent of Saudi Arabia's trade and seven per cent of Egyptian trade is conducted within the Middle East. But Frankel predicted that peace would bring other benefits: increased investment, joint ventures and more links with other regions in the world.

Japanese economist Professor Makoto Utsumi declared that Israel has the potential to be a bridge between East and West. "Unfortunately, history has prevented Israel from assuming this role. But now the golden opportunity has arrived," said Utsumi, the former deputy economics minister of Japan.

For all the public rhetoric, the real work of the forum took place in private. Offstage, over 1,000 business representatives — from the president of Coca-Cola International to the vice-president of General Electric — made contacts and, in some cases, deals. Particularly striking were the number of business people from countries which have, until recently, had few links with Israel.

Shamiso Mapfunde, head of a Zimbabwe consultancy firm, was on his first visit to the country. He already does business with one Israeli firm, Teva Pharmaceuticals, which five months ago signed a $4 million contract to supply Zimbabwe with medical equipment.

Proposed fund set to establish business links

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Organizers who are promoting a government financed research and development fund that supports Canada-Israel business links say they were very pleased with the response from representatives of local high-tech firms who attended an information meeting about the fund in Ottawa last week.

Paul Bregman, whose non-profit group, Forging Ottawa-Israel Links (FOIL), is publicizing the fund, said he was overwhelmed by the number of business people who asked him after the presentation about finding Israeli products and partners.

The $6 million fund was announced by the Conservative government in April 1993. Canada and Israel will each contribute $1 million per year for three years. The Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation, an independent organization that will be set up to manage the fund, will grant up to 50 per cent of a company's research and development costs, to a maximum of $300,000 per year, as long as at least 30 per cent of the money is spent in either Canada or Israel. It is modeled on a similar fund that has been working successfully in the United States since 1977.

Because the fund is small, it is intended to attract small and medium-sized businesses.

Applicants will have their proposals reviewed by a peer expert and evaluated with a minimum of bureaucratic delay, Henri Rothschild, chief scientist of Canada told guests at the seminar.

The foundation is not yet up and running, but it is expected to be officially launched within the next few months after the final details of its organization have been worked out. In the meantime, seminars at which interested firms can get information about the fund are scheduled for Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

Rothschild said the Canadian government is supporting the fund because it wants to promote research and development as well as increased trade with Israel.

"We're not enough of a nation of innovators or a nation of traders and anything we do that promotes both is in the interest of the Canadian economy," Rothschild said. "We also think R and D is a very good way to build industrial relations."

Bregman, president of FOIL, said Israel is a good place to invest in research and development. Thanks to the arrival of thousands of highly educated professionals from the former Soviet Union, there are more scientists and engineers per capita in Israel than in any other industrialized country. Graduates of Israeli universities are also highly regarded. Israel has managed to cut its inflation rate in half since 1989, has seen rising productivity, possesses modern roads and sewage systems and has loan policies that support business incentives, Bregman said.

He added that the similar Israel-U.S. Binational Industrial R&D Fund (BIRD) has been lucrative for the U.S. government. It has received an estimated $240 million in taxes from the sale of products developed through the support of the fund, Bregman said.

John Lung, vice-president of the FOIL group, said the BIRD fund, as it is called, began with an endowment of $30 million and is now at $137 million, "and flying."

Information meetings about the proposed Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation will be held March 18 at the Holiday Inn on Sherbrooke in Montreal, on March 21 at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale in Toronto, and on April 11 at the B.C. Club in Vancouver.

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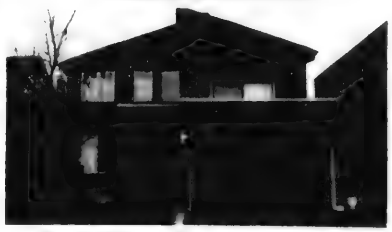

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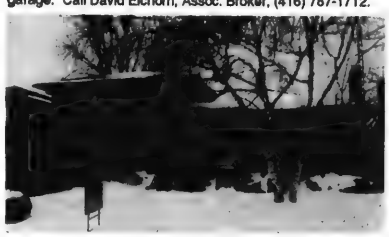

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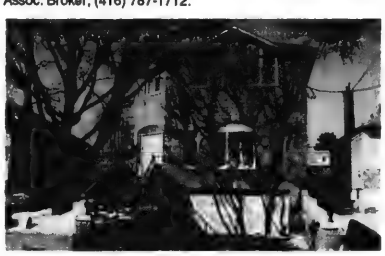

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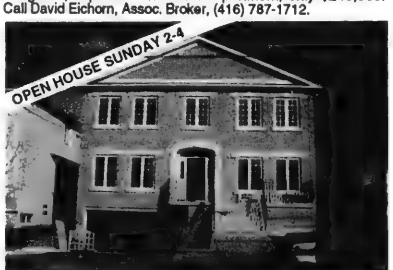

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ARMOUR HEIGHTS 4 BDRM/4 BATH $339,000
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Israeli refugee claims drop

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In the past two years, over 3,000 persons coming from Israel claimed refugee status in Canada, making Israel one of the country's largest sources of would-be refugees and certainly the only democracy to have produced so many.

The number arriving, however, decreased by more than half between 1992 and 1993, according to information released by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB). In 1992, 2,050 persons whose last country of permanent residence was Israel made refugee claims in Canada. Last year, there were 1,003.

Nevertheless, the IRB was busy catching up on the backlog of Israeli cases. In 1993, the Immigration Department referred 1,894 Israeli cases to the IRB for hearing, after they had passed the initial screening. (The right to make a refugee claim is not automatic.)

The IRB reported that it granted refugee status to 157 persons from Israel in 1993. It rejected the claims of 729 of the 1,077 claims it heard to completion, a process that takes an average of 7½ months, according to the board. Claims were withdrawn or abandoned by 303 persons.

The only other countries from which the IRB concluded more claims were: Iran (1,178), Pakistan (1,147), Somalia (2,348) and Sri Lanka (4,780).

Israel's position as a country with one of the highest number of refugee claims in Canada rose dramatically in 1992, compared to the 218 claims made in 1991 and 65 in 1990.

Of the 641 cases concluded in 1992, 68 from Israel were accorded refugee status under a two-stage hearing procedure that has since been streamlined. Only 12 were rejected at the initial hearing stage, while 103 cases were dismissed after a full hearing in 1992.

In its report last year, the IRB said that Jews originally from the former Soviet Union accounted for "a large percentage" of the claimants. The few cases that have come into the public eye over the past year, however, have involved mixed marriages or non-Jewish Soviets who had Jewish relatives in Israel.

The IRB does not issue detailed statistics on the ethnic or religious backgrounds of claimants.

Last May, then immigration minister Bernard Valcourt tried to stem the flow by imposing a visa on Israelis coming to Canada with the orange travel document issued to new Israeli citizens during their first year in Israel rather than a regular Israeli passport.

The ministry had found that an increasing number of holders of these temporary travel documents — namely recent immigrants to Israel — were using it to enter Canada and make refugee claims.

Eli Yerushalmi, counsellor at the Israeli Embassy, said no one coming from Israel has grounds to be considered a bona fide refugee as defined under the Geneva convention.

"Israel is a democratic country; there is no persecution and anyone can leave freely," he said. Although the embassy has no firm data, it is also his impression that most of the claimants are originally from the former Soviet Union.

"These people came to Israel on the way to somewhere else. They are using the refugee claim as an excuse to get into Canada quickly," he said.

He thinks the embassy can have little influence on the decisions of the IRB. "We provide information, but they are autonomous, even from the Immigration Department. They can decide what they want.

Yerushalmi hopes the number of refugee claimants will continue to decrease as Israel's economy improves.

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services does not accept as clients those who come here from Israel and claim refugee status, said national executive director Susan Davis, because the money raised by the Jewish community here is earmarked for their resettlement in Israel.

Last year, the IRB published *Israel: Jews from the Former Soviet Union*, a background paper for its board members, which discusses the problems of adjusting.

Soviet Jews who leave Israel "sometimes claim to have been victims of discrimination by other Israelis," the report says, but it also cites the Israel Religious Action Centre and Association for Civil Rights in Israel as stating there is no widespread discrimination against former Soviet Jews.

"The [Israeli] government's policies on issues such as absorption assistance, employment, housing and civil marriage will likely be a major factor in determining how well social tensions arising out of such a large influx of immigrants can be mitigated in the future," the report concludes.

As one woman making a refugee claim told CBC Radio in December: "I was too Jewish for Russia, and too Russian for Israel."

UN resolution on Hebron disappoints Jerusalem mayor

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The mayor of Jerusalem, members of the U.S. Congress and nearly every major American Jewish organization have weighed in with immediate and harsh criticism of the United Nations resolution criticizing the Hebron massacre.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert sent a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton expressing "shock and disappointment" that the U.S. government did not veto UN Security Council resolution 280.

The letter, released last Sunday, stated, "This resolution, which is intended to entice the PLO back to the negotiation table, will in fact create serious obstacles in the peace process" by raising "false and unrealistic expectations on the part of the Palestinians regarding the future of Jerusalem.

"The people of Israel will refuse to support any move that raises doubts as to the status of Jerusalem as the united capital of the State of Israel.

"As mayor of Jerusalem, and on behalf of all Jerusalemites, I have to express to you my deep disappointment that you did not instruct (UN) Ambassador (Madeleine) Albright to prevent the adoption of this resolution," the letter said.

The resolution, which was passed Friday — three weeks after the murder of at least 30 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque — criticized the killings, called for measures to guarantee that Palestinians be protected in the future and for the speedy implementation of the self-rule accord signed last September in Washington.

(Canada is not a member of the security council, and thus did not vote on the resolution.)

But the resolution's preamble contained language regarding Jerusalem that Jewish leaders found impossible to swallow.

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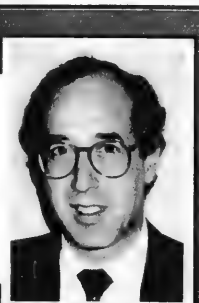

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NAHON tells teens they make a difference

Students debate weighty issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Teenagers can make a difference. That was one of the lessons that Jewish high school students from Toronto and Montreal took to heart at a recent three-day North American High School Organization Network (NAHON) convention held at Kingston's Howard Johnson's Hotel.

"We're not even 20 yet, but we can make such a difference," said Nadine Tobin, a student at York Mills Collegiate who served as a convention co-ordinator.

"Teens do have some influence and power," Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) student Sharrona Pearl, 16, told *The CJN*. Pearl, who was elected national chair of NAHON, was impressed by the number and calibre of speakers, among them Julius Ciss of Jews for Judaism, Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee, Daisy Moskowitz of Auberge Shalom (a kosher shelter for abused women) and Steven Shulman of Canadian Jewish Congress. Issues discussed included hate groups, a feminist approach to Judaism, and media perceptions of Israel.

"All these busy people came free of charge. It showed me that not only do people care about us [teens], but we can make a difference," said Pearl. "We got [close to] 100 kids out for the weekend just to listen to speakers, to educate themselves and learn about Jewish identity."

Pearl was also impressed with the student effort that went into planning the convention. (NAHON is entirely student-run.)

"We worked on this for five or six months, until all hours of the night," said Josh Spodek, a convention co-ordinator.

Spodek, a 16-year-old CHAT student, said he felt naches when he heard the give-and-take that went on for four hours with two representatives of Yachdav, a Montreal group for Jewish homosexuals and lesbians.

The session, which attracted a large number of students, prompted heated debate but ended on a positive note, according to students who were there. Josh Rucker, 18, of Thornhill, said that a friend of his who was initially hostile said that he left the session with "a better understanding.

Sharrona Pearl

"Overall, it was a positive discussion," said Rucker.

NAHON's objectives this year include an increased focus on outreach and strengthening Jewish identity, said Pearl.

Immediate past chair Itia Shmidman, of Montreal, explained that "a lot of Jewish students who go to public schools or who don't come from strong Jewish backgrounds feel there's no doorway to the Jewish community."

NAHON, like Network Canada, its counterpart for university students, is activist oriented. "NAHON's goals are to educate Jewish youth on issues that affect them as Jews, and to train them to become leaders and to take a stand on issues that concern them," said Chava Moss, a student at Montreal's Hebrew Academy High School.

Recently NAHON in Montreal raised $264 for Auberge Shalom, a kosher shelter for abused women, said Maya Cohen, advisor for NAHON's Eastern region. (Cohen is the daughter of Stephen Cohen of the Institute for Peace and Economic Development in the Middle East, who spoke at the convention on Israel and the peace process.) Currently students are working on a campaign on behalf of missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad and other Israeli MiAs.

Toronto students recently raised $600 for the Holocaust Memorial Museum with a project called Join Hands in Memory, a display of interlocking felt hands bearing the names of people who perished in the Holocaust.

NAHON, which has a presence across Canada, represents a variety of political and religious perspectives.

London panel puts media on spot

Must be more responsible in reporting

By MARA KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — The media must take more responsibility in reporting. That was the consensus following a recent panel discussion at the Jewish Community Centre.

More than 100 people turned out to hear Jane Gilbert, co-host of Global Television's 5:30 p.m. newscast; Steve Paikin, a Hamilton-born Jew now hosting TVO's *Between the Lines; London Free Press* editor Phil McLeod; and community relations director Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress discuss Media and Propaganda.

The well-attended event was sponsored by the Jewish community. It also drew people from the Anti-Racism Secretariat and those sympathetic to the media's "vilification" of Serbs.

Jacquie Gauthier, co-host of a local morning radio show, was moderator.

In apologizing for the shortcomings of daily television news, Gilbert encouraged the audience to balance their news diet by reading the newspaper and listening to the radio. She said a lack of resources does not always allow for foreign bureaus, and stations must rely on wire stories.

"With their news, comes their bias," she said referring to U.S. coverage of the Gulf War.

Another complaint levelled at television news is its relatively shallow coverage. Gilbert spoke of one Toronto station that declared international stories could be no longer than one minute and 15 seconds, since "the audience doesn't have the attention for more."

Steve Paikin disagreed. On his current affairs show *Between the Lines*, "we have the time to bring in six points of view and discuss an issue for two hours." But he did say the show's producers have two weeks to plan each show. "There isn't that luxury with daily reporting, which is subject to the tyranny of the clock."

London Free Press editor McLeod said that while the media need to report more responsibly, consumers must also be more discerning.

"[Both] the media and the customer have become willing partners in accepting propaganda," he said.

Farber addressed the issue of freedom of speech, which McLeod had earlier described as "vital, but not free. We pay a price for it."

Farber said the media has become more aware of hatemongers, but may not always be able to recognize their messages.

He spoke of headlines during the 1984 Ernst Zundel trial that read "No Scientific Proof Jews Gassed," but said that at the second Zundel trial three years later, "gone were the sensational headlines, the facts were reported and the media gave ample coverage to the prosecution."

Farber made a number of suggestions to the panel to help it report the news ojectively. Among them: understand the language of hate; bring context to stories through the use of experts; and train reporters as specialists, not generalists.

Winnipeg interfaith seder helps bring together minority groups

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corresondent

WINNIPEG — This year, 1994, has been designated the Year of Racial Harmony by the United Nations.

In recognition of this, B'nai Brith Canada Mid-west region and The League for Human Rights held a special interfaith model Passover seder March 13 at the Rosh Pina Synagogue for ethnic groups.

The event was a resounding success, according to Sophie Tapper, executive director of the Mid-Western region. "We were sold out. It was a beautiful evening.

Tapper said 97 people attended the seder, many from the Caribbean, Sikh, Punjabi, Phillipino and Portuguese communities.

"Pesach ... is a tribute to life and the pursuit of religious and cultural freedom," said Tapper. "We felt that this holiday was an ideal vehicle for informing and educating other minority groups striving for freedom and justice in their societies as well as sharing Jewish culture and traditions with them."

Also at the seder was a contingent from Knox United Church in Kenora. Two years ago, the church leadership hosted an interfaith seder of its own to which were invited Kenora's small Jewish community and B'nai Brith Canada-Midwest region members. There were also people from rural Manitoba and representatives of the three levels of government.

Rabbi Allan Green of the Beth Israel Synagogue led the seder while Lyle Smordin, vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada and a vice-chair of the League for Human Rights, served as emcee. (The Rosh Pina, Winnipeg's second largest congregation, is currently between rabbis.)

The evening began with a tour of the sanctuary. Rabbi Green explained the history and meaning behind the objects in the sanctuary. At the seder site in the lower lounge, the rabbi explained the significance of the prayers, symbols on the tables and songs. The tables were set in the manner of a traditional seder.

One of the highlights, according to Tapper, was when Rabbi Green asked the youngest person in the room to step forward to recite the Four Questions. Noach Witman, 89, stood up and volunteered. The rabbi said perhaps Witman was the youngest in spirit.

"It was a very interesting evening," Tapper said. "People were enthusiastic. They were enraptured by Rabbi Green. They all thanked us after."

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Congress adopts resolutions promoting cause of agunot

Public education on agenda

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress has adopted a series of resolutions that put the organization squarely behind a nationwide effort to promote the cause of agunot, women denied Jewish divorces (get) by their husbands.

The resolutions call for public education, discussion of the issue in subsequent Congress conferences and executive meetings and taking "an active role in educating the legal community with respect to Canadian legislation which has an impact on the get issue."

Sheva Medjuck, chair of Congress' status of women committee, said that pursuant to one of the resolutions adopted unanimously at the recent meeting, Congress will seek to join the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get. That organization comprises Emunah Women of Canada, Hadassah-WIZO, Women's Canadian ORT, B'nai Brith Women, Na'amat Canada and the Montreal and Toronto Jewish Women's Federations.

The coalition recently sponsored a series of vigils in seven Canadian cities to draw attention to the plight of agunot.

Congress has a role to play in the current groundswell of support for agunot, Medjuck said. In addition to its educational function through its regions across the country, Congress can "symbolically take a stand to show these are community standards and that the community will not tolerate abuse of the get."

One of the resolutions adopted by Congress states that it will "look with disfavor upon giving leadership roles to individuals who refuse to cooperate in the get process." A second resolution calls on the organization to "refrain from awarding honors to individuals who refuse to co-operate in the get process."

Congress also urged "all Canadian Jewish organizations, and in particular, synagogues, to adopt and adhere to the policies" set out in its resolutions.

Medjuck said the Congress committee "hopes to work closely with the International Coalition for Agunah Rights to hold ongoing talks with rabbis, synagogues and community leaders to find halachic solutions" to the problem.

In other discussions at the national executive meeting, the recent shakeup at the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) came under criticism from a number of fronts. Congress president Irving Abella told the meeting that Congress representatives had argued against structural changes to the community's pro-Israel lobby group.

Under the current format, CIC is a partnership of Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the United Israel Appeal and the federations in Toronto and Montreal. The board of the reconstituted CIC will be led by individuals who have ties to the community but who will not represent any particular group.

Congress has "no great enthusiasm in the new arrangement," Abella told the meeting.

Former Congress president Milton Harris said Congress could "do a much better job" at political advocacy than the CIC.

David Satok suggested that in meetings that led to the adoption of the CIC's new format, Congress' representatives did not do an adequate job of questioning the effectiveness of the CIC.

Louis Lenkinski noted that Congress' advocacy on behalf of Israeli soldiers missing in action and on the non-recognition of Israel's Magen David Adom by the International Committee of the Red Cross, shows how "Congress picked up the cudgels on these points." With the CIC based on a board consisting of people chosen "ad personam," its impact on government will be less than that of a CIC that operates under the auspices of various national organizations, he predicted.

Sharon blasts government

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Amid some controversy over the timing of his appearance here, Likud MK Ariel Sharon delivered a stinging attack on the Labor-led peace plan and settlement policies before a highly-receptive, standing-room-only crowd last week.

A truculent, hard line Sharon, accusing the Israeli government of abandoning the settlers and of grovelling more than ever before the PLO since the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre, received several standing ovations at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue.

But Sharon's visit to raise funds for the settlements — amid very tight security — also raised a few hackles among those in the community who feared his presence in the city just 17 days after the massacre could put the community at risk.

"I want to thank [the synagogue's] Rabbi [Reuben] Poupko for the courage he showed in the face of these objections.

"Some people thought it would be dangerous for the Jews if I appeared. Thank God you were not caught up in the panic."

Sharon's 45-minute address, organized by YESHA (the group's English name is Council for Judea and Samaria), was marked by an emotionally-charged tirade against Israeli government policies and by an appeal to the audience to support the settlers, the "pioneers of the Jewish people."

The former Israeli defence minister described the massacre in Hebron by settler Dr. Baruch Goldstein as a "disgusting event."

But this has not justified the Israeli government capitulating and bowing and scraping before the PLO to get the peace talks jump-started again, he argued.

"You can only call it surrender," Sharon said, in describing Israel's concessions and promise to disarm settlers.

Sharon said settlers have as much right to live in Hebron — "where Jews have been living for 4,000 years" — as they do in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

He was also upset by Jewish breast-beating over the massacre.

"When Arafat's PLO killed 20 Jews in Istanbul in 1986, did any Arab government appoint a commission of inquiry?" asked Sharon rhetorically.

Sharon used strong language in characterizing Israeli policies towards the "Jewish communities," a term he prefers to "settlements."

They comprise the "last line of defence" against the creation of a Palestinian state, he contended.

More generally, Sharon characterized the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles (DOP) as a folly creating "maybe the most dangerous situation" for Israel since the War of Independence in 1948.

Sharon said the three greatest dangers Israel faces are continued Arab hatred, Arab arms build-up and "Arab and Palestinian" terror.

At one point, to some applause, he called the term "Palestinians...a modern invention."

Hundreds of religious Israelis demonstrated in Jerusalem against the extreme right, following the Hebron mosque massacre. The banner quotes the biblical prohibition against spilling blood. [IPPA photo]

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Journal slammed for crude attacks

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A journal that attacks international financiers, employs crude caricatures of avaricious bankers and suggests they are attempting to create "a one-world government" has come under fire from Canadian Jewish Congress and the minister responsible for the Post Office.

The Michael Journal has borrowed the imagery associated with the anti-Semitic *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, said Steven Shulman, associate director of community relations for Congress. A prominently-displayed caricature in the journal parallels a commonly-used cartoon in the *Protocols* and other anti-Semitic materials, Shulman said. It shows an avaricious banker grasping the globe in his clutches.

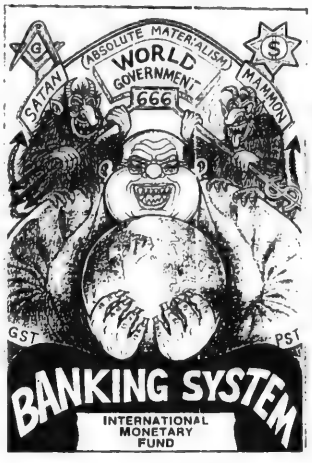
Similar imagery often adorned the covers of the *Protocols* and was employed by the Nazis in their propaganda, he said.

The *Protocols* were a forgery concocted by the Czarist secret police that aimed at showing an international Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world.

Shulman pointed out that the Michael Journal never employs the word "Jew." However, "the villains are identified as bankers and financiers. They involve stereotypes of international conspiracies. They characterize the bankers as new arrivals who contribute nothing to Canada and who systematically enslave the population through financial coercion."

David Dingwall, the federal minister responsible for Canada Post, was quoted in the *Globe and Mail* as calling on the Post Office to stop delivery of the material. Dingwall's office did not return numerous calls from *The CJN*.

Shulman said the Michael Journal, which is published by The Pilgrims of Saint Michael in Rougemont, Que., was delivered during a three-week period in late January to various locations in the Toronto area, Kitchener-Waterloo, Calgary and British Columbia. The first complaint received by Congress about the material, which was delivered as a bulk mail advertisement, came from its Pacific region.



A caricature of a greedy banker in an issue of the *Michael Journal* (left) draws on the same imagery as this cover illustration from a French edition of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (right).

In the *Michael Journal's* issue of September-October 1993, an article accuses international bankers of being "inspired by Mammon himself. Their authority is exerted over trade, industry and each one of us, in every country. These bankers have no conscience, no morals; they are the authors of wars, depressions and bloody revolutions.

"The name 'banker' is synonymous with High Finance, the International Monetary Fund and the masonic World Bank. Their goal is to bring all the nations on earth to a one-world government; that is to say, to an absolute dictatorship, to total economic and political Communism, to complete atheistic materialism."

The Pilgrims did not return repeated calls from *The CJN* requesting an interview.

NIF stresses need for equality in Israel

Country could pay steep price without it

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After the Sept. 13 signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO, Avi Armoni, director of the New Israel Fund (NIF) in Israel, was asked whether he felt the Fund's work on Jewish-Arab coexistence was still relevant.

"I said then that society in Israel will be subject to many traumatic experiences because of the peace process," he recalls. "Now, a few months later, I think those who believe in coexistence, tolerance and democracy are even more important."

The Fund, a joint effort of Israelis, North Americans and Europeans to address social and economic issues in Israel, underwrites more than two dozen programs addressing coexistence issues, including B'Tselem (an organization which monitors human rights in the territories); the Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace (teaching civil rights concepts to Jewish and Arab students and teachers); and the Jewish-Arab Centre for Economic Development (which helps facilitate joint Jewish-Arab business ventures).

"Co-existence depends on equality," Armoni told *The CJN* in a recent interview on one of two Canadian stops (the other was Montreal) as part of a North American tour to meet with media and NIF supporters.

"It's clear that [Arab Israelis] get much less than others. [Arab] municipalities get almost a third [as much government funding] as equivalent Jewish municipalities," he said. "It's not necessarily a matter of discrimination. In many cases it's a matter of [the local Arab government] not knowing how to apply for what is there. There is a need for empowering and giving better management tools to Arab communities."

Together with the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Israeli Ministry of the Interior, the NIF has recruited urban planners to facilitate change in two Arab communities.

"In the region near Nazareth," said Armoni, "an industrial zone is being developed that belongs jointly to the Jewish town [of Upper Nazareth and [four neighboring Arab municipalities]." To Armoni's knowledge, the project is the first joint venture between municipalities.

Avi Armoni

In the Arab city of Sakhnin, in the Galilee, the Arab staff person, an MBA, "covered the entire budget for the year just by computerizing the data on those who have not paid municipal taxes. It's very elementary sometimes, but the multiplier effect is tremendous," Armoni said.

Arab riots that followed the recent Hebron mosque massacre by Kach extremist Baruch Goldstein are a sign of "a general feeling of frustration and helplessness at being 'second-class citizens'," said Armoni. He believes the inequities between Jews and Arabs "at this stage are not intended," noting that the Israeli government has "decided to take affirmative action and to invest more in the Arab sector."

It is too early to tell whether the Hebron attack will affect support for the New Israel Fund, said Armoni. Their support has grown steadily over the past few years, reflected by their $10 million 1994 budget, up from $9.2 for 1993.

Armoni believes that if Israel doesn't address inequities in access to resources and jobs, it may pay a steep price in years to come. "If Israeli Arabs feel unequal five or ten years from now," he said, "they may choose to have their towns become autonomous and join [a future] Palestinian entity. That is an existential threat to Israel."

Giving Arabs equality is "the morally and pragmatically right thing to do."

The NIF does not fund projects outside Israel's Green Line (although B'Tselem monitors human rights in the territories). "I don't think it's our mandate [to fund projects beyond the Green Line], but we would be the first to share information and know-how," said Armoni.

"It is B'Tselem's belief that infringements of human rights in the territories impact on Israeli society," he said. The organization made headlines last summer with the release of its controversial report on the killing of Palestinian children by Israeli security forces.

"The IDF is coping very bravely, generally, with a situation it shouldn't be in," he maintains. "It is an army, not a police [force]."

When asked what he sees as the best way of resolving the issue of the territories, Armoni answered, "Whatever the eventual results of the peace process will be; whatever will be accepted by both sides."

Armoni noted that the mayor of Haifa led a joint Arab-Jewish march down the streets of downtown Haifa following the Hebron massacre. Both Israeli and Palestinian flags were carried, and there were no incidents of violence, he said. He noted that, while Haifa Arabs are "better off" than other Arabs in Israel, they are not as well off as the Jewish population.

Jews and Arabs who wish to continue with the peace process are willing to make compromises, Armoni said, noting that there is a concurrent growth in the number of Jewish and Palestinian fundamentalists who say there is no way to co-exist peacefully.

Armoni sees the NIF's mission statement — strengthening democracy in Israel — as "the exact antidote to fanaticism."

Although he says he is an optimist, Armoni expressed concern about "the price [Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin has to pay to get the peace process going" in terms of concessions to Israel's ultra-Orthodox parties.

Religious pluralism and women's issues are two areas in which Armoni foresees little progress while the peace process is under way.

One bright note for Israeli women is the meeting held late last year between women's rights advocate Alice Shalvi of the Israel Women's Network (an NIF grantee) and Israel's two chief rabbis, who have agreed to try to find a halachically acceptable solution to the problem of agunot (women whose husbands will not give them a Jewish divorce).

Galandauer gets prison term after pleading guilty to charges

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Andor Galandauer will serve five years and eight months in prison after pleading guilty to 10 charges related to drug trafficking, possession of prohibited arms, passport forgery, attempted fraud and receiving stolen goods.

In exchange, the Crown dropped two drug-related charges, as well as the two counts of making false declarations. A break-and-enter charge was changed to attempted fraud, and the amount of heroin cited in one count was reduced.

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman, also of Montreal, had previously pleaded guilty to a variety of related charges in all but the arms and forgery cases. A third man, Vishwanadhan Thamotharampillai, earlier pleaded guilty to three related drug charges.

On prosecutor Mario Dufresne's recommendation, Quebec Court judge Yves Lagace sentenced Galandauer, 45, to a total of seven years less a month. But 15 months are to be served concurrently with the five years and eight months' punishment for the drug-related counts.

The judge credited Galandauer with four months' time against his sentence for the two months he has been held at the Parthenais detention centre since his arrest Jan. 19.

In addition, Lagace ordered that Galandauer is not permitted to own arms for 10 years after his release from prison.

Galandauer pleaded guilty to conspiring with Rabbi Krentzman and Thamotharampillai to traffic drugs between Nov. 17, 1993 and Jan. 12, 1994.

He pleaded guilty to trafficking one gram of cocaine Nov. 17, one kilo of cocaine on Dec. 6 (for an asking price of $33,000), and one gram of heroin Jan. 12. All transactions were with an undercover police officer. Another admitted charge of possession of 81 grams of heroin for the purpose of trafficking was reduced to 50 grams.

The two charges withdrawn were conspiracy to traffic and the trafficking of 30 grams of heroin Jan. 19. Galandauer's lawyer Leonard Waxman told court his client was not present at the time of this transaction. Rabbi Krentzman pleaded guilty to the latter charge.

Lagace briefly reprimanded Galandauer. "I can't understand how a man like you could traffic drugs," he said.

The two gun convictions added another six months to Galandauer's sentence. He pleaded guilty to possession of eight prohibited arms and to improper storage of 23 other weapons.

Waxman said his client has been a gun collector and recreational marksman for many years, and had permits for each of the guns.

However, the gun laws were stiffened last year and Galandauer failed to comply with the new legislation, he said.

Thus, two of the arms — Bush Master rifles — became illegal and owners should have turned them in. The other six guns were prohibited because they were equipped with a larger magazine capacity than permitted under the new law.

These eight guns and the ammunition were confiscated and will be given to the police laboratory.

Galandauer also pleaded guilty to storing his 23 other guns loaded or near ammunition in his home. Lagace gave Galandauer one year to get rid of these guns, or they, too, will be confiscated. They will be held in the exhibit room of the courthouse during that time.

This means Galandauer can sell or give the guns to someone with valid permits. Waxman estimated that the collection is worth at least $25,000.

Among the other charges, Galandauer pleaded guilty to possessing equipment to produce false passports and receiving stolen goods, namely audio and video gear, for which he received three months each. Both were found at his place of business.

Rabbi Krentzman earlier pleaded guilty to the two charges of issuing false declarations dropped against Galandauer. Rabbi Krentzman acted as guarantor in the passport applications of two persons — since convicted of fraud — who he had known for much less time than the two years required by law.

The break-and-enter count was changed to attempted fraud when Galandauer and Rabbi Krentzman confessed to trying to simulate a burglary of a St. Laurent home for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company, in collaboration with the property owner.

Court heard that the bungled caper last December ended in the arrest of Galandauer and Rabbi Krentzman because the homeowner forget to tell his brother, who was in the dwelling at the time, that the phony break-in was to occur. The brother called the police.

The homeowner has not been charged at time of writing.

Galandauer received three months for this count.

After the sentencing, Waxman told The CJN that the RCMP had investigated Galandauer and Rabbi Krentzman's activities, but the matter is now closed.

Speculation about their being connected to international crime is "nonsense," he said.

Galandauer should be eligible for parole after serving one-third of the sentence.

Heritage Front defector testifies

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A defector from the white supremacist Heritage Front testified last week that members of the racist group intended to keep the organization's telephone hotline operating under different names, despite a court order to shut it down.

Elisse Hategan, 19, told a Federal Court hearing that a hotline operated by Equal Rights for Whites was started after the Heritage Front was ordered to shut down its own hotline. She said Front leader Wolfgang Droege said nothing the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) could do would stop the group. He said other hotlines would spring up to take the place of lines shut down by the CHRC.

Hategan was testifying at a Federal Court hearing to determine whether Droege and Front members Ken Barker and Gary Schipper had violated a previous court order preventing the Heritage Front from offering racist telephone messages.

The case was initiated when Canadian Jewish Congress learned of Front messages that attacked Native Canadians. It brought the messages to the attention of the Native Canadian Centre, which launched a complaint to the CHRC. The CHRC received a court order banning the Front from offering racist telephone messages.

In more than two days of testimony, Hategan described her involvement and disillusionment with the Heritage Front. A native of Bucharest, Romania, Hategan came to Canada with her family at age 11. She said she dropped out of school after Grade 9 .

At 16, she first became interested in the Heritage Front, though she admitted to previous racist feelings about blacks and Asians.

Hategan said she sought out the Front after seeing members of racist groups on a U.S. television show. She was welcomed into the group and felt the members were her comrades, she said. The group became the major focus of her life.

Her racist education was fed by materials supplied by Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel as well as writings distributed by the Front. She began delivering speeches for the organization as well as writing telephone messages for the hotline.

Hategan said that in February, 1993 she was charged with defamatory libel and later with promoting hatred in connection with flyers that pictured a black man next to an ape.

She said she became disillusioned with the Front when members suggested she take the rap on the charges to protect others who had previous criminal convictions.

She said she was also upset over its strategy of harassing and playing dirty tricks on female anti-racists. She said the Front would gain access to answering machines and threaten and harass the activists. Other times they would call the activists' bosses and tell them their employee was a "Bolshevik."

In May, her despair coupled with the feeling she couldn't leave the group prompted a suicide attempt. In August, she approached the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice and agreed to gather information for them. In November, she announced her defection.

Memorial programs planned for Friedberg's yahrzeit

JERUSALEM — Memorial programs marking the first anniversary of the death of Yehoshua (Jason) Friedberg, a former Montrealer and student at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, were held this month under the auspices of the university's Hecht Synagogue.

Friedberg was a new immigrant and a soldier in the Israel Defence Forces' yeshiva/military program at the time of his death. He was abducted by terrorists and shot on March 7, 1993. He was on his way to take an officers' qualifying examination. His body was found several days later near the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway. He was 24.

While a student at the Rothberg School in 1987-88, Yehoshua participated in the Beit Midrash study program at the Hecht Synagogue. He later returned to that program as a volunteer tutor in 1991-92.

A Judaica library for use by students and others was dedicated in his name at the Hecht Synagogue last year and has grown rapidly in size.

At the memorial programs this month, a session of the Beit Midrash study program was dedicated to Friedberg's memory. Later that week, on the anniversary of his death, some 80 friends gathered at the Hecht Synagogue for an evening of Torah study and words of remembrance, in which Friedberg's devotion to the study and practice of Judaism and his qualities of sincerity and consideration for others were stressed.

The following day a memorial service was held at his gravesite on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem.

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UIA mission met Israeli leaders

JERUSALEM — The United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada hosted a special mission to Israel last month for campaign chairs from across Canada.

The brief program ran from Feb. 13 to 18, and was headed by UIA president Gerry Halbert and executive vice-president Steve Ain.

The 14-member group met with Deputy Defence Minister Motta Gur; Yaakov Frenkel, governor of the Bank of Israel; Jewish Agency Board chair Mendel Kaplan; and Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector. They visited the immigrants' information centre in Netanya, Canada Centre in Metulla, Mevo'ot Hermon near the "Confrontation Line" with Lebanon, the Community Centre in Kfar Yona, the Day Care Centre in Kfar Gvirol, and the city of Or Yehuda.

The closing dinner was adressed by Rachel Jiddish, rescued from Sarajevo by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency and reunited with her young sons in Israel.

Two of the mission participants, Harvey Levenson and Dale Boidman of Montreal, had visited the Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union. They talked about the vibrant life of Jewish communities and the good work carried out by Jewish Agency emissaries.

Congress celebrates 75 years

Past presidents look back

In accepting the nomination to the presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress in 1971, my statement included the following, which still holds true today: If Canada is a mosaic of people, so too Canadian Jewry itself is a mosaic of many patterns. Congress's job is to be the forum where such diversities are recognized and champions of dozens of views can reason together. Congress declares itself to be the parliament of Canadian Jewry. It has earned this title. Where else but in such a parliament should matters be aired, where the debate should lead to mandates for action?

Sol Kanee (1971-1974)

It is time now to remember first principles. Congress is the only body representative of the entire Canadian Jewish community. It therefore has no ties to any political party whether in Canada or elsewhere and its function in the Canadian polity is the furtherance of social and communal well being for all, an objective for which we have successfully striven in the past and to which we dedicate our future.

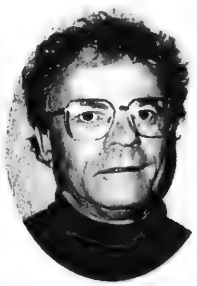
Sidney M. Harris (1974-1977)

For 75 years, Congress has been Canadian Jewry's unique symbol of communal unity. Because we have worked and spoken together, we have achieved an enviable record and have helped to make us a great and admired Diaspora community. Our tasks remain urgent and our opportunities undiminished.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (1977-1980)

Canadian Jewish Congress's 75th anniversary offers an opportunity for reflection and renewal, for celebration and recommitment; to reflect upon as we celebrate 75 years of what is not only one of Canada's oldest and most pre-eminent Jewish organizations, but also one of Canada's oldest and pre-eminent human rights organizations; and to renew — as we recommit — that sense of continuity and creativity in all things Jewish and human that is CJC's most cherished and historic achievement. And that for me is CJC's most inspiring memory.

Irwin Cottler (1980-1983)



Seventy-five years ago, the Canadian Jewish Congress was formed to deal with the problems, and opportunities, facing Canadian and world Jewry in the aftermath of the First World War. My wife's father was an elected delegate to that first Congress Plenary here in Montreal. In 1939, another Congress Plenary met in Toronto to cope with an impending tragedy of then unimaginable dimensions. My father was an elected delegate to that Plenary. For more than thirty years, I have been proud to be a delegate to a democratically elected Congress where Jews from right across the country, and from every walk of life, participate in the decision making process in our national community.

Milton Harris (1983-1986)

Throughout these past 75 years, the Jewish community of Canada has grown and thrived in Canada, a country which has provided a safe haven for its citizens. The Canadian Jewish Congress, as the voice of Canadian Jewry to the Canadian government during the period, has played an essential role in the enrichment and development of the quality of life in Canada. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in these important endeavors.

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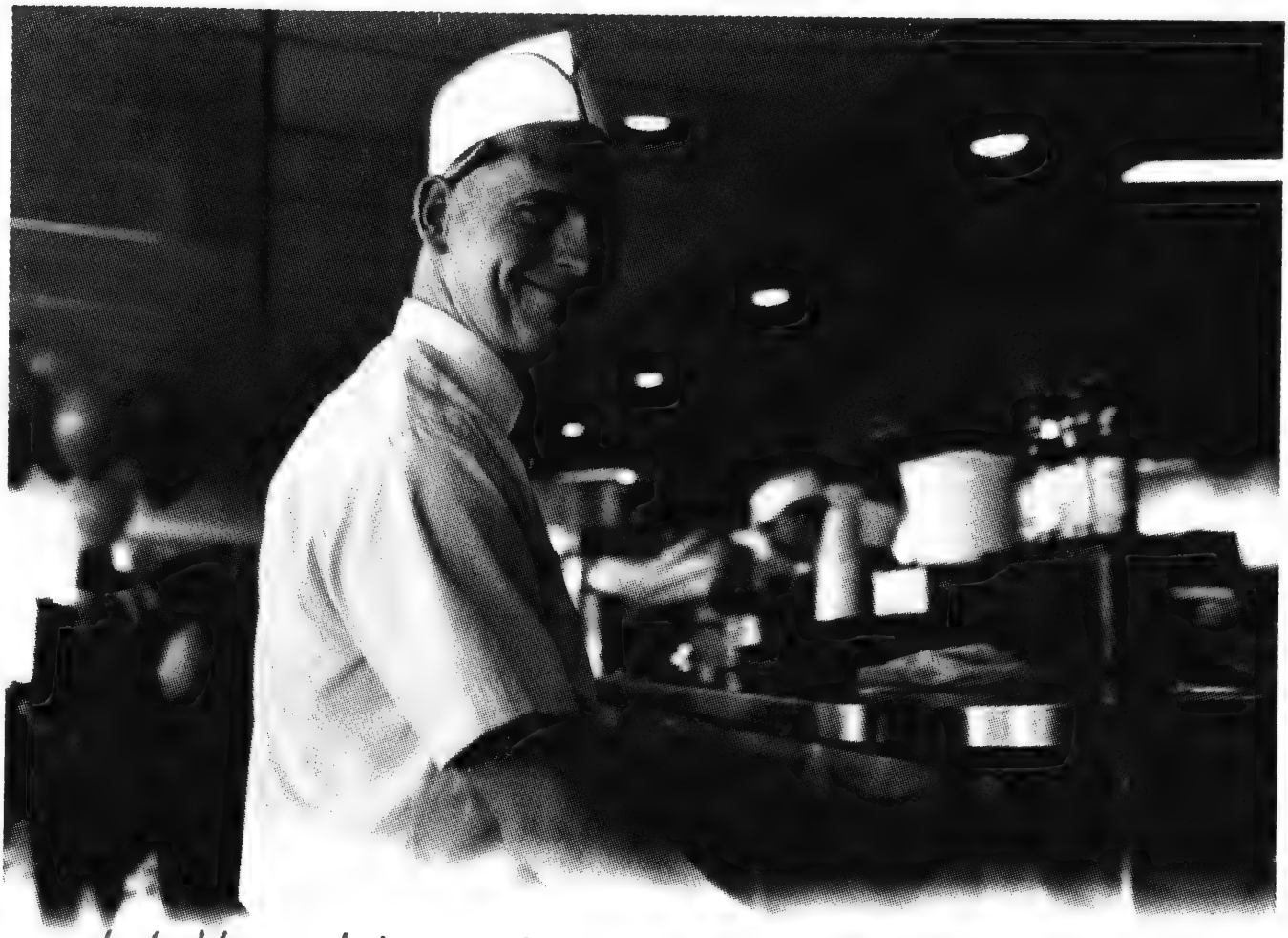

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Kach leader said ready to surrender

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Baruch Marzel, leader of the outlawed Kach movement, is ready to surrender to police under certain conditions, his wife was reported to have said on Sunday.

Marzel wants Rabbi Avraham Ravitz, a member of the Knesset from the United Torah Judaism bloc, to supervise the move, said Sarah Marzel.

Baruch Marzel has been a fugitive since Kach was outlawed as a terrorist organization by the Israeli government in the wake of the murders at the Hebron mosque on Feb. 25.

The gunman, Baruch Goldstein, was a member of the extreme right-wing nationalist movement that was set up by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Ravitz said he had known Marzel, whose family are his neighbors, since he was born.

He said that he was waiting to hear Marzel's conditions, and that in the meantime he had received the unofficial approval of Police Minister Moshe Shahal to act as an intermediary.

Shahal has said that he will not accept any conditions that Marzel seeks for his surrender.

Sarah Marzel said she feared the security forces would shoot her husband, who she declared was unarmed, if he gave himself up unsupervised.

In a related development, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, a group generally known for defending Arabs in trouble with the authorities, has agreed to provide legal counsel for Noam Federman, the Kach spokesman who has been in administrative arrest for two weeks.

The civil rights group believes administrative detention is undemocratic.

Palestinians may get Hebron police

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israeli team meeting over last weekend in Tunis with Yasser Arafat received instructions to tell the PLO leader that Israel is ready to set up a municipal Palestinian police force in Hebron, according to reports here.

Israel is also reportedly ready to weigh the establishment of a Palestinian police presence in other West Bank cities and to accept the temporary presence of unarmed international observers there.

Efforts will be made to recruit the police force from among Palestinians who served in such West Bank units before their mass resignations at the start of the intifada in December 1987.

The units, if established, will be under the control of the Israeli authorities.

Meeting with Arafat in Tunis on Sunday were Uri Savir, the director-general of the Foreign Ministry; the army deputy chief of staff, Amnon Shahak; Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's special political adviser, Jacques Neria; and Yoel Singer, the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser.

The team's mission is part of an ongoing effort to restart negotiations with the PLO, which suspended the talks after the Feb. 25 killings of at least 30 Palestinians worshipers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.

The Israeli team, which met with Arafat on Sunday night, discussed the PLO's demands for measures to guarantee the safety of Palestinians in the territories.

The team will reportedly tell PLO officials that Israel is ready to consider new arrangements for prayers by Jews and Arabs at the Tomb of Patriarchs in an effort to minimize friction between the two groups.

But the delegation has also reportedly been instructed to reject PLO demands that Israeli settlers be disarmed and barred from entering Palestinian enclaves.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

FRUCHTMAN

My correspondent Fruitman (nee Fruchtman) writes that most of the Fruitmans come from Slipya Nova, Poland.

The name is quite common and may derive from two different sources. It may refer to the tribe of Ephraim, whose name comes from the Hebrew word for fruit. Or it may be like Apfel (apple), Kirsch (cherry), Pomerantz (orange) and Citron (lemon).

YIDDISH CORNER

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פון מאַניע ליפשיץ

גרויסע ענדערונגען זיינען פֿאָרגעקומען אין יידישן ישוב אין טאָראָנטאָ זינט דער צווייטער וועלט מלחמה – סאציאַל, עקאָנאָמיש, פּאָליטיש און עטנאָגראַפֿיש.

אין די ערשטע יאָרן פון 20-טן יאָרהונדערט איז דער יידישער ישוב באַשטאַנען אין אַ גרויסער מאָס פון אימיגראַנטן, וואָס זיינען געקומען אַהער פון מזרח-אייראָפּאישע לענדער. די גרעסטע צאָל פון זיי זיינען געווען אַרבעטער אין די נאָדל-טאַכן און קליידע בעשעפֿטסלייט. זיי האָבן מיטגעבראַנגט מיט זיך די לאַנג-יאָריקע טראַדיציעס פון אַחדות אייניקער פֿאָרן אָנדערן. זיי האָבן געגרומדן אָרגאַניזירן הילפֿס-פֿאראיינען, לאַנדסמאַנשאַפֿטן, יונייאָנס, סיגאַנאָגעס, קינדער-שולן און נאָך אָנדערע אָרגאַניזאַציעס. אַזוי איז אויך אויפֿגעקומען דער מושב-זקנים אויף סיסל גאס, און דער קליינער יידישער שפּיטאָל אויף יאָרקוויל גאס.

דער צוויטער און דריטער דור, היגע געבוירענע, זיינען שוין געווען, אין דער מערהייט, פֿראָפעסיאָנאַל און גרעסערע אונטערנעמער. זייער עקאָנאָמישער מצב האָט זיך באַדייטנדיק פֿאַרבעסערט. דאָס שפּיגלט זיך אָפּ אין דער גרויס און פֿאַרנעם פון די גזוועלשאַפֿטלעכע אָרגאַניזאַציעס, וועלכע זיינען אויפֿגעקומען אין די לעצטע יאָרן.

„מאַטע סיני" שפּיטאָל

פון דעם באַשיידנעם אָנהייב אויף יאָרקוויל גאס – אַ שפּיטאָל פון 30 בעטן, וואָס די פֿרויען אָרגאַניזאַציע „עזרת נשים" האָט אויפֿגעבויט, האָבן מיר איצט דעם באַוואוסטן „מאוני סיני" שפּיטאָל, מיט 550 בעטן פֿאַר דערוואַקסענע און קינדער, מיט אַ סטאַף פון 3,500 פול-באַשעפֿטיקטע, און אַ גרויסע צאָל וואָלונטירן און 600 דאָקטוירים. דער שפּיטאָל באַדינט 19,000 פּאַציענטן אַ יאָר; אָרום 600 קינדער ווערן געבוירן יעדן יאָר. דער שפּיטאָל איז פֿאַרבונדן מיט דעם טאָראָנטער אוניווערזיטעט פֿאַר אויסבילדן יונגע דאָקטוירים.

דער בעיקרעסטן צענטער

פון דעם מושב זקנים אויף סיסל גאס, וואָס האָט זיך גספּונען אין אַ פּריוואַט אינערגעבויט הויז, איז אויפֿגעקומען די ריזיקע אינסטיטוציע „בעיקרעסט צענטער" – איינע פון די שענסטע צענטערן און היימען פֿאַר עלטערע מענטשן.

900 עלטערע מענטשן וואוינען פּערמאַנענט אין דער בעיקרעסט היים און וואַנאַמאַן צענטער; 200 קומען זיך באַנוצן מיט דער טעגלעכער אויפּפֿאַסונג (דער קעיר). זיי נעמען אָנטייל אין די פֿאַרשיידענע פֿראָגראַמען, וואָס ווערן צוגעגרייט פֿאַר זיי.

דער בעיקרעסט צענטער האָט אַ סטאַף פון 1,700 אָנגעשטעלטע און 900 וואָלונטירן, וואָס באַדינען די עלטערע מענטשן אין זייערע היימען, ווי צעפֿרין מאָלצייטן צו די, וועלכע וואוינען פֿריוואַט. די וואָס וואוינען אינעם וואַנאַמאַן צענטער ווערן אויך באַדינט מיט זייער אינטערעסאַנטע קול-טורעלע און פֿאַרווילונג פּראָגראַמען, און אויך מיט פֿאַרשידענע איבונגען.

אין בעיקרעסט ווערן דורכגעפֿירט פֿראָגראַמען אויף פֿאַרשידענע געביטן: פֿיזישע איבונגען, קול-טורעלע אַרבעט, קלאַסן פֿאַר שפּראַכן, לעקציעס פון גזוועלשאַפֿטלעכן אינטערעס, מוזיק, גזוואָג, טעאַטער-שפּילן, אַרויספֿאָרן און אַ סך אַנדערע.

דער בודזשעט פון בעיקרעסט, וואָס באַטרעפֿט נאָענט צו 70 מיליאָן דאָלער, ווערט געדעקט אין דער גרעסטער מאָס פון דער פּראָווינ-ציעלער רעגירונג, וואָס האָט לעצטן יאָר צוגע-טראָגן אַרום 52 מיליאָן דאָלער. ביימטראָגן ווערן געמאַכט פון דער שטאָטשער רעגירונג, פון „יוני-טעד וועי", פון „פֿאַראיינקטן יידישן אָפּעל" און פון אפּצאָלונגען פון די איינוואוינער. די זייער באַדייטו-דיקע סומע פון קנאַפּע 4 מיליאָן דאָלער איז געשאַפֿן געווארן פון די פּריוויליקע קרעפּער-שאַפֿטן, ווי די „מענער באַראָנונג גרופּע", די ליידיס אוקזילערי, די „בעיקרעסט פונדאַציע" און אַנדערע אָפּטיילונגען. צום באַדויערן, איז נאָך אַלץ געבליבן אַ דעפֿיציט פון אינבער 2 מיליאָן דאָלער.

מיט עטלעכע יאָר צורק איז אויפֿגעבויט גע-וואָרן דער נייער שפּיטאָל, צו פֿאַרבייטן דעם אַלטן – אַ העכסט מאָדערנער שפּיטאָל מיט אַלע באַ-קוועמלעכקייטן פֿאַר די קראַנקע.

דער בעיקרעסט קאָמפּלעקס איז אויטער פון די שענסטע אין דער וועלט. עס קומען אָהער דעלע-גאַציעס פון פֿאַרשיידענע לענדער זיך צו באַקענען מיט דיר וואָנדערבאַרער, אַלויטיקער טעטיקייט פון דער אינסטיטוציע.

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Mosque ban on Jews angered Goldstein

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Ilan Tor, the last person known to have seen Baruch Goldstein alive, last week told the official commission investigating the Hebron mosque massacre that Goldstein was angry over the closure of the Muslim prayer area to Jews, especially since it was Purim.

Tor was one of 15 witnesses appearing Sunday.

Tor, a settler, said he met Goldstein moments before the Kiryat Arba doctor opened fire in the mosque, in an area between the separate Jewish and Muslim sections of the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

One man asking to be heard by the five-member panel chaired by Israeli Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, is reserve officer Shlomo Idelstein. On the morning of the killings, Idelstein said, he received an urgent phone call from Goldstein's wife, Miriam.

Miriam Goldstein, Idelstein said, asked him to intercept her husband, whom she said had not gone to the Tomb of the Patriarchs — a site holy to Jews and Muslims alike — simply to pray.

Idelstein tried to locate Goldstein, but failed to reach him on an emergency beeper.

Idelstein has written to the panel asking to give testimony about the month of reserve service he spent in Kiryat Arba, where Goldstein lived.

In earlier testimony last week, two soldiers who were on guard duty at the Tomb of the Patriarchs on the day of the massacre have come forward with testimony that contradicts the Israeli army version of what took place on Feb. 25.

"We saw (Goldstein) with an M-16," Sgt. Kobi Yosef told the commission.

"About five minutes after him, another man entered with a Galil (assault rifle) strapped against his body," Yosef said.

His testimony was supported by Pvt. Nir Drori who, along with Yosef, had been positioned at one of the gates leading into the mosque on the day of the killings.

Their statements directly contradicted the official army accounts, and provided some support to statements by Palestinians that more than one man had been involved in the shooting.

According to officials of the Israel Defence Force, Goldstein had acted alone.

Army investigators, who had found shell casings on the floor of the mosque after the killings, said all the casings had come from an Israeli-made Galil assault rifle. No shells from an M-16, an American-made weapon, were found at the scene.

The two soldiers further testified that they had fired toward the crowd of Muslim worshipers that came stampeding from the mosque after Goldstein opened fire.

Drori testified that he shot three or four times, and Yosef said he fired one bullet. Both denied that their fire had struck any worshippers.

The soldiers said they had feared for their lives, believing a Palestinian was shooting inside the mosque. Their gunfire, they stated, had been intended to stop the worshippers from pouring out of the mosque.

Earlier, Lt. Rotem Ravivi, the only Israeli officer who was inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs at the time, had testified that he had seen Goldstein carrying a Galil rifle.

Ravivi described Goldstein as a "good guy," a man who could be trusted.

He also testified that Goldstein's car was one of only three civilian vehicles permitted to park in an IDF area near the mosque.

There was some disagreement among the soldiers regarding the controversial standing orders to never open fire on Jewish settlers.

Some claimed to be aware of the orders, while at least one said he was not. Some added that they would not have obeyed the orders because they were illogical.

Border policemen, accompanied by attorneys, also testified before the commission. The lawyers were present because the men had failed to be at their posts on the morning of the killings, and the policemen required the presence of counsel to prevent them from implicating themselves while testifying before the panel.

Holiday deadlines

During the upcoming Jewish and statutory holidays *The CJN* offices will be closed March 28 and April 1.

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UN Hebron resolution angers Jewish leaders

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Within hours of the resolution's passage, condemnation of its language was issued by leading Jewish organizations, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, B'nai B'rith, the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Movement.

Referring to "territories occupied by Israel in June 1967, including Jerusalem," the preamble's avowal that Jerusalem was occupied territory flew in the face of a prime dictum of the Israeli and American Jewish leadership — that Jerusalem is the eternal and undivided capital of Israel.

In a compromise formula worked out before the resolution came to a vote, the United States was able to abstain on this and another paragraph of the preamble while being able to approve the resolution as a whole.

In addition to abstaining on the paragraph about the status of Jerusalem, the United States abstained on a second paragraph that said the Hebron attack "underlines the need to provide protection and security for the Palestinian people."

A paragraph in the main body of the resolution, which the United States supported, called for an international presence in the territories, "which was provided for in the declaration of principles" that formed the basis of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

Israeli officials have supported the idea of an unarmed international presence in the territories, stressing that this was a point already negotiated in the Declaration of Principles, signed last year.

While the United States twice abstained during the voting, the 14 other members of the Security Council voted for every paragraph in the resolution.

During their negotiations leading up to the Security Council vote, American officials had operated on the belief that passage of the resolution was key to restarting the Israeli-PLO negotiations, which were halted by the PLO after the Hebron murders.

And indeed, the U.S. approach did bear fruit. Following the resolution's passage, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced at a hastily called news conference that Syria, Jordan and Lebanon had agreed to return to Washington next month to resume negotiations with Israel.

The Clinton administration, expecting harsh fallout from critics of the resolution, has been hard at work on damage control.

In a conference call with leaders of the 50 member organizations of the Conference of Presidents, before the Security Council vote Friday, Vice President Al Gore reaffirmed the administration's position recognizing a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Asserting that a U.S. veto might have prevented the peace talks from resuming, Gore explained that the United States would have exercised its veto if the reference to Jerusalem had been in an operative paragraph of the resolution rather than in its preamble.

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The News in Brief

National Ballet to Israel

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AI Calls for Rights Monitors

OTTAWA — In the wake of last month's Hebron massacre, Amnesty International (AI) has called on Israel to conduct a review of the way its security forces have been policing the territories. AI is also renewing its call for the introduction of on-site monitoring of human rights in the territories. The monitors' mandate would cover the actions of both Israeli and Palestinian security forces. AI said it welcomes Israel's establishment of a judicial inquiry into the Hebron killings.

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Court Ruling Slammed

TORONTO — Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, says a German court's ruling last week that denying the Holocaust does not in itself amount to incitement of racial hatred "will allow neo-Nazis to dance on the graves of Holocaust victims." Littman said the ruling might embolden Canadian extremists to seek a reversal of the ban that prevents British-born Holocaust revisionist David Irving from entering Canada.

Jewish groups in Germany and North America condemned the ruling by Germany's highest appeal court, which ordered a new trial in the case of Guenter Deckert, who had been convicted of claiming that gassings at Auschwitz never happened.

Canadian Jewish Congress has sent a letter to the German ambassador expressing its "deep concern about this decision and urging a review of the matter," said Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Congress.

"We think [the decision] sets an unfortunate precedent in a country that has taken a lead role in maintaining the memory of the Holocaust and ensuring that Holocaust-denial is seen as anathema to the world conscience," he said.

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CIUT Complaint Resolved

TORONTO — A complaint lodged in December with the Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region has been resolved.

The complaint concerned comments made on the November 19 segment of *African Woman and Family*, a one-hour talk show on the University of Toronto radio station, CIUT. A letter to Louis Lenkinski of CJC from Allan Darling of CRTC notes that the station and program hosts "agree ... that the statements are anti-Semitic" and that apologies were broadcast on several occasions.

Darling also pointed out that the station has taken steps to prevent a repeat incident, including increased training of new and existing volunteer programmers.

"We're prepared to close the book" on the incident, said CJC's Bernie Farber.

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Arab MK's Syria Visit

JERUSALEM — After being warmly greeted in Damascus, the head of a delegation of Israeli Arabs who paid a recent visit to Syrian President Hafez Assad received a decidedly cool reception on his return home.

The 57-man delegation's four-day trip made history as the first Israeli mission to travel officially to Syria.

But Knesset member Abdel Wahab Darawshe of the Arab Democratic Party raised hackles back home in comments going far beyond expressing sympathy on the death of Assad's son in a traffic accident a few weeks ago.

"Would that the position of Arabs in Israel resembled the position of the Jews in Syria," Darawshe said to journalists in Damascus. He extolled Syria, under its "very popular and beloved leader" as "a stronghold of liberty."

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Israeli Students Turn Violent

JERUSALEM — Israel's students turned violent last week when an agreement designed to end a 70-day strike by university teachers failed to materialize.

The country's 100,000 students fear the entire academic year will be lost.

Throughout the country last Tuesday, students burned tires and played havoc with the campus phone and computer systems.

In Beersheba, students briefly imprisoned the rector of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Teachers have already been promised a 40 per cent pay increase.

But the complicated negotiations, which pit the university teachers and the government against the heads of the universities remain stuck on the details.

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Deportation Proceedings Start

DENVER — The U.S. Justice Department last week began proceedings to deport a Colorado resident who was an armed Nazi concentration camp guard in France during World War II.

Peter Mueller, 70, a resident of Boulder, Col., has admitted to having been a member of the Waffen-SS Death's Head Battalion from March 1943 until at least the summer of 1944.

Deportation proceedings against Mueller were opened last week at the Immigration Court here.

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Arrests in Anti-Semitic Spree

KANSAS CITY — Police in Overland Park, a Kansas City suburb, last week arrested three youths for a spree of anti-Semitic vandalism that has held this city's 20,000-member Jewish community in fear for the past two months, and which brought the FBI into the investigation. The acts of vandalism included spray-painting graffiti at two synagogues and a shopping mall, and planting a Molotov cocktail, which did not explode, at the local Chabad House.

Meanwhile, a local group of young Jews has formed a Jewish Brotherhood, whose purpose is to fight anti-Semitic acts head-on.

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Anti-Jewish Remarks

BUDAPEST — For the first time since World War II, a member of the Hungarian Parliament has openly made anti-Semitic remarks in that body.

During a speech last week to the legislature, Gyula Zacsek, a member of Parliament representing a small right-wing party, criticized the involvement of an Israeli firm in the privatization of a Hungarian supermarket chain.

According to Zacsek, the Israeli firm bought its shares in the Hungarian company for a lower price than was expected.

Zacsek — employing the anti-Semitic rhetoric often used by Istvan Csurka, the leader of far-right elements in Parliament — said the deal was an example of the "Zionist plot" against Hungarians.

He called the Jewish Agency's activities in Hungary "illegal."

Hungarian media noted that neither the speaker of Parliament nor any members attempted to interrupt Zacsek's speech.

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Australian Intermarriage Examined

SYDNEY, Australia — A study of Australian Jews reveals that intermarriage remains far below that of American Jews.

The report, conducted by a New South Wales University doctoral student, compared the rate of 13.1 percent intermarriage with that of the United States, where more than half the Jews wed since 1985 have married non-Jews.

The favorable figure for the Australian Jewish community was also compared to that for other Australian groups.

Anglicans married out at a rate of 34.7 percent, and Australian Catholics had a rate of 29.9 percent.

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One For The Books

LONDON — Operation Solomon, Israel's dramatic 1991 airlift of Ethiopian Jews, has made *The Guinness Book of World Records*. The airlift will reportedly be listed in the upcoming edition for setting two records: the most immigrants to come to any country in a single day (11,160) and the most people to fly in a Boeing 747 (1,088).

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NEW YORK — Visually impaired Jews who need either a large-type or braille Haggadah can contact the Jewish Heritage for the Blind.

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Touvier goes on trial in France for crimes against humanity

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VERSAILLES, France — Four hundred policemen and elite forces surrounded the Versailles courtroom where the first trial of a French citizen indicted for crimes against humanity began last Thursday.

Police marksmen were visible on the roofs of the Versailles Court of Justice. More than 100 journalists from around the world packed the courtroom where Paul Touvier, after years of hiding from the authorities, is on trial before three judges.

Touvier, the 79-year-old former head of intelligence for the Milice, the pro-Nazi French militia in German-occupied Lyons walked with apparent difficulty. He has prostate cancer.

Only 15 seats were made available to the public, and they were occupied mainly by relatives of Touvier's victims.

On June 29, 1944, Touvier personally picked seven Jewish hostages and had them executed in retaliation for the assassination the previous day of Philippe Henriot, the propaganda minister of the Vichy regime.

Touvier was condemned to death twice in 1946 and 1947 for war crimes, but he managed to elude French authorities. He subsequently took shelter in various French convents and monasteries until President Georges Pompidou pardoned him in November 1972.

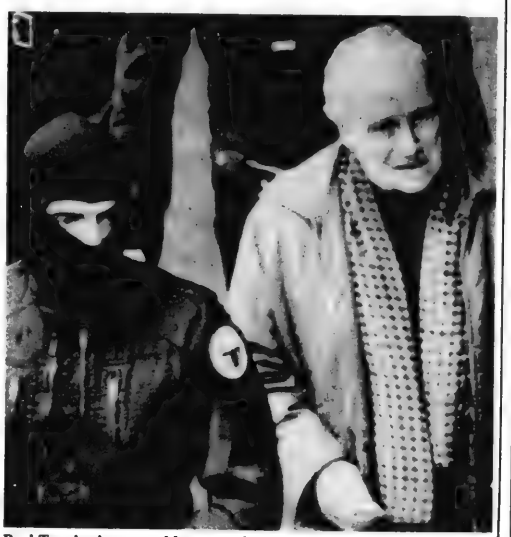
Touvier emerged from hiding, but Jewish and French veterans groups initiated charges against him of crimes against humanity, a charge that is not subject to the statute of limitations and for which pardons do not apply.

Touvier went into hiding again. He was arrested after he was discovered in May 1989 hiding in a monastery near Nice.

Part of the first day of Touvier's trial was devoted to jury selection. Once the nine members of the jury were chosen, Touvier's lawyer, Jacques Tremolet de Villers, argued that the court should disqualify all but one of the 34 "civilian parties," representing families of the victims, associations of families of Jewish deportees and Resistance fighters, and human rights groups, who have also laid charges against Touvier.

He claimed the 30-year statute of limitations on such charges had expired. But the judges ruled that international treaties on crimes against humanity supersede national laws.

Jewish groups tried to demonstrate outside the courtroom, but they were kept at bay by the police.



Paul Touvier is escorted by a member of a elite squad (masked to prevent identification) during a 1990 re-enactment of his alleged crimes during World War II. The re-enactment was part of the lengthy process of bringing Touvier to trial in France. [RNS photo/Reuters]

French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld's organization, the Sons and Daughters of Jews Deported from France, displayed banners that included the response from General Charles de Gaulle to a request for a pardon for Touvier:

"Touvier? Twelve bullets!" (A firing squad has 12 members).

(DeGaulle led the French Resistance movement in World War II and later was president of France.)

In a recent French poll, more than 64 per cent of those questioned supported bringing Touvier to trial, saying it would help shed light on this dark period of French history.

Murder suspect dies in jail

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Just over a week before she was supposed to have been extradited to the United States to stand trial in connection with a murder, imprisoned U.S. immigrant Rochelle Manning died suddenly last Friday from what is believed to have been a heart attack.

Manning, who was 54, had been unsuccessfully fighting extradition to the United States, where her husband, Robert, was convicted in connection with the 1980 murder of a California secretary by a booby-trapped parcel addressed to her employer.

The Mannings' fingerprints were found on the parcel and instruction sheet.

Robert Manning, 43, was convicted in a California court in October and is serving a life sentence in prison.

Rochelle Manning collapsed Friday morning an hour after roll call. Although suicide was discussed and ruled out, a post-mortem investigation was to be conducted.

Her daughter told journalists that her mother was a strong-willed woman who would not have committed suicide.

The Mannings, who had been followers of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane and early members of his Jewish Defence League, lived in Kiryat Arba after they made aliyah 10 years ago.

Rochelle Manning, who had been in the Neve Tirza jail for the past three years, fought her extradition, saying she believed she would not be permitted to wear modest garments and head coverings in an American prison, in accordance with her Orthodox religious beliefs.

Earlier this year, she lost her final appeal to Israel's high court, after the U.S. Justice Department gave assurances to Israeli authorities that her religious needs would be met. But in a special gesture, her extradition was deferred until after Passover.

After the Friday morning roll call, Manning said her morning prayers and talked to her 20-year-old daughter on the telephone. Shortly thereafter, she collapsed and was rushed to the prison hospital, where doctors worked unsuccessfully for 40 minutes to revive her.

Rochelle Manning belonged to one of the most extreme right-wing elements in Kiryat Arba. Neve Tirza prisoners said she had deeply mourned the death of her fellow Kiryat Arba resident, Baruch Goldstein, who murdered at least 30 Muslim worshipers in the Tomb of Machpelah in Hebron on Feb. 25.

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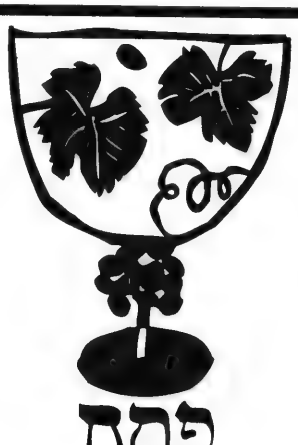

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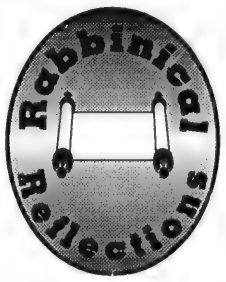

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The word "Haggadah," which we use for our seder booklet, is based on the verse, "Vehigadta levincha" — and you shall tell your son on that day (Exodus 13:8). Thus one of the main lessons of the Pesach experience and particularly the seder night is the important mandate thrust upon every Jewish parent, "tell and teach your child what our religion is all about." In fact we refer many times in our mitzvah observances to the phrase, "zecher liyetzias Mitzrayim — in remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt." It therefore follows that this all important mitzvah of teaching our children Torah and mitzvot is in reality one of the very reasons and purposes of the Exodus. As the Ten Commandments themselves begin: "I am the Lord your God Who took you out from the land of Egypt . . ." and then follow the commandments which, as our sages tell us, are really the major categories which encompass the entire 613 mitzvot.

We are all familiar with the four sons of the Haggadah. The wicked one says: "For what purpose is all this work to you?" (Exodus 12:26). The idea is that the "rasha" (wicked son) is scoffing and mocking at all of the Torah. It is antiquated; it is ritualistic; it's not relevant; it's burdensome. Why do we need all of this?

Judaism has never discouraged questioning. But the questions have to come from a mind that is genuinely seeking the truth, that starts with the premise that there is much that I don't know, that if great minds throughout the ages dedicated their lives to understanding the Torah, then there must be much that it can teach me.

The great Chofetz Chaim once offered the following parable:

There was a rich gentleman, a diamond dealer, who returned home from his business dealings. He had traveled a long way and was exhausted from the trip. He alighted from the coach in which he left his possessions, went into his house and asked his servant to please retrieve his valise. The man, a new servant, who was unfamiliar with his master's dealings came back huffing and puffing, the sweat pouring from his brow. It was quite obvious this was due to the great weight of the valise which he had lugged from the coach. Said his master to him, "If you are exhausted of carrying my valise then you obviously took another passenger's case from the coach. My valise was a small leather bag containing small diamonds. That's all I was carrying. It weighs very little and shouldn't have caused you any exertion."

Says the Chofetz Chaim: If we find Torah, mitzvot, Yiddishkeit in general, to be a burden; if we ask, "who needs this and what is it all about?" then it's obvious that we have picked up the wrong baggage. To the non-shomer Shabbos Jew (one who does not keep the laws of the Sabbath), Shabbos seems like such a burden. He can't imagine how one can survive the Shabbos; he certainly can't imagine how Shabbos can be the pleasure and delight that it is supposed to be. But ask any Shabbos observant Jew, and he will tell you, "thank God for Shabbos — I couldn't exist without it."

If we are to be able to pass on the lesson to our children, it behoves the parents to study the Torah and have the answers ready when their children ask the questions. At the very least, if they are unable to do this, then they are obligated to entrust their children to schools and Yeshivahs that can do the job on their behalf.

Rabbi Shimon Apiadorf created for the uninitiated, *The Passover Survival Kit*. If you find the seder boring and difficult to get through, it might be a good idea to start with this — I'm sure the book is available in all bookstores. Reading it carefully will hopefully prod the reader to take a long hard look at what Judaism is all about. It will urge us to find the answers to where do I come from? Where am I now? And where am I headed?

Perhaps those are good questions that even seasoned veterans of Jewish knowledge should ask themselves! Chag Somayach .

Bill paves the way for Shas to return to governing coalition

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Knesset last week approved a bill banning the importation of non-kosher meat and seafood, thereby clearing the way for the Orthodox Shas party to return to the governing coalition.

In marathon sessions before the Knesset recessed for Passover, Israeli legislators finally voted their approval of the ban in the early hours of last Wednesday.

Shas officials had been calling for the enactment of the legislation as a precondition for its return to the coalition. Shas left the coalition in the fall when its political leader, former Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, was indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of public trust.

The return of Shas to the coalition is significant because it assures Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of a parliamentary majority of 62 Knesset members. When Shas left the coalition last year, Rabin had to depend on the support of Arab members of the Knesset for a majority.

The measure passed the Knesset two days after Rabin and Deri initialed a new coalition agreement, which is expected to be ratified shortly by the Labor Party and by Shas spiritual leader and former Chief Rabbi Obadiah Yosef.

The bill ran into some last-minute snags earlier last week, when Shas leaders realized that the proposed legislation only banned the import of non-kosher beef. At their insistence, the bill was amended to bar imports of all non-kosher meat and seafood.

The bill came in the wake of a recent government decision to privatize meat imports. Israeli religious leaders had been concerned that privatization would enable businesses to import non-kosher meat.

In order to ban such imports, the Knesset first had to amend one of the basic laws that serve Israeli society in lieu of a constitution. Under the demands of coalition politics, the Labor Party pushed through the change in Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation to permit restrictions on economic freedom rooted in religious values.

This was a blow to the platform of Labor's left-wing coalition partner, Meretz, which had strongly supported the basic law and advocates the passage of others in order to introduce American-style civil liberties here.

Meretz swallowed the ban on non-kosher meat and even agreed to the shelving of the other proposed basic laws after much deliberation, in order to strengthen the coalition.

Front Line

No escape from confronting Hebron aftershocks

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

To foresee all the internal and external developments unleashed by the massacre in the mosque is beyond the ability of any observer. All one can do is to look at the situation with all the objectivity one can command, resist wishful thinking or excessive pessimism and see the new circumstances as they are. These days the picture is one of the most complicated in Israel's recent history.

For example: A wave of Arab revenge is expected and one of the most urgent problems now facing the government is not whether, but for how long, to maintain the presence of a handful of Jewish armed zealots and their huge families in Hebron. They insist on living with their 100 children in five little enclaves in the heart of that city, whose 120,000 Arabs are momentarily locked into their houses by a curfew which can not last. The present interlude resembles a ticking device, with an idle bomb-squad positioned around it, waiting for a dismantling order that is not coming or for a miracle that won't happen.

Many members of the government feel that these Jewish fanatics are in extreme physical danger and should be evacuated. There is also vast public support for such an overdue measure, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is not revealing his intentions. Although he too calls Hebron a time-bomb, he quotes the Oslo agreement with the PLO, which stipulates that settlements shall not be removed in the interim autonomy period. This argument is strong — an open agreement could lose its binding character — but a more weighty reason for his inaction is that his parliamentary majority is too fragile at this stage to sustain an internal crisis over the issue, which the rightist opposition will surely be eager to manufacture.

Rabin's attempt to increase his support in the Knesset beyond the return of the not-too-reliable Shas party to the fold, has so far failed. He may try again, after his return from his American visit, in the hope that co-opting another parliamentary group will not strangle the peace process altogether. He knows that inaction in Hebron could ignite bloody confrontations, but also that the forced evacuation of the zealots might require the use of force. Thus the excruciating dilemma of the government is that their choice is between two great risks.

Yeshayahu Anug

While the Jewish presence in Hebron is probably the most targeted objective of Arab vengeance, it is for now the most protected. But Arab revenge may seek other intermediary objectives. The present closure of the territories to Arab movement, the numerous curfews, as well as the huge deployment of security personnel, provide a high degree of prevention of terrorist activity; but no emergency measure can last for long. Thus Israel must be ready not only to foil but also to eventually absorb a measure of terrorist attacks in the territories, in South Lebanon and maybe even within the Green Line itself.

During the first days of its work, the Commission of Inquiry into the events in the mosque has uncovered a number of disturbing details concerning the lack of alertness of the security forces on the tragic Friday morning in February. But not less puzzling was the disclosure of regulations that had so far allegedly restricted the Army from using firepower against Jewish terrorists engaged in armed action against Arabs under any conditions.

The existence of such double standards, while use of firepower against Arab terrorism is not all that controlled, had been suspected and often even recorded by the media. Yet the sensational revelation, by a relatively senior member of the security forces during interrogation by the Commission, has led to the unbearable thought that even an effective military unit in place outside the Mosque would have been powerless against the Jewish mass-murderer. If the testimony of the officer is not convincingly discredited by the authorities, the Commission will eventually have to establish high-level military and political responsibility. This could well produce an institutional earthquake.

A closer look at the various army regulations now being made public in the wake of the officer's statement indicates that the regulations were at best ambiguous, and could indeed have been interpreted by him and by his subordinates as he understood them.

Since the signing of the Oslo and Washington agreements and up to the massacre in Hebron, setbacks in the negotiations were often straightened out in the prevailing "momentum" of the peace process. But the process has now lost so much of its grip on the situation, that even if it resumes after being patched up once more, it will continue to be very vulnerable.

Assuming that Rabin's coalition can somehow master the aftershocks of the massacre, what about Yasser Arafat's willingness and ability to steer himself and his untested PLO towards renewed co-operation? The events in Hebron and the bloody disturbances elsewhere have certainly had a devastating effect on his clout in the territories, but they have also offered him an irresistible opportunity to demand a higher price for the resumption of the peace process. As he is now the only plausible partner to a settlement, there is readiness in Israel to meet him more than half way, but he has asked for more than he can get. The government's internal freedom is restricted not just by objective security considerations but also by political inertia. Add to this — on the international level — the potential complications created by the sudden revival of global Russian activism, which may alter both the hitherto almost flawless co-operation with the United States and the Arab reliance on American mediation alone.

U.S. support for Israel is very much intact and likely to neutralize more harmful Russian initiatives, but it is a new situation that cannot be handled successfully even by the United States, without eliciting from Israel more concessions than could have been expected before Hebron. However, the worst scenario would still be an American disengagement from dealing actively with the thorny Mideastern issue. This is not very likely to happen, but President Bill Clinton's administration has enough on its plate, and its attitude will be probably determined by a cool evaluation of the chances of success.

If negotiations do, after all, resume, their agenda and their pace will have changed considerably compared to the pre-Hebron period. Contrary to the stipulation of the Oslo agreement, which provided for a five-year period in which the structure of the permanent settlements could be gradually worked out and also tested, the Arab side will want to shorten this period. It will also press for earlier clarification of the most controversial issues, such as Jerusalem, frontiers and, above all, the immediate future of the Jewish settlements.

As for the latter, Israel's professed ability to somehow manage the uneasy co-existence of settlers and Arabs in the territories has now, after Hebron, suffered an almost irreversible setback.

Family name not taken lightly by Montefiore

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Old Sir Moses Montefiore made seven arduous journeys last century in his horsedrawn carriage during visits to the Holy Land, the last time at the age of 90, to bring succor to the Jews. But the great benefactor's deeds pale in comparison to a single trip made by Adam Montefiore. A descendant of Sir Moses' nephew, Adam came to the Holy Land four years ago with his family to live.

"It's not easy," he said. "It's a struggle making a living, like it is for anyone else. I have the Montefiore name, but not his money."

Moses Montefiore was childless, but he bequeathed his English estate at Ramsgate and much of his fortune to a favorite nephew, Joseph. Adam is a great-great-grandson of Joseph.

Adam Montefiore took time out recently from the harried life of an immigrant trying to keep his head above water to play the role of quasi-Lord of the Manor at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Mishkenot Sha'ananim guest house in Jerusalem.

It was Moses who had built Mishkenot in 1860, the first building outside the walls of the Old City, using funds from a bequest left by New Orleans merchant Judah Touro.

After delivering some brief remarks at the recent celebration, Montefiore graciously accepted the congratulations of guests at the garden tea party which followed. The Montefiore name definitely had an allure for those attending. He made it clear in private conversation, however, that the evening's role was only a brief flight of fancy.

"Back in Oxfordshire, we had a big house, a view of cornfields and horses, two cars. My wife didn't work. It's very different now."

Since arriving on aliyah in 1989, the Montefiores and their three children have been iving in Ra'anana. They spent their initial months in an absorption centre. Because of shaky real-estate values in England, they have not sold their house there and are making do in Israel on their salaries.

Montefiore's wife, Jill, works for a travel agency. Adam, 35, who had worked in England as an executive with a large beverage company — his expertise was wines — found work as a sales manager with the Carmel Mizrahi winery. After two years, he switched to a winery on the Golan Heights. He works in market development, operating out of an office in Tel Aviv but travelling up to the Golan once or twice a week for formal tasting sessions. "We do blind tasting against the competition." It is, he says, work that he loves.

The Montefiore children — Liam, 17, David, 10, and Rachel, 7 — found immigrating "very tough," Montefiore said. "But they now talk and behave like Israelis."

Aliyah is tough for grownups, too. "You're always a bit of an outsider and life is a struggle financially." The rest of his family is still in England. He has three brothers, two of whom are journalists and the other a land agent.

Why had he come? It is a question he has plainly been asked often before and his initial answer rolls lightly off the tongue. "I'm a bit crazy maybe. Also very Zionistic. I like the people, the food, the customs."

Did his connection to Moses Montefiore play a role? "I didn't come for that reason, but once having come it has made a difference." He ruminates a bit. "It's nice to have one's children brought up in a Jewish country, where it's normal to be Jewish. You don't have to make a special effort."

Moses Montefiore wanted Mishkenot Sha'ananim to lure people out of the overcrowded and unsanitary Jewish Quarter. Mishkenot's success would usher in the building of modern, extramural Jerusalem.

During the early years of the state, the building had largely lain derelict under the guns of Jordanian soldiers on the walls of the Old City. After the Six Day War, Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Jerusalem Foundation decided to convert it into a guest house for visiting artists and scholars whose presence would enhance the cultural life of Jerusalem. Funding was provided by American developer William Levitt, whose contribution to American culture had been the construction of the post-World War II, low-price suburban Levittowns. His contribution to culture in Jerusalem would be more elitist.

About 5,000 guests have passed through Mishkenot in its 20 years, including numerous figures of world rank like Saul Bellow and Marc Chagall.

The 10 charming apartments — which can be subdivided into 20 separate units — offer tranquility, small kitchens and stunning views of the Old City walls and Mount Zion. There is a cozy lobby where guests can mingle, but they can have as much privacy as they choose.

Initially hosting artists free of charge, there is now a charge ranging from $85 to $150 a day, depending on the apartment. All guests must be approved by a selection committee. There are frequent cultural events including lectures and symposia tailored to the interests of the guests. These events are not open to the general public but draw an invited audience of Israelis in parallel spheres.

The family name is not taken lightly by Adam Montefiore and the story of Moses Montefiore has been passed on to his children. "They all know who they are and where they come from. That's very important. We get a lot of naches from the name, but the children also know that [the glory of the name] is reflected on them, that it is not about something I have done myself."

Members of old aristocratic Jewish families in England prefer to holiday in Israel once in a while and send money, he says, not to come on aliyah. "In that way maybe I have done something that other members of the family haven't done."

Israel — the most magical place on earth

By RHONDA LEWIS

I had known for years that I wanted to study in Israel for the third and final year of my undergraduate degree, but when the time came to leave Toronto, I felt unprepared. A year seemed like a long time to be away from friends and family you love, but this was a year I needed, to learn about the land and people of Israel, my heritage and culture — and to simply learn more about myself and what I wanted in life.

In school, I had learned the incredible history of this country and I had studied its foreign policies, decision-making and routines. But none of this prepared me for the reality.

The High Holidays were a very different experience. I did not attend synagogue, as I always have at home, but rather went to the Western Wall to pray. I remember feeling overwhelmed when I thought about exactly where I was standing — touching "the" Wall. I really felt like a part of Jewish history. I was invited to dinner with a gracious family in the Old City who opened doors of Judaism for me that I never knew existed. We discussed the significance of every item on the table, and by the time we finished dinner, I felt like I had just learned an entire haggadah (minus the four cups of wine). I left feeling new excitement about the year that was to come.

I was fortunate enough to have both my parents visit me this year. My father came for my birthday in the fall, and I was proud to show him "my" Jerusalem. My mother arrived in mid-December, in time for the Chanukah celebrations which we attended in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat. In every hotel, menorahs were lit and Chanukah donuts served to all. It was a very special time for both of us. My father is coming again in May; by then, hopefully, I'll be a certified tour guide!

To anyone thinking of spending any time in Israel — be it a week or a year — I have found it to be the most magical place on Earth. From Metulla on the Lebanese border to Eilat on the Egyptian border, every section of the country has something unique to offer each visitor.

I wake up every day, look outside and smile. Why shouldn't I? Here I am in the Holy Land — the land of my ancestors and my roots. I could not have imagined some of the things I have done or seen — scuba diving in the Sinai and Eilat, rappeling and hiking in the Golan Heights, and more. I am truly thankful for the opportunities I have at my disposal. My Judaism is a more important part of my life now — and I look forward to the four months I have left in Israel, to learning and seeing as much as I possibly can of this spectacular country.

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Pesach 5754

After the sightings of the first three stars in the Saturday night sky, Jews all over the world, like synchronous waves in a rising tide, will recite the blessing over the wine: thank the Almighty for bringing us yet again to another seder; and formally usher in the holiday of *Pesach 5754.*

As all of us know, the seder is a singularly special occasion among Jewish holidays. It overflows with expressions of thanksgiving and song and praise, as do other holidays. But it exceeds "mere" celebration in a way far beyond all other holidays. Indeed, that is its essence.

The seder is the divinely-appointed time of the year for retelling the story of the exodus from Egypt. However, as the late Rav Joseph Soloveitchik pointed out, retelling the story is only part of the purpose of the seder.

"The events of yetziat mitzrayim (the Exodus from Egypt) are not only relevant to us, rather, we are actually re-experiencing history on the night of the seder. It is a current as well as a historical event."

This is clear from the passage in the Haggadah which bids each one of us to look upon ourselves as if we personally had been liberated from Egypt. However, what is equally clear in the Haggadah is the group context for such individual re-experience. While it is true that the soul of the individual must soar to a point in the national past, it must do so through collective experience and collective memory.

The Haggadah sends out a pointed message regarding the importance of national unity. It summons us to come together and to sit together and to speak together. The very first words of telling the story set the tone. "Let *all* who hunger come and eat. Let *all* who are in need come and observe the Pesach!" There is no equivocation in the Haggadah's words.

Similarly in the reference to four types of children, the Haggadah emphasizes that each child must be taught according to his or her individual level. None are to be excluded.

A more subtle example of the importance placed by the Haggadah on unity can be adduced in the reference to the discussions among the five distinguished Tannaitic Rabbanim in B'nei Brak which lasted to the early hours of the next morning. The rabbis specifically named-came from very different social and economic backgrounds; poor and wealthy, old and young, priest and the child, or possibly the grandchild, of a convert. And yet, these great scholars and leaders celebrated each other's company.

As we turn to the Haggadah on Saturday night, we will be comforted by the droplets of wine we see permanently stained into its pages. They are markers of many prior Pesachs and partial proofs of an ancient but unbroken affiliation to a religion, a people and a Land. Those wine-stained pages bid us to be a united people. This year, may we also be comforted by evidence of a renewed commitment to follow this bidding.

15 years later

Fifteen years ago, on March 26, 1979, on the White House lawn, Israel and Egypt signed the peace treaty which was the culmination of Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat's revolutionary visit to Jerusalem in 1977 and the framework Camp David Accords negotiated in 1978. At the signing ceremony, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin spoke of the historic significance of the moment. He placed the event in both a national and a personal context. His words lend poignancy to the uncertainty over the current state of the peace process:

"Despite the tragedies and disappointment of the past, we must never forsake that vision [of the prophet Isaiah], that human dream, that unshakeable faith.

"Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth. Peace is all of these and more, and more."

Then, addressing his remarks to President Sadat personally, Prime Minister Begin uttered words which echo with urgency today.

"In the face of adversity and hostility you have demonstrated the human value that can change history: civil courage. A great field commander once said that civil courage is sometimes more difficult to show than military courage. You showed both, Mr. President. But now it is time for all of us to show civil courage, in order to proclaim to our peoples and to others: no more war, no more bloodshed, no more bereavement — peace unto you. Shalom, Salaam forever."

One cannot reflect on this anniversary without pausing to consider the irony in the present situation.

Had the Palestinian leadership displayed at that time the civil courage of which Menachem Begin spoke, then March 26, 1994, in all likelihood would have marked the 10th anniversary of some form of Palestinian self-rule and autonomy, if not independence.

And where is that civil courage today?

CAMBODIAN PRINCE VISITS

His Royal Highness Prince Sdech Krom Khun Noradom Sirivudh of Cambodia offered prayers at the Western Wall during his recent visit to Israel. The prince, who is also Cambodia's foreign minister, held talks with President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and announced plans to open a Cambodian mission in Tel Aviv. [IPPA Photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

SCHINDLER'S NEIGHBOR

I must correct you on a point of fact in the Feb. 17 issue.

You state that Oskar Schindler did not go back to Germany after the war.

Schindler lived at 25 Nurenburger-Strasse, Regensburg for the entire year of 1946, and, if memory serves, the early part of 1947.

I know as I lived in the next apartment of the seven unit building with my brother for that entire time and once even nursed the Schindler dog "Amanget" back to health with a glass of vodka. (I would not have done that for his namesake, the hated commander in Pleshow!)

I. Landgarten
Toronto

Editor's note: Maurice Lucow responds that Schindler's return to Germany was not mentioned in the interview and speech he covered. However, he notes that the Jewish Western Bulletin of Vancouver in their story said Leopold Page met Schindler in Germany in December 1945 and that Schindler, after a failed marriage and several failed businesses, went back to Germany from Argentina, where he had moved immediately after the war.

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RELATIVES IN RUSSIA

Reading about a paper given at the Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in Toronto (*The CJN* July 22, 1993) by Alexander Kronick, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Moscow, I contacted the Canadian Jewish Genealogical Society asking whether the Moscow group might be in a position to track down the fate and location of cousins (married names uinknown) last heard from in 1963, and how to initiate such a request.

I am grateful to Morris Reitman of the Toronto society for giving me good advice that led to successful results: volunteer workers of the Moscow group had by December 1994 located the relatives and reported to me, this all being done at modest cost to cover their expenses. These volunteer workers would be happy to provide similar service to others for searches in Russia or the CIS. Contact should be made to: Matthew Chlenov, Klinskaya u1 16-102, Moscow 125475, Russia.

Isaac Ginsburg
Ottawa

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SEEKS MARITIME VETS

I am presently working to put together the only war memorial dedicated to Jewish service men and women from the Maritime provinces who served in World War II. The memorial will be on permanent display in Tiferes Israel Synagogue in Moncton, NB.

I would appreciate hearing from any Jewish personnel from the Maritimes who were on active service. I am seeking details on Maritime personnel who served in all theatres of war, in all branches of the service, to ensure a complete record.

Please write with your information, to Morris Jake, RCAF, P.O. Box 623, Moncton, NB, E1C 8M7.

Morris Jake, RCAF
Moncton, NB.

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APPEAL FROM DOWN UNDER

I am seeking the whereabouts of Peter Fritz; he was born in Hungary and most likely resided in Budapest. He apparently emigrated to Canada after World War II. He is my father's first cousin. My father's name was originally Geza Fritz. Peter Fritz's father and my paternal grandfather, Moritz Fritz were brothers.

Peter Fritz was a friend of one Anton Bauer who emigrated to Sydney, Australia. The two friends kept in touch for many years until just a few years ago.

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HURRAY FOR NOVEMBER

Re the article by Jack Chisvin, "February — the month dedicated to love" (Feb. 24):

Mr. Chisvin says that November is a month without virtue. I would just like him to know that in our home, November is the most wonderful month of the year as our four children were born in November.

No dark, damp joyless days in the Einstoss household, just a lot of love and happiness.

Sonia Einstoss
Toronto

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CAN THERE BE REAL PEACE?

Everybody and his brother has an opinion about what the Israeli government should do with its Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since the Hebron massacre. The PLO is backing off from the peace talks with Israel; Bedouin Arabs are siding with the PLO; Israeli Arabs are protesting; it's havoc.

Didn't everyone suspect that the peace talks between Israel and the PLO would cause bloodshed? For a person who lived in Israel for almost three years of her life, I certainly did. The Israeli and Arab nations have been enemies for many years. Both are hostile and will not refrain from voicing or acting upon their anger.

However, this does not mean that every Jewish Israeli or Arab is a killer. Both have their extremists as any nation does, and they are capable of committing the kind of terrorism that the world has witnessed since the peace talks began. Whether a pregnant woman is murdered in front of her husband and children, or a mass of people is attacked while praying both are acts of evil.

There is no foolproof solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict. Movements such as Kach, the one that the Hebron Massacre killer, Baruch Goldstein belonged to, want to see the Arabs get out of Israel, either by force or by death. The PLO is a terrorist organization which wants to annihilate the state of Israel, exterminate the Jews. Peace between these two is a contradiction in terms.

The rest of both nations have mixed feelings, but when it comes down to it, does either want to live side by side with its worst enemy? Will every single person accept peace as a truism and never draw a gun to protest it?

Reba Auslander
Toronto

Opinion

What was in Goldstein's mind at Hebron?

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Much has been written in the general and Jewish media about the massacre at Hebron when a Jewish physician, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, killed a large group of Arabs engaged in prayer. Nothing has been quite the same since then: the peace process is in jeopardy, revenge has taken its toll on a number of fronts — not only against Jews but also against others. The circle of violence is hard to stop.

Thoughtful comments on the dreadful event have been expressed by Israeli and Diaspora Jewish leaders, political analysts and rabbis. There is a strong temptation to say "Enough." In fact, a friend of mine confided: "I was glad to read your article on Hawaii because, after dealing with the terrible news, there was something light, sunny and hopeful. It brightened my day — thank you."

Still, ever since I heard of the massacre (the day after Purim; we were still in Hawaii at the time), it has not let me rest. Here then are some additional thoughts.

Goldstein has been described over and over as "deranged," a "madman," as "someone whose mind snapped." Just what do these terms mean? Where is the dividing line between normalcy and madness? There seems to be no indication that Goldstein was mad in the ordinary sense of the mind. Were the matter brought to court, his defence attorney would probably plead temporary insanity and a jury would have to decide whether such terminology applied in this case.

But no one knows for sure. What drives a man used to prayer and religious living to a thoroughly reprehensible, irreligious act? Did he think that the "Jude" badge he put on his chest would honor those whom it had marked for death?

Rabbi Plaut

I am neither a psychologist nor a psychiatrist, and even if I were both of these I would not really know how Goldstein came to commit multiple murder. I am left with uncomfortable feelings and I want to share them with you.

To begin with, I take it that by all accounts, he had appeared as a normal person within the range of that expression. Rabbi Riskin suggests that the death of Goldstein's dearest friend and of other Jews killed by terror may have been the immediate cause of his act. Probably, likely, but there were other reasons as well.

He had political convictions. He belonged to Kach and therefore subscribed to the idea that Jews could live in peace in Israel only if all Arabs were removed from the country. Therefore the current peace process was a nightmare to him, for it foresees an arrangement whereby Jews and Arabs will live together inside Israel as partners, and Jews in the territories will be a minority, most likely governed not by Israel but by an Arab entity.

Thus to Goldstein, the peace process itself which seemed to march forward despite all obstacles that had been placed in its way, had become a terrible threat. How could it be reversed? I am sure that Goldstein and many others who have opposed it have asked themselves this question. But while everyone else is thinking of political means, Goldstein — already on the fringe of the political spectrum — went one step further. Perhaps he was not deranged at all, but did his terrible deed with full consciousness and, knowing that he would not survive it, left a note affirming his love of Israel.

If so, there was no temporary insanity at all but the end of a process of cogitation which led him to commit this act. He knew (so one might speculate) that he would with one fell stroke derail a process which he thought would lead to the destruction of Israel. Therefore it is no surprise that in some quarters he has been hailed as a hero. Even those who thoroughly disapprove of what he did (so one of them told me) say that objectively speaking their own position has been advanced by his nefarious deed.

And something else. It was Purim time when he shot into the unarmed group of worshippers. Did he visualize himself in terms of the Book of Esther? Most people who listen to the Megillah have never really read the full text carefully, but I am sure Goldstein had. In the ninth chapter we are told that on Purim the Jews killed 500 men in the capital of Shushan and the next day another 300, and that in the provinces they slew 75,000. Commentators carefully call our attention to the fact that they slew their enemies, that is people who had raised their hands against them.

It is possible that Goldstein saw himself as a descendant of those who celebrated the first Purim, as one who prevented others from killing him by killing them first. Of course, the Arabs at prayer were no immediate threat — but, to him, they appeared as a potential danger and that was enough.

And finally, who knows but that he also believed that this was something that God wanted him to do. He had no illusions about his own fate and was ready to lay down his life. He may belong to the many who have walked the pages of history and have killed others while shouting the name of God.

I really know none of the above, but as a footnote to a deed that has shocked us all it might focus on the parameters of real peace. For peace is more than an absence of war, it must proceed from our state of mind.

Hard to say goodbye even after 98 years

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My grandmother, Anne Berney Heineman Beer, was 98 when she passed away last month. No one can complain about a span of that generosity, and her life was good until the last couple of years. Well into her 90s, she remained astute, well informed, independent and optimistic.

She lived in a beautiful, resident-governed, retirement community with many other older people. This facility has a large library; an elegant main dining room; separate apartments for the able-bodied; private studios along a dormitory hallway for those who need some care; and hospital style rooms for those who need lots of help. The establishment offers workshops, concerts, landscape grounds, and a full menu of activities. As such places go, it's the best. But even the nicest place can't compensate for the loss of abilities that comes with great old age, only kindness and spirit can do that.

After she was no longer well enough to spend her winters in Florida with us, I would fly up to visit her two or three times a year. By her mid-90s, my grandmother still thought pretty clearly, but she didn't see very well anymore. On one particular visit, when she was about 65, I also began to worry that she wasn't hearing very well either. Then I discovered she'd put on her hearing aids without batteries (too small for folks with bad eyesight to see), so instead of helping her hear, they had become a pair of perfectly fitted ear plugs.

Once we solved that, we went to sit outside on the patio. Though she saw only shapes and shadows, my grandmother enjoyed the breeze, the aromas, and the company of two of her friends: Martha, who didn't remember very well, and Evelyn, who didn't hear very well, with or without hearing aids.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Over time, I joined many conversations among the three of them — see no evil, hear no evil, and recall no evil — and I discovered that their chats occurred on three different planes within three separate realities. Any topic worth considering was worth considering six or seven times. Once I got accustomed to this, it had a certain warmth and rhythm.

"Not much breeze, not a twig moving," said Martha.

"What wig?" said Evelyn.

"NO TWIG MOVING," said Martha.

"True, and not a cloud in the sky," said Evelyn.

"Feels like a nice night," said my grandmother. "Maybe tomorrow will be cooler."

"You need a ruler?" said Evelyn.

"COOLER," said my grandmother.

"Sure is. Not much breeze, not a twig moving," said Martha.

On they went. If you had to be very, very old, and slightly infirm, this was the way to do it: sitting in the soft twilight with good friends. And that is what my "Mutti" did, as often as she could, until one morning last month. She had been dreadfully sick in the night, and when morning came, she looked at her nurse, said "Thank you," and died.

I can't imagine what it will be like to live without her; we were best of friends my whole life. But in a way her presence is stronger to me today than it was during the last couple of years, when she was alive, but trapped: she could not see, could barely hear or move, and could not remember anyone except her daughters, my mom and my aunt. I know that wherever she is today, she again knows who I am, because it was so painful for both of us when she forgot me. I hope she still again can peer at my "busy-ness" and shake her head fondly, and mutter in her European voice, "remarkable."

We used to talk on the phone for hours, and I've been talking to her all week, elaborate mental conversations, keeping her close by, imagining what she must have seen in nearly 100 years. She grew up in Germany, a pioneer career woman, a teacher and librarian. When my Grandfather was taken to Buchenwald after Kristallnacht, she marched into Gestapo headquarters bearing his World War I medal, proclaimed that they had accidentally jailed a war hero, and — astoundingly — won his freedom . . . but that was early. With trauma and difficulty, they left Germany and survived. She went from wealth in Mainz to taking in sewing in Charleston, South Carolina, two ordinary lifetimes ago.

Her husband — my grandfather — lay down for a nap one afternoon in his 55th year and never woke up. She became a sorority house mother, a self-sufficient woman at a big university and then worked as a librarian in a small college town. Late in life (she thought it was late; it turned out to be relatively early compared to how much longer her life would be) she remarried. There were good years, and there were the years he spent forgeting and dying. He has already been gone a long time. Small gray, silver-framed photographs of these two men flanked the clock on her desk for decades. In her 90s, she could not see the pictures, but she still knew the faces.

My grandmother was amazed to get to be so old; it seemed impossible to her. Well into her 90s, she still dressed for dinner nightly, watched *Washington Week in Review* weekly, and enjoyed life all the time, though she dreadfully missed reading. She always had hope, she always learned from everyone and every experience. If I can keep that, I can keep her with me just a little longer. Even after 98 years, it is hard to say goodbye.

Did you ever see a naked turkey trot?

By JACK CHISVIN

In word associations most people are likely to match Pesach with matzah. Not me — to me Pesach is synonymous with wine. My earliest memory of Pesach is that of the whole mishpachah, aunts, uncles and cousins crowded around my grandparents seder table where wine (home-made) was central to the occasion.

The table was set with Elijah's beautiful silver koss (wine goblet) in the centre, at the ends cut crystal wine decanters which arrived with my bubbie from the old country, and at each place setting a sparkling wine glass, all used only this one time in the year. Wine dominated the conversation. Everyone had a differing opinion whether this year's wine was as sweet, as red, as strong, as clear as last year's. It was also an event when the children were permitted to drink. It was the parents' ploy to keep them at the table until they were let loose to search for the afikomen.

The centre point of the seder is the Haggadah — questioning and storytelling of the Exodus. As much as reading the Haggadah, our family seder would not be complete without my zayde retelling his own story — an anecdote about his personal exodus from Russia. You should know that my zayde was not very loquacious, actually he very seldom spoke, he seemed to be shrouded in a cloud of benign silence. But on Pesach, stepping out of character, he would retell this story.

On his arrival from Russia he settled on a homestead eking out a meagre existence by growing vegetables and tending a few animals. In the autumn of his first year on the land, as was his custom, he put up the wine for the coming Pesach. After the grapes fermented, not knowing better, he threw the solids into the turkey pen.

Following a gluttonous feast on the solids, the turkeys were overcome by the residual alcohol and fell asleep. Seeing the turkeys in a prone position, the farmhand thought that they had died so he plucked them. The story ended appropriately, with a question: "Did you ever see a naked turkey trot?" he asked in Yiddish with a trace of a smile as my bubbie served the main course — a turkey.

Jack Chisvin

Wine has always been present in Jewish tradition, mentioned 155 times in the Bible. People of biblical times preferred imbibing wine to water. Most of our knowledge about wine in antiquity comes from Talmudic literature, which records the existence of at least 60 kinds.

Wine provided high energy for Noah and his crew and King Solomon courted the Queen of Sheba with wine. To this day Jewish ritual requires wine: a male child tastes wine for the first time at his brit millah; the first act of togetherness for a married couple, even before consumating their marriage, is to sip wine out of the same cup under the chupah; and how can you have kiddush without wine?

Amongst the many impositions our government makes in our private lives is to dictate what wine we shall drink. But by paying a tithe to the Liquor Control Board and the applicable excise and sales taxes, it is permissible to bring back a case of wine from south of the border. If one is interested in acquiring a variety of half-decent bottles of kosher wine, it becomes a worthwhile exercise, not so much because of the money saved, but because of the far greater choice available.

When it comes to buying automobiles my friend Marty and I don't see eye to eye, but when it comes to buying wine, we are of one mind. Early one December, in anticipation of a long cold winter, together with our sleep-in wine mavens, we took a trip to Buffalo to replenish our cellars. One favorite wine store is huge, containing a selection of the best kosher wines from all over the world. We agreed to concentrate on particular French vintage wines to be drunk at festive tasting soirees during the course of the approaching winter.

As if by instinct we both homed in on a well-aged Burgundy. After studying the label, a part of the mystique of wine-buying, we independently concluded it was a "buy." To our regret we learned that this was the only bottle available. Short of pistols at dawn, how were we to decide which one of us was to get custody of this treasure? In consultation with our accompanying people we reached a rabbinic decision — we would buy the bottle as co-owners and not trusting each other to take it home for safe keeping, it was ceremoniously opened and consumed in a park on Grand Island overlooking the Niagara River, fifteen minutes after leaving the store.

Oenologists don't need my guidance, but for those who are ready to go beyond the Manischewitz stage, I share our strategy. As we could purchase 12 bottles each (four cases) we bought an equal number of whites and reds, split between Burgundies (stout bottle with sloping shoulders) and Bordeaux (slim bottle with high shoulders), some for current consumption at our wine tasting evenings, and some to lay down for further aging.

Impressing others by seeming to know something about wine has become fashionable. For a cursory education you can read *Winetasters Secrets* by Andrew Sharp; or for a more in-depth study *The Encyclopedia of Wine* by Alex Lichines; or for mere fun *The Official Guide to Wine Snobbery* by Leonard S. Bernstein. But the best way to enjoy and learn about wine is to drink it.

It is not to be construed that France is the only country capable of producing good kosher wines — many other countries around the world including Italy, Spain and the United States produce excellent wines, some of which were released by Vintages (the fine beverages division of the LCBO), in time for Pesach, and Israeli wines from the Golan are superb. We read in *Ecclesiastes*, "A feast is made for laughter and wine maketh merry." A dry Reisling can add a touch of class to gefilte fish and while not turning flanken into prime rib, a robust Cabernet Sauvignon can help one pretend.

Omar Khayyam wrote that friends and wine should be chosen with equal care. Drinking wine is an experience in good living. Medical evidence suggests that wine, unlike other enjoyable things, is good for your health. But not everyone would agree, as for example the author who wrote:

Wine is a bad thing:
It makes you quarrel with your neighbor;
It makes you shoot at your landlord;
It makes you miss him.

Features

Gila Almagor never wastes time

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"I don't stop working, thank God," said Gila Almagor, arguably Israel's best-known actress.

Having appeared in more Israeli films than anyone else, she is indeed a busy lady.

In the past year, she has starred in two movies and in one TV drama on the Holocaust shot on location in Poland. In addition, she hosted an AIDS benefit in Tel Aviv.

How does she manage? "I never waste time," said the trim, black-clad thespian, who was in Toronto fairly recently as a guest of the first Israeli Film Festival. "Time is precious."

In a career which began when she was just 17, Almagor has made the most of her years.

On stage, she has portrayed a variegated array of characters, including Anne Frank, Peter Pan, Maggie in Arthur Miller's *After the Fall* and Masha in Anton Chekhov's *The Three Sisters*.

A versatile actress of considerable range, she has performed in Israel's best theatres — Habima, Cameri and Bimot.

A towering figure in Israeli cinema, Almagor has starred in more than 40 films, from *Siege* and *The House on Shlush Street* to *Salah Shabati* and *Life According to Agfa*.

Critics generally agree that her most distinguished film is *The Summer of Aviya*, directed by her friend, Eli Cohen.

Based on her best-selling book, *The Summer of Aviya* is semi-autobiographical, and turns on one summer vacation a perceptive 10-year-old girl spends with her mother, a mentally-disturbed Holocaust survivor. Almagor, a co-producer, plays Henya, the mother.

Although it cost next to nothing by North American standards, merely $370,000 (U.S.), it turned a tidy profit, quite rare for an Israeli film. Still more gratifyingly, it generated an enormously positive response from the media and won awards at festivals in Germany, Italy, Spain, Holland and, of course, Israel. No Israeli film, before or since, has been so acclaimed abroad.

It's not a coincidence that, in *The Summer of Aviya*, she depicts her mother. "I mothered my mother," she explained. "It was a case of reversed roles."

Almagor, who is married to noted theatrical producer Yaacov Agmon, was born in Petah Tikvah in 1939, just after the death of her 25-year-old father. An emigre from Nazi Germany, he was killed by an Arab sniper's bullet.

Almagor's mother, a Polish Jew who somehow made her way to Palestine on the eve of World War II, lost her entire family in the Holocaust. "She never forgave herself for having survived. She never recovered from the guilt. She had psychotic trips. She was sure she was somewhere in the woods, or in a concentration camp."

Her mother spent the last 28 years of her life in a mental asylum, and Almagor was deeply marked by her descent into insanity.

"You know, I see myself as a Holocaust survivor," she said in an interview at the Park Plaza Hotel. "I was born in Israel. But my generation was a victim of the times. The nightmares of our parents were our nightmares. We sucked the Holocaust with our milk. It was in the air, but it was a hush-hush subject."

In the 1950s, when she was growing up in the new Jewish state, the Holocaust, more often than not, was swept under the rug. "There was a tendency to erase the past, to say what happened, happened, let's put our energy into building a strong, healthy Israel. The subtext was: no more sheep to the slaughter. This all changed with the Eichmann trial, which glued the country to the radio.

"Now, of course, every child knows about the Shoah. Now we read a lot about it, though we still don't understand it."

Because the Holocaust is such a central event in Jewish history, Almagor practically weaned her 19-year-old daughter and only child, Hagar, on it. "I forced her to read books and watch films. But I haven't been able to convince her to see the concentration camps."

Almagor, who herself has yet to make the circuit of the camps, plans to do so when she travels to Poland.

Almagor wrote *The Summer of Aviya* in 1987, during a crisis. "I was in a bad personal situation and I was beginning to crack up. In order not to lose my sanity, I began to write. I had never written a line before. I wrote it for myself. I never dreamed anyone would read it."

The book, as well as the play, received rave reviews. Now into its 15th Hebrew edition, *The Summer of Aviya* has been translated into nine languages, including Russian, Danish and French. "In France, it's one of the top ten books for young readers in libraries," she said with maternal pride.

Almagor travelled around the world staging *The Summer of Aviya*, and all together, she appeared in 600 performances of the play.

The film version, she said, has been a watershed in her professional life, having opened "many gates." Among other things, she has been invited to sit on international film festival juries.

Emboldened by the success of *The Summer of Aviya*, Almagor has written her second book, which is also semi-autobiographical and deals with the aftereffects of the Holocaust.

Published in Israel in April 1992 under the title of *Etz Hadumim Tafus*, it garnered rave reviews. English and German editions are planned.

Despite her stature as an actress, Hollywood has never beckoned. When she was much younger, she got a tempting offer from an agent in Paris, but didn't go because she preferred to live in Israel.

Like Edith Piaf, she has no regrets. "You can do in a tiny, little country so much!" she declared. "In a way, Israel is a country of endless possibilities."

In her opinion, Israeli films have undergone considerable improvement in the last few years. "We have a film school in Israel and a faculty of cinema at Tel Aviv University. And today, the government realizes that film is an art form and needs — and deserves — financial support."

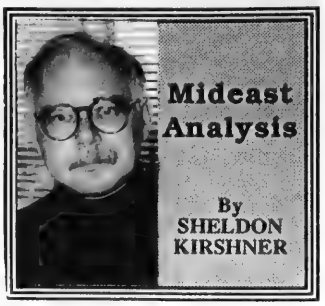
But the industry is not as well developed as it could be. "We have good technicians and good actors. But we have a problem with the quality of our scripts."

Like most Israelis, Almagor is politically involved.

A peacenik, she sympathized with Peace Now's positions long before they were effectively adopted by the current Israeli government.

She's optimistic about the prospects for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement. "But I'm realistic," she added. "It'll take time and they'll be bumps along the way. We tried wars. Now we must give peace a chance."

Gila Almagor in The Summer of Aviya.



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When the deranged Israeli settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire on Muslim worshippers in Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs on Feb. 25, he was animated by two broad objectives.

He would exact revenge for the murders of fellow settlers who had been gunned down by Palestinian extremists.

He would deal the peace process, as exemplified by last September's Israel-PLO agreement on limited Palestinian autonomy, a death blow.

That Goldstein — a leader of the lunatic fringe Kach movement — succeeded in avenging the deaths of Israelis who have been wantonly killed by Palestinians is beyond doubt. By mowing down about 30 Palestinians in cold blood, Goldstein set a chilling new standard for irrational behavior and achieved historic notoriety.

And although the unprecedented massacre prompted the PLO, as well as Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, to suspend peace talks with Israel, the negotiations are bound to be resumed sooner rather than later because a diplomatic resolution of the debilitating Arab-Israeli conflict is in everyone's long-range interest.

Neither one man, nor one despicable misdeed, can stop the tide of history.

If anything, the slaughter in Hebron is likely to strenghten the hand of liberal ministers in the Israeli cabinet and harden public opinion against the settlers, who as a group vehemently oppose the Declaration of Principles embodying Israel's accord with the PLO.

Even before Goldstein's rampage, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who has taken a leading role in promoting a rapprochement with the Palestinians, pointedly questioned "the logic" of maintaining small, isolated settlements in the seething Gaza Strip, which is to be given up in any case.

Goldstein's massacre has backfired

In a similar vein, Peres' hardnosed colleague, Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet, suggested that some settlements in densely populated Arab areas of the territories would have to be abandoned as part of the price for peace.

Peres and Shetreet are not loose cannons. To a large degree, they echo the sentiments of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a cautious politician who has drawn a distinction between vital "security" and dispensable "political" settlements.

Since Goldstein's outrage, this philosophical orientation has been buttressed. For starters, it is reported that seven out of 15 ministers now would be inclined to clear about 450 settlers out of the heart of Hebron, whose previous Jewish community was destroyed in a pogrom in 1929.

In the eyes of these ministers, and of many ordinary Israelis too, the settlers are an unnecessary source of friction with the Arab inhabitants of Hebron, and a high security risk.

More to the point, the bloody event in Hebron may finally have convinced Rabin and his associates that Jewish extremism, which was openly tolerated by the Likud regime, must be drastically curbed, if not eradicated.

Kach — the late Rabbi Meir Kahane's racist party — and its poisonous offshoot, Kahane Chai, have been banned and some of its members disarmed and detained.

And, as Peres indicated last week, Israel is considering further measures to control Jewish extremists.

Certainly, the United States, which has an unmistakable interest in the ultimate success of the still-unimplemented Declaration of Principles, has urged Israel to get tough with radical settlers.

In all likelihood, Rabin will intensify the crackdown on these forces, whose overarching aim is to scuttle the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Given the threat from Hamas, Rabin has no intention of disarming all the settlers, nor tinkering with the Declaration of Principles' timetable for discussion of the eventual fate of the settlements.

But is seems clear that the Israeli government has finally decided that a showdown with Jewish extremists, which is long overdue, has become compellingly inevitable.

An artist's fascinating life

By CARL ALPERT

Recently, 19 years after his death, Reuben Rubin, one of the giants of Israeli art, was memorialized in Tel Aviv by the naming of a street after him. His widow, Esther, was given a voice in the selection of the street, she told me, but rather than a bustling thoroughfare, she chose a quiet side street where Rubin's "neighbors" are other distinguished personalities from the cultural and artistic life of the city.

Rubin's life makes a fascinating story. Born in Romania into a family of 13 children, he went to Palestine in 1912 at the age of 19, then travelled for 10 years, returning to this country in 1922. Like almost every great artist, he went through several creative periods, but almost from the beginning his talents were widely recognized and appreciated.

This is not the place for an appraisal of his art, but connoisseurs treasure his work, and many of his pieces are to be found in the great museums of the world. "A national monument in his lifetime," one critic wrote of him. In 1949, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion named him Israeli ambassador to Romania, adding another dimension to a distinguished career.

No less interesting is the story of his wife, who today reigns as a queen of social and art life at her homes in Tel Aviv and Caesarea. Not all who visit the Rubin Museum on Bialik Street, the former family home which she gave to the city of Tel Aviv, nor all who attend her soirees, are aware of the quirk of fate which brought her here — an episode in which I played a fleeting, tangential and non-determining role.

The venue was the Bronx, N.Y., and the year 1929. Esther Davis, an 18-year-old graduate of the Evander Childs High School, was an active member of Young Judea. Charming of manner, fluent of speech, and possessed of literary ability, she had thought of studying law, but her parents could not afford to send her to college. She enrolled nights at Hunter. She entered a contest conducted by Young Judea, wrote an essay on What Palestine means to American Jewish Youth, and in reading of that essay at the national Young Judean convention, she won first prize — a three month trip to Palestine.

The S.S. Mauretania carried 600 passengers on that voyage, and among them was Rubin, returning from a triumphant exhibition of his paintings in New York. From the moment of their first meeting there was no doubt of the outcome, though he was twice her age. Until they were married, in the following year, she worked as a secretary for the British Royal Commission. She contracted typhus, and was nursed back to health by Rubin. Her three-month visit was prolonged for 61 years. When her travel agent, Adam Rosen, reminded her that she still had the unused half of the round trip ticket, received as her prize, she replied that she had won an even better prize.

Her parents were shocked. They could accept a Palestinian Jew, but an artist? That was the year Irving Stone had published *Lust for Life*, and they could think of artists only in terms of a Van Gogh, who would cast out his wife, and slash off his ear. They did not come for the wedding, but when they got to know Rubin, they took him to their bosom.

The Bronx Cinderella quickly became a reigning belle of Tel Aviv society. Her beauty and her warm personality were a social asset to an artist who moved in the circles of the best-known names in the worlds of culture, politics — and finance, too. There were times of struggle and hardship, to be sure, but Rubin's genius was never questioned. Success and world recognition came to him. Esther knew how to guard him against disturbing elements, and to encourage his creativity.

My wife and I sat in her salon in Tel Aviv, decorated, of course, with numerous Rubins, and reviewed some of the memories of the couple's career. Rubin was never identified with one or another of the trends in art; he was a trend-setter. He never joined an artist's village. When Ein Hod was established, Esther told us, Rubin was invited to settle there. He was offered his choice of any of the abandoned Arab buildings, but he refused. "It is not my land," he said, and when they built their own home, later, it was on unoccupied land in Caesarea.

But where did I enter the picture? In 1929, as a young, ambitious member of Young Judea in Boston, I had entered the essay contest, brashly confident that I would win. It came as a shock when I learned that my essay on What Palestine Means to American Jewish Youth had not passed muster, and some Esther Davis, from the Bronx, had won. I could not forgive her at the time.

"The fixed events of fates' remote decrees," as the poet wrote, ordained what was to happen, and provided the proper niche for each of us in life's scheme.

Esther Rubin and I met last year for the first time, 61 years after the fateful essay contest.

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Even though the Shaare Zedek Medical Center is more than a stone's throw from the City of North York, the names of its mayor, Mel Lastman and his wife Marilyn, are well-known there. The Mel and Marilyn Lastman Department of Surgery 'B', on Shaare Zedek's 7th floor, is filled with the latest sophisticated technology. Established in 1981 in honor of the Lastmans, this department continues to evolve as the field of vascular physics and technology expands. Dina Charsernov, a medical technician in the Lastman Unit, has worked in its blood flow laboratory for six years. She is involved in testing veins and arteries in the neck and extremities to diagnose where blockages occur. Born in Russia and making aliya in 1971, Dina is the only medical technician working in Israel to have gone for special training in the United States and to qualify as a vascular technician.

Post reporter says Israel preparing for Palestine state

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel plans to return to its narrow, pre-1967 borders, with a few exceptions, claims a leading Israeli investigative reporter.

Those exceptions are "a few" Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem and Samaria, says Steve Rodan of *The Jerusalem Post*.

The policy is based on Israel's "perception" that there will be a Palestinian state on its doorstep, possibly within the next two years, Rodan told a small group of United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto staff last week.

Not long after the Declaration of Principles was signed last year, followed by the self-accord signing in Washington, Rodan dropped a bombshell by reporting in the *Post* that the Labor government had drafted a plan to return to Israel's pre-1967 borders.

The government responded by cancelling its subscription to the newspaper.

Yossi Beilin, Israel's powerful and outspoken deputy foreign minister, still believes that the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip should be ceded to Palestinians, and that a Palestinian state there, in a confederation with Jordan, would pose no military danger to Israel, Rodan said.

While Beilin's boss, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is said to oppose that plan, it is Beilin who is responsible for drafting the "nuts and bolts" of Israel's strategy on the peace process, Rodan said, adding that Beilin still plans a "full withdrawal" from territories captured in 1967.

The PLO, he said, wants three main things from Israel: a Palestinian state, Jerusalem as its capital, and the right of return for refugees displaced by the 1948 War of Independence.

Beilin has offered the following: a Palestinian state, no right of return and changing Jerusalem's status to accommodate both Arabs and Jews, Rodan said.

And among Arafat's concessions is that he won't call a Palestinian homeland a state.

Both the PLO and Israel are rushing to implement the Gaza/Jericho First plan well before the end of the interim period spelled out in the agreement, Rodan said.

He said both sides are going full steam ahead on the deal, but for different reasons.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat wants the accord implemented sooner rather than later because he fears he may not have power or even live much longer; while Israel's Labor government wants the deal cemented so that the whole Palestinian question will have simmered down by 1996, when the next elections must be held, Rodan stated.

He said Israel's cabinet is split between those who want the plan implemented soon so that the whole peace process does not fall apart, and those who say it's better to wait and risk failure before Gaza and Jericho come under Palestinian rule.

He said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would prefer to wait.

Rodan said Jewish settlements in the territories are "a highly sensitive issue." It's the government's hope, he explained, that settlements will "dry up" and that settlers will leave on their own.

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Vatican-Israel accord proving beneficial

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Vatican-Israel accord signed this past December has improved Israel's status in the international community, according to the research director of the Foundation for Middle East Studies.

"There has been a significant upgrading of the very tenor of the relationship within the United Nations to the extent that Israel is treated just like everybody else, which is a significant improvement on what has been for the last 40 years or so," said Dr. David Goldberg at a recent Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto panel discussion on The Vatican-Israel Accord: Hope for the Future held at Holy Rosary Church.

Goldberg said that after the Madrid Peace Conference, as the Vatican and Israel were entering the "serious" phase of their dialogue, Asian, African and former Soviet Union countries established political, economic and cultural relations with Israel.

"While Vatican full recognition of Israel was not necessarily the only or the key explanation for this blossoming of Israel on the international stage ... it was certainly an important ingredient in the normalization that Israel has always strived for."

Goldberg said the accord could pave the way for the Vatican to become a mediator in the Middle East peace process despite Article 11 of the accord that states in part, "while maintaining in every case the right to exercise its moral and spiritual teaching office ... [the Holy See] is solemnly committed to remaining a stranger to all merely temporal conflicts, which principle applies specifically to disputed territories and unsettled borders."

The Vatican now has diplomatic relations with both Israel and Jordan, which has a claim to part of Jerusalem, and high-level contacts in the PLO. Goldberg said it could become a major player in the resolution of the Jerusalem issue. The Vatican, he said, no longer calls for the internationalization of the old city and the holy places, but it does not recognize Israel's claims on Jerusalem.

Among factors mitigating against the Vatican's participation in the peace process, according to Goldberg, is the question of the readiness of certain elements of Israeli society, including segments of the Orthodox community and Holocaust survivors and their families, to welcome the Vatican's mediation. He said some Holocaust survivors are opposed to relations with the Vatican "because of perceived Vatican indifference to the plight of European Jewry in World War II."

Goldberg added that the angry reaction from Muslim extremist groups to the signing of the Vatican-Israel accord does not bode well for a Vatican role in the process. He said there has been "a suggestion of a Zionist-Catholic alliance against Muslim culture" in the Arab media.

During the question period, panelist Sister Mary Jo Leddy, co-founder and former editor of *Catholic New Times*, asked if Article 11 of the accord means the Vatican is "not going to say anything on the Palestinians."

Panelist Bill Dunphy replied the Vatican will not give up its right to comment and make strong representation if someone's rights are being violated. The Vatican does not think it is its place to comment on disputed territories and unsettled borders, said the former principal of St. Michael's College.

Panelist Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, who as a member of the International Jewish Committee of Interreligious Consultation participated in the discussions that led to the Vatican-Israel accord, said the origin of the accord is a New Delhi conference of the Council of Churches that took place after the Holocaust. There, he said, the churches began to investigate "the role in which their own Protestant and associated cultures had been part of creating the mood for dehumanization which led to the Holocaust."

He warned Pope John Paul II would not apologize for "what wasn't done by any of his predecessors. A current pope, he too has rules of the game he must abide by. To apologize publicly for his predecessors would run contrary to the ground rules of the position he holds. He may build from his own position forward and positively."

Jewish educators to hold conference in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG — In his first speech as president of Canadian Jewish Congress, Irving Abella said Jewish continuity was high on the community's list of priorities. That was in May 1992.

When educators from across the country convene in Winnipeg for the seventh National Education Conference at the Westin Hotel, April 16 to 18, the CJC leader's vision will be very much in focus.

Prof. Abella is among those scheduled to address the event, co-sponsored by CJA, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Education and Tradition: Building Blocks to a Jewish Future is the theme and some 300 delegates are expected to attend.

Among the keynote speakers are Jewish continuity expert Clive Lawton, Toronto Board of Jewish Education director Rabbi Irwin Witty, McGill University Professor Jim Torczyner and scholar-in-residence Ana Poupko of Montreal, CZF president Kurt Rothschild and Council of Jewish Federations president George Wasserstein.

Lawton is chief executive of Jewish Continuity, a charitable community development agency in England recently established under the Chief Rabbi. He will address the conference's opening plenary on the elements of Jewish continuity and the role of education.

Rabbi Witty is the immediate past president of the Council for Jewish Education and he has visited Jewish communities in 13 countries in his capacity as a Jewish educator. Poupko is a doctoral candidate at McGill University and currently serves as a consultant for Federation CJA in Montreal.

Torcyzner recently released a comprehensive study on Canadian Jewish demographics. He will talk about the state of Canada's Jewish population and the implications for education.

The conference will officially open Saturday night with a havdalah service and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, featuring the musical group Finjan and the Chai Folk Ensemble.

On Sunday evening longtime community leader Sol Kanee, a past president of CJC and Winnipeg resident, will speak at a Congress 75th anniversary reception.

Winnipeg lawyer Rocky Pollack is chair of the conference. Full registration includes GST, conference material, two receptions, two lunches and one dinner for $199. A basic registration without the meals will cost $95. Participants will be offered optional visits of local schools on both Friday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 19.

For more information contact Shellie in Montreal (514) 931-7531 or Lawrence Lavit in Winnipeg (204) 949-1482.

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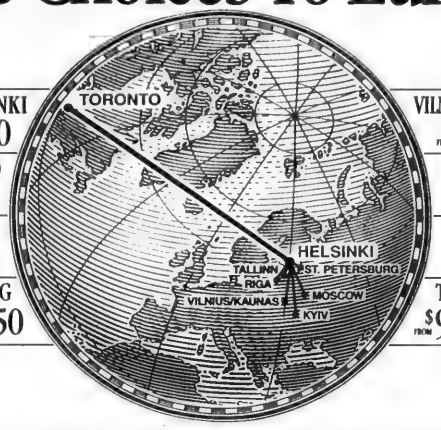

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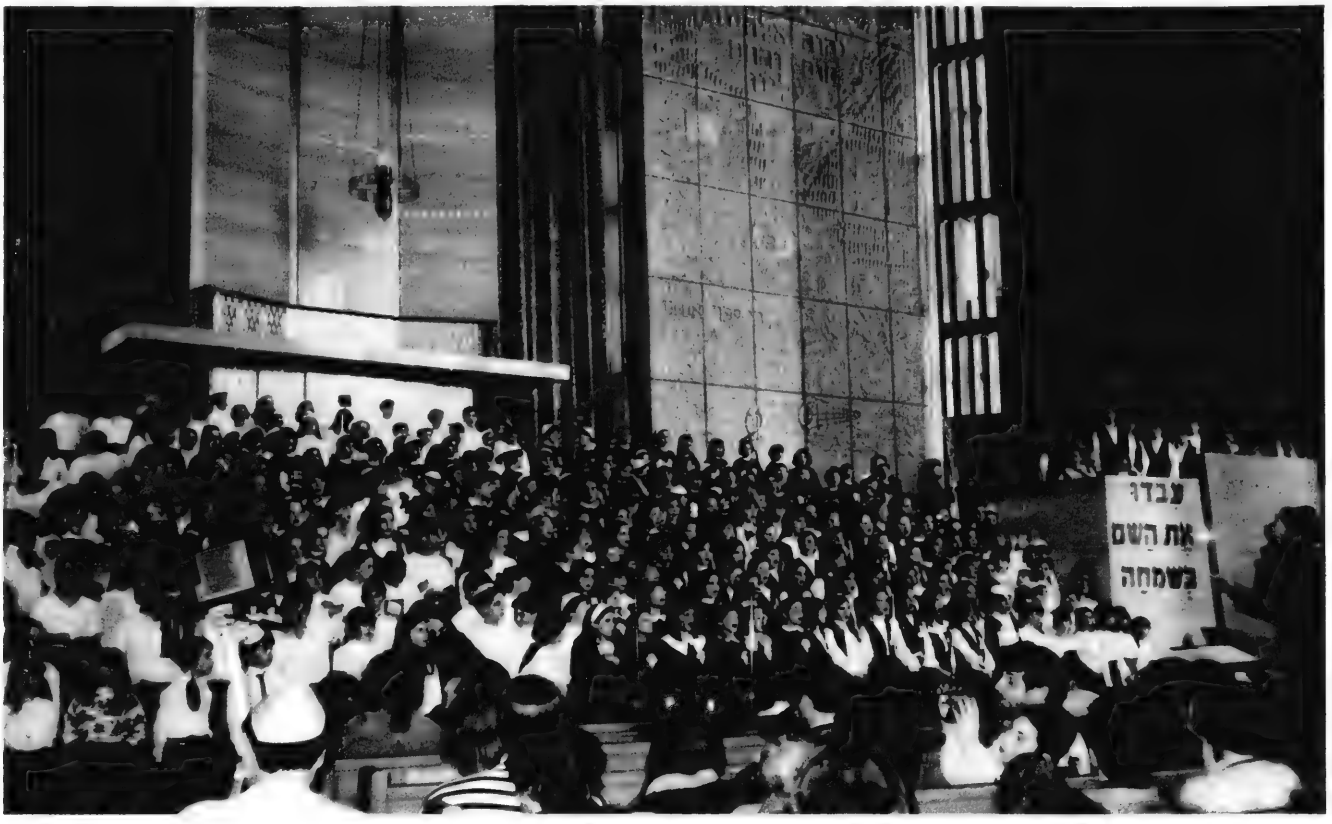

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4 frozen or fresh chicken breast cutlets
Pareve margarine
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 small clove garlic, crushed
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Pinch Italian type herbs
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
Pepper, salt if desired

Brown frozen cutlets briefly on both sides over medium-high heat. Remove. Add garlic and mushrooms, saute until mushrooms are golden and pan is virtually dry. Add remaining ingredients and cutlets. Simmer over low heat for about 5 minutes per side, or until cooked through.

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2 tbsp. finely chopped fresh peppers
3 green onions, thinly sliced
2 large cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbsp. each pareve Passover margarine and olive oil
Salt and white pepper
2 lbs. veal scallopini
½ cup red or white Passover wine
1 tbsp. lime or lemon juice
⅓ cup coarsely chopped fresh coriander (optional)

Hull berries; chop berries into halves or quarters, large berries into eights, to make about 3 cups (750 mL). Set aside. Combine peppers, onions and garlic; set aside.

In a large nonstick frying pan, heat 1 tbsp. (15 ml) each of butter and oil over medium-high heat. Lightly sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook veal, in batches uncovered, until golden tinged, 1½ to 2 min. per side. Add more margarine and oil as necessary. Remove to large platters, placing in single layer; cover and keep warm.

Add wine to pan, then onion mixture and juices from platter. Cook, stirring to loosen brown bits from bottom of pan, until reduced to about 2 tbsp. (25 mL), 3 to 5 min. Add berries and saute just until heated through but not mushy. Taste and add lime juice if desired. Pour over veal. Sprinkle with coriander if desired. Serves 6.

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When you get tired of meat and potatoes on Pesach, try these lighter, but scrumptious, milchig casseroles.

BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

2 oz. melted butter/margarine
3 eggs
1/8 tsp. pepper
3 matzahs
2 lb. cooked broccoli
1 medium grated onion
4 oz. grated Passover cheese

Beat eggs, salt, pepper and grated onion. Dip matzahs in this mixture, one at a time. Place first matzah in a greased pan. Spread ½ the broccoli and ⅓ of the cheese. Continue layering, ending with the last matzah. Pour the melted butter and any remaining egg mixture over the casserole. Dot with grated cheese if you wish. Bake at 375 F for 30 minutes.

CHEESE KUGEL

6 broken matzahs
5 eggs
¾ cup milk
1 lb. creamed cottage cheese
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. melted butter

Beat eggs with milk. Add all other ingredients, except matzahs. In a greased 1½ qt. baking dish, arrange ½ of the matza. Pour ½ the cheese mixture and then repeat with the balance of the matzah and then the cheese. Bake at 350 F for 40 minutes or until set.

MUSHROOM PUFF

½ lb. sliced mushrooms
2 tbsp. butter
1½ cups milk
8 oz. grated Passover cheddar cheese
½ tsp. salt
3 eggs, separated
5 broken matzahs
Dash pepper

Saute mushrooms in butter. In another pot, heat milk (just below boiling), stir in cheese, salt and pepper. Beat egg yolks and add to cheese mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into cheese mixture. Mix the broken matzahs with the mushrooms and fold into cheese mixture. Pour into a greased baking dish. Bake at 375 F for 30 minutes.

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Who says vegetables are boring? These recipes don't just liven up vegetables — they will liven up the whole meal!

GREEN KUGEL

3 cups chopped spinach
1½ cups chopped parsley
¾ cup chopped fresh dill
1 cup chopped scallion
¼ cup chopped cilantro
1 tbsp. oil
½-⅔ cup matzah meal
4 eggs
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

Cook spinach in small amount of water. Drain and add all other ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish and bake for one hour at 350 F.

HARVARD BEETS

2 cups diced cooked beets
1 cup beet juice
2 tbsp. potato starch
2 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. lemon juice
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients except beets. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add beets gradually and mix until coated with sauce. Serve warm.

EGGPLANT GOULASH

1 large sliced eggplant
2 large sliced onions
3 lb. chuck 1 inch cubes
½ cup oil
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 small can Passover tomato sauce

Sprinkle salt on eggplant and let drain about 1 hour. Pat dry. Heat half the oil and saute onions until brown and soft. Stir in meat and pepper. Cover and simmer over medium heat for 2 hours or until tender. Fry eggplant in remaining oil until both sides are golden brown.

Fifteen minutes before meat is done, add tomato sauce to pot, add eggplant slices on top of meat. Heat together.

ALMOND-YAM PIE

1½ cups mashed sweet potato
½ stick margarine
½ cup honey
3 eggs, separated
1 tsp. cinnamon
⅓ cup chopped almond

Beat egg yolks. Combine sweet potato, melted margarine, honey and cinnamon. Add to yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff. Pour into greased pie pan. Top with almonds. Bake for 15 minutes at 425 F.

Radio journalist completes documentary on Holocaust

Series consists of five segments

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Marsha Lederman, 27, her career as a radio journalist and her family history as a child of Holocaust survivors are intertwined.

"It's a fundamental part of why I became a journalist — looking at the injustices that happened to my parents and wanting in some tiny way to prevent injustices from happening again," she told *The CJN* in a recent interview. "If I can get on the air and talk about Bosnia, even for 15 seconds, maybe I can make some people think; maybe I can make some people angry."

Lederman recently completed a five-part documentary entitled Hate and Heroism: The Holocaust 50 Years Later that gave her much food for thought on a personal level.

The series, consisting of five seven-to-ten-minute segments (on Survivors, Christian Rescuers of Jews, Holocaust Denial, Education, and the Legacy of the Holocaust), is scheduled to air this week on AM radio station 640. It can be heard at 10:50 a.m. each day, as part of the show *Toronto Talks with Bill Carroll.* Friday's segment will be followed by an open-line discussion featuring Lederman and one of the Holocaust survivors she interviewed. Aptly, Monday was named International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

Marsha Lederman

Lederman interviewed more than a dozen people for the series, among them Ilona Kuphal, the daughter of an SS officer. Kuphal, who now lives in Boston, founded People Helping People Face to Face, a group for children of survivors and children of Nazis. "As a German I have a responsibility to help heal some of the wounds, to make sure it never happens again, and to never forget," Kuphal had told Lederman.

"I have to deal with losing [many] relatives," Lederman says. "[Kuphal] has that too [having disassociated herself from her family], plus she felt guilty for years for what her father and her people had done. [She has since come to terms with her past.] That interview really opened my eyes."

Lederman, whose mother was in a number of concentration camps including Auschwitz, found the thought of interviewing Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel unpleasant, but says she "couldn't do a piece on Holocaust denial without going to the source."

She credits AM 640 news director Dave Trafford and director of talk programming Bill Carroll for the encouragement they gave her and the enthusiasm they showed for her documentary. Her colleagues at the station, none of whom are Jewish, were also supportive, she said.

The station, aimed at a young, "hip" audience, switched to a partial talk format last September. Lederman has worked for the station and its FM affiliate, Q107, for the past year as a reporter.

Previously she was a news anchor on Hamilton's K-Lite FM/Oldies 1150. An alumna of William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, Lederman graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Ryerson Polytechnic University) in 1988 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Radio and Television Arts.

Lederman played a multi-faceted role in the production of her Holocaust series, serving as writer, researcher, interviewer, editor and producer. She also suggested the idea.

The series will be repeated the week of April 18 on *Touchtone*, which runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on AM 640.

Correction

In the March 10 issue of *The CJN*, the name of the organizer and chair of a symposium on refugee resettlement in Israel was incorrect. The organizer was Dr. Absalom M. Adam.

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Organizations and People

Pancer maintained low profile to keep Canadian team on track

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Phil Pancer recently returned from a memorable two-week stint in Lillehammer, Norway, as part of the Canadian contingent at the Olympic Winter Games.

If you were watching the games on television or checking the results in your daily newspapers, chances are you didn't see Pancer's name listed alongside those of Elvis Stojko, Miriam Bedard or Paul Kariya.

Pancer's job with the Canadian team wasn't what you'd call high profile. Rather, it took place behind the scenes and like the gears and pistons under the hood of a car, it was essential to the smooth operation of the vehicle.

Pancer, scion of the smoked meat family, was part of an advanced "staging and planning team" of the Canadian Olympic Association (COA). They prepared for the athletes' arrival at a staging area in Oslo. It's the kind of job that's taken for granted and only noticed when something goes wrong.

Pancer, whose formal title was reception officer, was in Norway from Feb. 1 to 11, returning the day before the Olympics to attend his daughter's birthday. While in Scandanavia, he began his days at 8 a.m. with the advanced team meeting to see which athletes were expected to arrive that day.

On arrival, the athletes were brought to a conference centre and briefed on a number of fronts. They were given ID cards and accreditation, as well as passports and insurance brochures outlining the coverage provided by the COA. They were briefed on the local currency, the kroner, and given meal tickets for use in the athlete's village. (It probably took a lot of briefings to prepare people for $12 scrambled egg breakfasts and $8 draft.)

Once the athletes were given their ID, they'd be outfitted with the team clothing, such as ski jackets, pants, boots, and of course, toques.

Pancer said each athlete was also briefed on security issues by two RCMP officers and a doctor lectured them about restricted substances, warning them not to take anything, even something as innocuous as Tylenol, without clearing it first with the medical staff.

In addition to participating in the overall organization, Pancer, a photographer by trade, was charged with providing polaroid pictures for athletes' ID, if needed. He estimates he photographed about half the team.

For Pancer, it was photography that provided him with the "in" to the Olympic advance team. A few years ago, while doing team shots for a local hockey team, he was approached by Jim Murray, director of games missions for the COA and a member of the recreational team. He asked if Pancer would be interested in volunteering his services for his country.

Pancer readily agreed and in 1991, he was sent on his first mission to Havana, site of the Pan American Games. He provided the COA with a photo inventory of the athletes and equipment, including the equestrian team's horses.

In July 1992, he was involved in the preparations for the Barcelona Summer Games, though the staging was held in Toronto.

That was followed by the games in Norway. "Norwegian people love Canadians. Whenever they saw Canadian people or staff, they would stop us and wish us good luck. I found the Norwegian people warm and friendly," Pancer said.

A fun part of the trip for Pancer was hanging out with the hockey team for two days before they headed north to Lillehammer. Despite the expectations Canadians usually place on their skaters, the team looked relaxed and full of good spirits, he said.

While in Oslo, Pancer, along with Shirley Kushner, a Montreal-based sports physiotherapist, and Mollie Cartmell, a Peterborough native who headed internal security at the staging area, visited the shul and Jewish Community Centre.

Norway is home to 1,500 Jews, Pancer said, most of whom reside in the capital, Oslo. There's a small community in a picturesque village north of Lillehammer as well.

The Canadian trio spent an hour playing with the kids at the JCC and touring the cheder for pre-schoolers.

Though his role with the Canadian team wasn't major, Pancer considers it "the opportunity of a lifetime." He's already looking forward to 1996 and the Summer Games in Atlanta.

Marcia and Clifford Shapiro, co-chairs of the 16th annual Southern Regional Conference, with Judy Mandleman (right), national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Canadian snowbirds attend Hadassah-WIZO conference

MIAMI BEACH — Close to 300 snowbirds attended the recent Hadassah-WIZO 16th annual Southern Conference held here.

The conference, which focused on the peace process, was designed "to strengthen and confirm [members who winter in Florida] contribution to the State of Israel," said Canadian national president Judy Mandleman.

Those who attended the conference heard from Harriet Kurlander, the Palm Beach director of American Jewish lobby group AIPAC; Ruhama Hermon, consul general of Israel to Florida; Lily Frank, national executive vice-president; and Shirley Croll, outgoing national chair of the Heritage Fund. Croll said the fund has received 400 contributions of $1,000 each out of a goal of 1,000 contributions.

Tribute was paid to Marcia and Clifford Shapiro of Palm Beach, organizers of the Southern Conferences since their beginnings. Mandleman presented them with a sculpture made of British Columbia jade "in appreciation of your magnificent accomplishment of arranging this conference."

Clara Balinsky, honorary national president, paid tribute to the late Yvonne Hardy, a past president of Montreal Hadassah-WIZO, who recently died in Israel two years after making aliyah.

Among the national officers attending were Balinsky, Merle Koven, Carole Pulver and Diana Shadowitz.

Fruit juices out for Pesach

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Stanmar International, a Canadian food importer and exporter, is bringing the first-ever kosher for Passover tetrapack fruit juices to Canada with the Star-K kashruth certification.

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Small communities growing in number, size

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — From Iqaluit on the eastern edge of Baffin Island in the Northwest Territories to the Lower British Columbia mainland and the Lower Fraser Valley near the United States border, small Jewish communities are growing in number and size.

At a meeting of the small communities division of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Pacific region, held recently in Vancouver, representatives reported on the successes and concerns of the Jews in their area.

Sheldon Nider, president of the Arctic Jewish Community Association, reported that the decentralization of government offices in Yellowknife has resulted in Jews moving as far north as Iqaluit, and south to Hay River on the southern terminus of the Mackenzie River.

Even in a remote town where the Jewish population is small, racists distributed anti-kosher flyers in a food store in Hay River. The RCMP and CJC were notified and the store management agreed to remove the flyers.

"On the other side of the grocery story," said Nider, who has lived in Yellowknife since 1978, "the Yellowknife Co-op agreed to bring in Passover supplies for Jewish families on special order. The store also bakes 'kosher style' challah every Friday."

Nider said the association is hoping to bring a Holocaust survivor to some northern communities, "depending on the reception of the schools and the availability of a presenter."

He also said the association has a good library and provides resource material about Jewish life to Jews and non-Jews. Frequent requests come from the media in the area and from Jewish families interested in moving north. "We get several queries each year from people interested in conversion, and we give information to schools."

Reporting for the Burquest Jewish Community Association, which serves Jewish communities in the Lower Mainland around Vancouver, Cliff Ungar said his group now has 40 active member-families and the Jewish population is growing rapidly. Many activities take place on a weekly or monthly basis, either in homes or in rented premises and "we feel we are hampered by the lack of a central location to hold our gatherings."

Efforts are underway for Burquest to have its own building. "Our primary need, therefore," Ungar said, "is expertise in the field of fundraising."

He indicated, however, that their immediate need is for a Torah, "and any information as to how we can get one without spending an inordinate amount of dollars (which we do not have) would be invaluable." Also needed are Chumashim, and ceremonial objects such as a kiddush cup, havdalah set and Shabbat candlesticks.

In terms of spiritual leadership, Burquest feels that a rabbi or spiritual leader shared among the small communities "would be a valuable asset in the province."

The Okanagan Jewish Community has made real progress, according to the report given by Gloria Golbey of Kelowna. Jewish schools are running well with three classes — for preschool, primary and intermediate/senior students. Israeli dance classes are being offered on a monthly basis "with the hope of our community being able to perform at the upcoming July 1 Multicultural Day celebration. At the request of the community, the local Safeway store carries a large selection of Passover items. And a second annual bazaar is in the planning.

Golbey concluded, "We are excitedly looking forward to our first Negev Dinner on May 10," at which the local MLA, Cliff Serwa, and his wife Lois will be the honorees.

Marilyn Berger, associate executive director of the CJC Pacific region, reported that the Jewish community of the Lower Fraser Valley (near White Rock, on the United States border), is being organized with Joe Whitman as president. Whitman and another representative attended the Vancouver meeting.

Berger told *The CJN* that a Western conference is being planned, as part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Congress.

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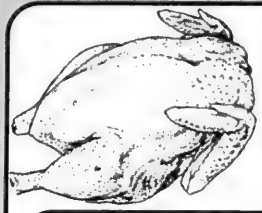

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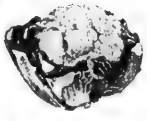

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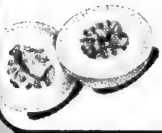

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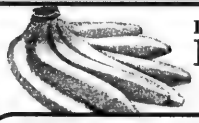

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UJA revamps annual Walk in favor of shorter March

TORONTO — The annual UJA Walk for Israel is getting a face lift this year.

On May 29, the walk will become the Community March for Israel. According to co-chair Judy Engel, it's more than just a cosmetic change.

"There's only one route and it's much shorter so families can march together with enough energy left to enjoy the celebrations at the end."

The March will begin at 10 a.m. sharp at the Promenade Shopping Centre on Bathurst, north of Steeles, and finish at the Jewish Community Centre, about three miles away. Because it's a much more concentrated trek, co-chair Alan Winer expects to see more marchers, many of them first-timers.

"It will allow a lot of different people to participate, such as the elderly who wouldn't have considered it before," he said.

Most importantly, the concept of a March will, according to organizers, offer the Jewish community a symbol of solidarity and unity.

Schools, youth groups and synagogues are being asked to create banners for members to carry.

March proceeds will be sponsoring children in Israeli Youth Aliyah villages, many of whom have recently arrived from the former Soviet Union without their parents.

"We're going to be publicizing a shopping list of services that sponsorship pays for," said Engel. "Children are very fortunate here. We want to teach them to help others."

The March will be followed by a festival in celebration of unity, with live music, a petting zoo, costumed characters, a kosher barbecue and kosher sweet treats.

Religious circumcisions not greatly affected as Ontario de-lists services

TORONTO — The Ontario government's recent decision to de-list routine newborn circumcision from its health insurance plan should have little effect on the Jewish community, a Toronto mohel says.

Dr. Aaron Jesin says the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) always has paid, and will continue to pay for circumcisions that are medically required.

"But there's more to a bris than circumcision," Jesin adds.

Brit milot, he points out, are performed by mohalim who are paid a fee.

Recently, OHIP announced that a number of medical procedures will be de-insured in order to trim some $20 million annually from ballooning provincial health care costs.

Included in those procedures are routine newborn circumcision, as well as ritual or cosmetic circumcision at any age.

Before these changes, OHIP paid $31.75 toward the routine circumcision of a newborn, and $82.90 toward the circumcision of a boy over the age of 10 days, according to Health Ministry spokesman Philip Carter.

OHIP, Carter said, will continue to pay for any circumcision a doctor says is needed for medical reasons, regardless of the recipient's age.

Jesin estimates that a routine circumcision for a newborn — not a bris — will now cost about $100.

He said the changes could affect those who want to be circumcised for religious reasons, especially older boys and men who would require hospitalization and treatment.

But Carter indicated the new rule can be bypassed if a doctor says a circumcision is required for medical or health reasons.

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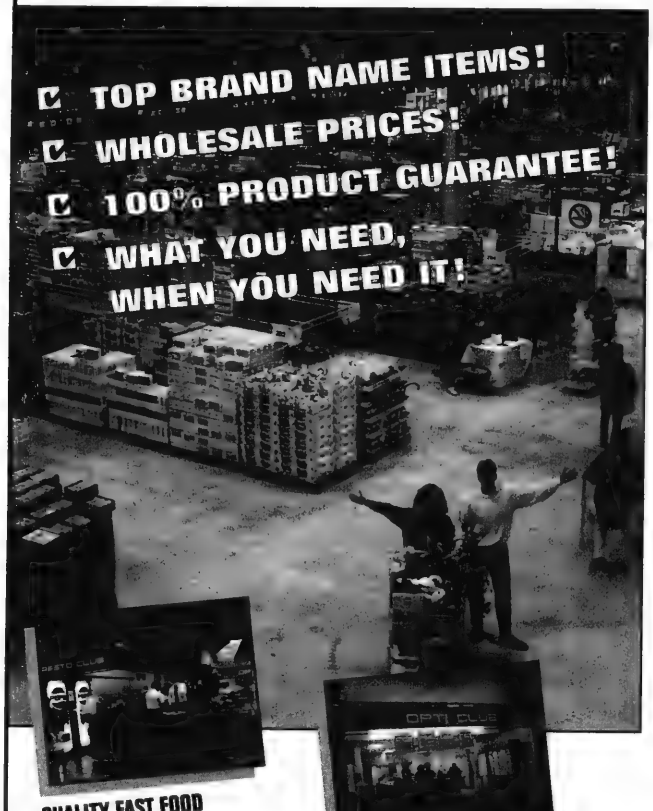

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Teenagers receive Bell grant for video on physically disabled

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Seven teenage girls, all of them 16 years old and Grade 11 students at York Mills Collegiate, recently received a grant from Bell United Wave to make a half-hour video about physically disabled teens.

Bell United Wave, initiated by United Way of Greater Toronto and sponsored by Bell Canada, awarded Danielle Bader, Laurie Biderman, Jennifer Hennick, Nicole Markowitz, Kaylea Sokalsky, Rachael Swartz and Julie Stevens $240 to make the video through which they hope to help break down the prejudicial barriers between able-bodied teenagers and those with physical disabilities.

Laurie Biderman said the group intends to profile four or five disabled teenagers in the video, highlighting their hobbies, interests and dreams. "I think when the audience watches the video it will help them understand disabilities, but they'll also understand the people and see them as people like themselves."

She added the video will also include people talking about their experiences with prejudice.

Danielle Bader said a lot of teenagers know nothing about people with disabilities and as a result they tend to shy away from them.

The girls will be showing the video to students in junior high and the early years of high school. "I don't think high school [students] will be affected as much. They've already developed their ideas," said Kaylea Sokalsky.

The video, which they plan to distribute to North York schools, will be accompanied by ideas for discussion and projects, as well as an evaluation form. If any schools would like the teenagers to present the video at a school assembly, they said they would be happy to do it.

Laurie Biderman and Nicole Markowitz have both worked at a summer camp where part of the program involves integrating children with special needs. Biderman said she has seen how effective it is to inform young people about someone's disability. "All it takes is a little time to understand their disability. That increases the willingness to accept them."

Sarelle Merkur, a 15-year-old Grade 10 student at York Mills Collegiate, received a $175 grant from Bell United Wave to have an art therapist who helps people with eating disorders come to talk to the students. Merkur became concerned about eating disorders because she noticed how common they are among her friends and classmates. Some friends worked with her on the project by helping her publicize the event.

As well, seven Grade 12 students from York Mills Collegiate are making a video about eating disorders. They got a $210 grant from United Wave for the project. The students, all 17, are Melanie Friedman, Corinne Gelman, Cindy Grossman, Janet Rukusin, Rayna Schnapp, Rebecca Stoller and Tracey Wise.

Their video will include girls who had or currently have eating disorders and doctors who will speak on the subject. They plan to show the video to junior high school students. "We feel that age group is where it starts, before they get into high school," said Rayna Schnapp.

Lisa Becker and Jennifer Pearlman, both 18 and recent graduates of York Mills Collegiate, used their $700 grant from United Wave to give about a hundred York Mills students and members of the community four hours of CPR instruction free of charge on a Saturday early in March. Pearlman said the course usually costs $35 to $50 per person.

They invited six instructors — two police officers, two nurses and two certified CPR instructors — to teach the course. At the end of the course each participant received a certificate.

Becker and Pearlman distributed 1,700 flyers publicizing the course. Some were sent home with report cards and others were posted at local businesses and community centres.

ORT DEVELOPMENTS

Dr. Ellen Isler (centre), new director general of World ORT Union, visited Canada recently. Seen here with ORT leaders from Canada (from left) Edie Kleinstein Glazer, national president Women's Canadian ORT; Dr. Mel Schwartz, national president, Canadian ORT; Mark Pearlman, president, Ontario region, men's division; and Ruth Druxerman, president, Toronto Women's ORT. Isler was here to update Canadian leadership on new developments within the ORT international network.

Using products for Passover

The Kashruth Council has supplied a general list of further information about products which may or may not be acceptable for Passover, according to information they have received.

The following products may be used without special Passover supervision:

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Paper Products: Paper Towels — Viva, Scott Towels, White Swan; Napkins — Scott, White Swan; Paper Plates — Use plastic or styrofoam only.

Some napkins and paper towels may contain starch. These should not come in contact with food. The brands listed above do not have starch according to the information received.

Wax Paper: Appleford, Cut-Rite, Food Saver.

Miscellaneous Baby Products: Johnson's Baby Lotion, Johnson's Baby Oil, Johnson's Baby Shampoo; Baby Fresh Wipes (by Scott), Johnson's Baby Powder.

Alcohol: Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol (any).

Deodorants: Old Spice, Secret, Blue Stratos.

Lipsticks (by Revlon): Velvet Touch, Moon Drops, Superlustrous, Germaine Monteil, Almy, Outrageous.

Shampoo: Johnson's Baby Shampoo, Head & Shoulders, Pert Plus, Ivory, Vidal Sasson, Pantene.

Cleansers: Any Powder.

Oven Cleanser: Any brand.

General Guidelines For Products Not Listed Here:

Brown sugar and icing sugar should be used only with Passover supervision.

Cosmetics and toiletries, or topical medications, which are in solid form or are thick creams, ointments and salves, may be used (preferably without perfume). Soap is included in this category.

The following items, which are not fit for human consumption, (preferably unscented, when applicable) are permissible on Passover (excluding Sabbath and Yom Tov): Liquids such as nail polish, hand lotion, cold cream, hand creams, unscented baby lotion, baby cream, shampoo (without wheat), shoe polish, ink, paint, solid air freshener, nail polish remover.

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Organizations and People

Terrorism in North America expected to rise

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On March 1 three chassidic Jews were gunned down in Brooklyn by a lone Islamic extremist.

An expert on international terrorism said this shooting was not an isolated incident. He predicted an increase in acts of terrorism against North American Jews.

"The shooting of the three chassidic Jews is the harbinger of things to come," said Steven Emerson, a Washington-based investigative journalist.

He spoke about the threat of Islamic fundamentalism to the West at the Issues and Insight lecture series, sponsored by the New Leadership Divison of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Emerson said fanatic Islamic fundamentalists are moving to the U.S. because it is easier for them to carry on their activities on democratic soil. He said it was ironic that fundamentalists see the U.S. and other western countries as safe havens, but are bent on destroying them.

"They are rigidly set on a mind-set that the West hates them . . . It justifies a defensive war against the West."

Emerson emphasized that the views of radical fundamentalists are not representative of the majority of Muslims. He said the fundamentalists "are rooted in the past. They want to turn the clock backwards" to the 8th century. They do not accept the division of church and state, and abhor individual rights and freedoms.

The bombing of the New York World Trade Centre last February represents the nihilistic view the fundamentalists have towards their enemies, he said, and the violence could escalate.

"If we don't come to understand [the Islamic fundamentalist mind-set] we'll be confronted by more and more World Trade Centres."

He said the fundamentalists view history as a continuum of a Western conspiracy against them and have construed a string of historical events as proof: the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the Ottoman Empire, the Balfour Declaration, the creation of the state of Israel, the Gulf War and the Hebron Massacre.

According to fundamentalists, these events show the West is "driving the dagger into the heart of Islam . . . The whole existence of Israel is a dagger in the heart of Islam."

He said fundamentalists who have relocated to the U.S. are propagating institutionalized anti-Semitism in that country. "These organizations openly talk about killing Jews."

However, their goal, he said, is to destroy all non-Muslims. "Every day they beg and pray for the destruction of all Jews, for the destruction of all Christians, for the destruction of all infidels."

Protecting the general population against this type of violence in the U.S. presents a big challenge to law enforcement agencies, he said. They have to deal with a new language and culture, comparable to the FBI's handling of the Mafia.

"It took the U.S. 20 years to get a handle on the Mafia. We don't have 20 years."

He went on to say extreme fundamentalists were changing the identity of Islam by glorifying terrorism.

There is the notion of personal jihad — individuals take it upon themselves to commit acts of terrorism in the name of Allah. Emerson said that mentality is becoming more common in the U.S. The shooting of the three chassidic Jews in Brooklyn was not authorized by any fundamentalist group — it was a personal Jihad to avenge the Hebron massacre, he said.

Emerson warns there will be more personal jihads and organized act of terrorism at synagogues and Jewish schools. It could be a matter of "weeks, months or years before the battle is at your doorstep," he said. "Increasingly it's going to threaten national interests.

"You're going to feel it physically."

History viewed as Western conspiracy

Agunot vigil held in Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Corresondent

HAMILTON — Although prevented by a fierce winter storm and hazardous driving conditions from taking part in the recent nation-wide vigil in support of agunot, area women did not let the occasion go by without recognition.

On March 13, the day Israeli women were once again petitioning the rabbinate for a means of facilitating the giving of a get, some 50 women and a handful of men gathered at the JCC to voice their support.

No rabbis were present, but guest speaker Ahuva Soifer, a teacher at McMaster University's School of Social Work, had consulted the spiritual leaders of Hamilton's Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations.

Despite their differences on how to deal with the problem, she reported "there is uniformity among all our religious leaders on the need to help solve this issue."

Placing the get in the historical context of laws written "many thousands of years ago," under conditions very different from those today, Soifer cautioned that while "Halachah is not written in stone" and changes can be made, they must be made with extraordinary care and only, she said, "by scholars, people exceptionally wise and learned and people who have authority to make such changes."

Meanwhile, she urged all Jewish communities "to insist that a man who refuses a get . . . should not be allowed synagogue membership or synagogue honors, should be ostracized by the community and even, should be picketed."

The short program, which was chaired by Hamilton Na'amat president Simone Rotstein and included welcoming remarks by Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish Federation executive director Patricia Tolkin Eppel, concluded with a brief candlelight vigil.

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Canada to play role in BIU's data base on Soviet Union

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canada will be playing a central role in establishing a special data base on the Soviet Jewry movement at Bar-Ilan University.

The data base is the brainchild of Yitzchak Mayer, who served as Israel's consul general in Montreal during the early '80s and retired recently from diplomacy following a three-year stint as ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg.

In a recent interview with *The CJN*, Mayer said the data base will answer the need for a centralized, comprehensive record of the Soviet Jewry movement that scholars and researchers could use.

Canada will probably be the most important contributor because of the significant role it played in the Soviet Jewry struggle, he said.

The data base will collect, classify and document materials from many countries to make the historical record as complete as possible.

"There are two tracks," said Mayer. "The first is to find out really how, within the [former] Soviet Union itself, a 'Jewish rebellion' came to be, after being so closed off as a society.

"The second track will [use the data base to] investigate how, for the first time in modern Jewish history, such a tremendous coalition, under the 'Let My People Go' banner, was born in the Diaspora."

Mayer's affiliation with Bar-Ilan, at age 59, marks something of a departure for the erstwhile ambassador.

His role as "special advisor" to Bar-Ilan is his first since retiring from the diplomatic corps.

"I've now become something like a roving ambassador," says Mayer.

For Mayer, Haifa-based Bar-Ilan is a logical choice for involvement because it shares his world view that it is possible for secular and scientific studies to flourish within an Orthodox milieu.

It is a sensibility that is also very much a relection of Mayer's own upbringing.

Yitzchak Mayer

Born in Antwerp, Mayer said he was raised "all my life" with the Orthodox traditions while striving to be "a full member of the world around us."

The two notions are not only compatible, but essential if Jewry hopes to fend off the forces of religious/secular polarization Mayer sees seeking to prevail.

"This polarization is very, very dangerous," Mayer said. "The idea of universalism is now under siege."

As a Bar-Ilan representative and a former European diplomat, Mayer said he is working to also bring university activities closer to the European Community (EC) as it evolves into an "economic colossus" of over 320 million people.

The university is establishing a department of studies for European languages and will be encouraging possible linkages between the university's research departments and European-based industries.

Scholars from the university and Europeans are also involved in the multilateral levels of Arab-Israeli negotiations on issues like regional ecology and agriculture.

"It's very important," feels Mayer, "to tie Israel to the European reality at all levels."

But the western European reality, he says, also includes includes Arab fundamentalism "percolating" on the continent.

Mayer prefers the term "integrism" to "fundamentalism" because he feels the former term more accurately conveys the movement's "radical nationalism within a mosque."

But Europe will have to balance its xenophonbic tendency to exaggerate the "Arab invasion" with the reality: that rising Arab fundamentalism within Europe is also an issue that has to be faced.

Mayer's recollections as ambassador to Belgium are very much of being Israel's "first visibly Jewish" envoy because he wore a kippah.

"I was very visible as a Jew, and that allowed me to understand how Europe is still crushed by the Holocaust.

"The history of Europe as it is today started in 1993 [with Hitler's rise to power]. It still hasn't come to terms with it."

As ambassador Mayer befriended Belgium's Jewish community of 45,000, centering in Brussels and Antwerp, and found it to be "strongly Zionist." Brussels was the less religiously-oriented centre, but was still committed to education. Antwerp has fewer Jews, but more Jewish schools and synagogues.

Because of Belgium's role in saving Jews during the Holocaust, Mayer launched a "righteous gentiles" project.

He also promoted greater economic and tourism links (Israel has a second EC ambassador in Belgium) and raised Israel's profile at Belgium's universities.

In his memory, however, Montreal remains the "creme de la creme" of Jewish communities because of its "harmony and unity.

"It's very unique in those terms," he said.

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Ken Bodenstein, general manager of Steeles Memorial Chapel (left) and president Mike Rogow look over some of the Passover food Steeles has donated.

All the Jewish residents of Extendicare Bayview will benefit from their generous donation of $3,500, which was used to purchase disposable cutlery and plates, matzah, juice, jam, gefilte fish, cheese, cookies and applesauce.

Steeles is also providing chickens, matzah, gefilte fish and grape juice so that 20 Russian Jewish families can enjoy a happy Pesach.

Steeles Memorial Chapel gives charitable donations on an on-going basis. [Alron photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. March 24 is deadline for April 7 issue. Due to a holiday schedule, Wednesday, March 30 is the deadline for April 14 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is 422-2331; fax, 424-1886.

Thursday, March 24

CASINO NIGHT

The third annual Casino Night for cystic fibrosis, hosted by Life Underwriters Association of Toronto takes place at the Metro Convention Centre (lower level), 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Admission $5. All proceeds to benefit cystic fibrosis research. For information call 960-6268.

Saturday,March 26

CO-OP SEDER

Everyone is welcome to a co-op seder, led by **Rabbi David Cooper**, 5:30 p.m., McLean House, Sunnybrook Park. For more information, call 930-5145.

Sunday, March 27

ROSALYN COHEN MEMORIAL SEDER

The 16th annual Rosalyn Cohen memorial seder takes place 7:30 p.m., JCC, Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Cost, $36 adults; $25 seniors, students and children. Free for children 5 and under, babysitting available. Tickets must be purchased in advanced. Vegetarian meals may be ordered in advance. Call 924-6211.

Wednesday, March 30

JEWISH GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Neil Rosenstein, author and historian of rabbinic lineages, will speak on How I Made My Link to the Unbroken Chain, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone welcome, no charge.

Thursday, March 31

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

Bring a veteran friend to the general membership meeting of General Wingate Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion, at 968 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, 7:30 p.m.; meeting, 8 p.m. Call 782-5024 for information.

HUMANISTIC THIRD SEDER

Secular Jewish Association is holding a humanistic and egalitarian third seder with dinner, North York City Centre, Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St. Adults, $18; students, $9; children 6 and under, free. Reserve by March 25 by calling 905-731-7066.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

VOLUNTEER TEST PROCTORS

George Brown College requires several volunteers in the Special Needs Office to assist students while they write exams. Volunteers also needed for occasional recording for people who are visually impaired or have learning disabilities. For information, call **Catherine Rath**, 867-2624.

BREASTFEEDING CLASSES

North York Public Health Department offers classes, last Tuesday of the month in March, April, May and June, for pregnant women thinking of nursing their baby. Classes are at Barbara Frum Public Library, 20 Covington Road, 6:45-8:15 p.m. No charge. Call 395-7774 to register.

AM ECHAD CONGREGATION

Rabbi's Interfaith Bible Study session at the new Richmond Hill Central Library takes place two Thursdays a month from 6:30-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, no charge for those who call and confirm. Call **Rabbi Cooper**, (905) 764-0014.

ADULT EDUCATION SEMINARS

Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. is offering Sunday seminars in April, 10 a.m. On April 10 **Selma Sage** will discuss A grief shared: a promise kept — reflections on a journey to Poland. April 17, **Rabbi Michael Dolgin** will speak on Debunking Jewish myths and on April 24, **Joy Lipkin** will discuss As families grow older-changes, choices, challenges. No charge.

DAFFODIL CAMPAIGN

Canadian Cancer Society requires volunteer drivers on Thursday, March 24 and daffodil sellers on Friday, March 25. Anyone interested in helping with the Daffodil campaign can call 636-0421, west of Bathurst or 226-0646, east of Bathurst.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Shabbat evening services take place the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 7:15 p.m. and Shabbat morning services take place the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 a.m., at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Check notice board for room location. Next services, Friday, March 25 and Saturday, April 2.

ENGAGED COUPLES SEMINAR

The Jewish Marriage Education Committee and Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation of Toronto present Everything You Wanted to Know About Jewish Marriage, an interactive seminar for engaged couples exploring the Torah approach to Jewish marriage, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., beginning April 20, at the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W. Advance registration required, $60 per couple. For information and to register, call **Dr. Leo** and **Faigie Davids**, 638-8222 or **Dr. Larry** and **Terri Mittelmann**, (905) 886-7640.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

Share experiences and information as well as stress management at an Epilepsy Support Group which meets on Sunday afternoons in North York. For more information, call **Reisa**, (905) 889-7534.

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY HOUSE

Volunteers are needed about five hours a month to help out with bingos. Call **Trish**, 784-0920.

INCEST SURVIVORS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a group for adults who have experienced childhood incest. For information call **Gail Solish**, (905) 882-2331, ext. 25 or **Karen Wynnychuk**, 638-7800, ext. 806.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Solel is a Reform congregation offering a children's religious school, adult education, youth groups, brotherhood and sisterhood, as well as regular services. Newborns will be brought to the bimah by their parents who will then be treated to lunch, including matzoh madness, Sunday, March 27 after the 10 a.m. services. First-born service will be held Thursday, March 24, 7:30 a.m.; family services are Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Call (905) 820-5915 for information.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keep up your Hebrew with **Yael Lev**, who makes the learning process fun and easy. Spring term starts week of April 4 and April 11. Beginner and intermediate morning or afternoon classes are at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Intermediate level evening classes are at JCC, North Y branch and advanced evening classes are at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information anad registration call Yael, 225-6151.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Positive Parenting — groups for teens, preschoolers, school-age and pre-teen, begins in April; Looking Ahead — discusses anger, loneliness, separating from the past and looking to the future, begins May 18; Widows/Widowers, begins April 20. For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

NAPOLEON DEBUT

Join Volunteer Services, North York General Hospital for the Toronto debut of *Napoleon* Tuesday, April 12 at the restored Elgin/Wintergarden Theatre. Tickets, $75, include preferred orchestra seating and a special reception following the performance. All names will be entered into a draw to win two air tickets to Paris. The evening is in support of the new Volunteer Services Labor and Delivery Unit at the hospital. Deadline for ticket sales, March 31. For more information, call **Dana Dawson**, 756-6717.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family as well as help them discover their Jewish heritage. For more information call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, CIP office, 636-1880, ext. 261.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking summer course registration for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Evening courses run on Tuesdays from May 31 to August 30, 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. Free introductory private lessons for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. Call 787-0197.

AIDS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee is organizing a weekly, Tuesday evening bereavement group for those who have lost someone to AIDS. Call the confidential information line for future information, 789-1187.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Feminism or Fundamentalism: Attitudes

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BIBLE CONTEST

Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS) team of (from left) Nadine Dostrovsky, Justin Fraterman and Charles Trapunski, tied for first place with a United Congregational School team in the recent Toronto Board of Jewish Education sponsored team Bible contest. Shown in back row are (from left) Joan Schoenfeld, principal and Sigal Tuch, Bible coach. Second place honors also went to a DJCS team, composed of Julian Hitner, Alex Orwin and Stephen Shore. Justin Fraterman and Alex Orwin will represent DJCS at the National Bible Contest of the World Zionist Organization to be held in Toronto in May.

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MOUNTED SHOFAR

At the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto held at the Leah Posluns Theatre, out-going president Jack Chisvin (left) is presented with a mounted shofar as a gift of appreciation by new president Bernie Ghert. [Mollie Rothman photo]

What's New

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Toward Women in Jewish Thought with **Dr. Elliott Malamet** begins Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. at the North Y branch, JCC. For information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN

The ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust will be meeting Thursday mornings, 10-noon, Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact the Holocaust has had on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Is something else bothering you? Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line. All volunteers have taken an extensive training course and are well-qualified. Call 636-9610.

YOM KIPPUR WAR VETERANS

Disabled Civilian Veterans of the Yom Kippur War is a support group looking for new members and volunteers. Meetings held Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Call **David Lax**, 489-6851.

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

Yad Beyad is recruiting adults to come to Israel for two weeks in the summer to teach conversational, business or medical English to immigrants. Training is provided. Volunteers are immersed in a community and experience Israeli life in a unique way. For further information call 782-2898 or 785-6540.

YIDDISH AND HEBREW LESSONS

Seven-week daytime sessions in beginners and advanced Yiddish and Hebrew begin April 11 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Fee, $38.50; seniors, free. Sponsored by North York Board of Education. For information and registration, call 363-3544.

VOLUNTEER ADVISOR

B'nai Brith Youth Organization is seeking individuals with strong group and leadership skills who are fun, energetic and committed to working with teenagers. For more information call **Yael** at the BBYO office, (416) 635-9411.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Join the Temple, 120 Old Colony Road, for Friday night Shabbat services, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30 am. Early family Shabbat services, last Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday morning minyan, 7:30 a.m.; Sunday and holidays, 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 449-3880.

NAPOLEON

Associated Hebrew Schools has a limited number of orchestra seats for *Napoleon*, Tuesday, June 7. Tickets are $100 with a partial tax receipt. For reservations, leave a message for **Doris**, (905) 771-7988 or call the school office, 789-7471 by April 8.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club still has seats for trip to Atlantic City. A day-trip on Tuesday, April 26 to Niagara-on-the-Lake includes transportation and kosher chicken lunch, $20. Seats available for *Crazy for You*, Wednesday, June 8. Orchestra seats and transportation, $48. For information on other activities and trips including the Catskills, call 395-7881.

Funtime is leaving for a 7-day trip to Cape Cod, May 15. A day away at the Skyline Hotel, April 27 includes a Viva Las Vegas stage show, buffet lunch and transportation. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is having music appreciation with pianist **Mildred Bennett**, Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Reservations being taken for musicals, Western Canada trip and Catskills. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre is running a nurtrition counselling and weight reduction program for women and men over age 55. The 8-week program begins April 6 and is under the supervision of a fully-qualified, professional dietitian. Members of the Wagman Centre pay $30 per session; non-members pay $40.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, at 15 Hove St. April 7 program is bingo. Tickets are being sold for Yom Ha'atzmaut party, Sunday, April 17. Cost is $7 members, $8 non-members. For information and tickets call 661-4689 or (905) 771-0250.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussion, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton, is having the first seder, Saturday, March 26. Cost, $13.50 per person.

Seniors' Access Institute, George Brown College is offering spring and summer daytime courses for seniors including Reading Workshop, Law in Society, some art courses and computer literacy. For information call Seniors Program Office, 956-7310.

Sunrise is leaving May 15 for a 7-day trip to Cape Cod. A day away at the Skyline Hotel, April 27, includes a Viva Las Vegas stage show, buffet lunch and transportation. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Country line dancing runs from April 5-June 7, 7-9 p.m. Cost for pre-registering for 10 session, $30 members; $45 non-members. Per session, pay at the door, $4, members; $6 non-members. Light refreshments included. Sign up at information desk. For information call **Norma Steiner**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

A traditional seder lunch will be held Wednesday, March 30, 12 noon. Enjoy holiday songs with **Shelly Ovdat** at 1:30. Members, $7. For concert only, members $2, non-members $3.

at the JCC

The Leah Posluns Theatre School presents Summer Stage in July for children and teens 10-19 years. Classes include theatre exercises, improvisation, movement, voice work and acting techniques. Classes culminate in a performance. For information call **Valerie** or **Rose**, 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

Register now for JCC Valley programs for children 18 months to 4 years. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, (905) 889-0813.

About People

SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE

Newly elected officers of the Canadian Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute include president, **Samuel H. Cohen** and secretary-treasurer, **Elizabeth Wolfe.** Continuing their terms as vice-presidents are **Ronald Appleby** and **Tom Taras.**

MACCABI APPOINTMENTS

Bob Luxenberg, a Montreal real estate broker has been named national athletic committee (NAC) chair for Maccabi Canada and captain of the 1997 Canadian Maccabiah Team. A competitive swimmer since childhood, Luxenberg, 36, is a past national swim champion establishing many provincial and national records and has been a Maccabiah Games medal winner. Since 1982 he has been a member of Maccabi Canada's board of directors and was vice-captain of the Canadian team to the 1989 and 1993 Maccabiah Games. He hopes for a team of 220 for the 1997 games with increased participation in the handicapped competitions, individual sports, and more representation from across Canada.

Gerald Litwin, a Montreal chartered accountant has been named to the national position of treasurer, Maccabi Canada. A member of the national board of directors and a past chair of the Quebec region, Litwin began his Maccabi involvement in 1985 when his daughter **Tara** competed in gymnastics.

NEW GRADUATE

Ian Silbert, son of **Gary** and the late **Ruth Silbert** recently graduated from Barry University in Florida with a Doctorate of Psychology. Ian, the winner of several Kiwanis Festival awards for piano and voice has taken on the position of conductor of the Barry University choir consisting of 120 voices and a 22 piece orchestra.

HOLY BLOSSOM GETS AWARD

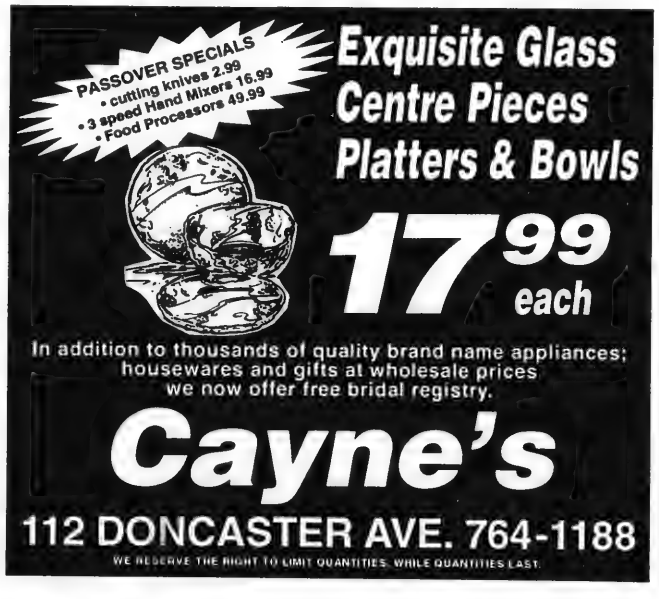
The 1993 Irving J. Fain Award of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was presented to Holy Blossom Temple for its Micah Homes/Plaut Manor residences and its AIDS education programs. Participating in the presentation, which took place at the UAHC's biennial assembly in San Francisco were (from left) Mark Anshan; Iris Vanek; Sheila Smolkin; Diana Goodman; Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, director of the UAHC's Commission on Social Action; Evely Laser Shlensky, chair of CSA; Elizabeth Plaut; Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, spirtual leader emeritus, Holy Blossom. (Jo Fielder photo)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Campus students took second and third place prizes in the War Veterans, Branch 66 public speaking contest. Students (from left) are Jennifer Niman, grade 7, second place prize; Gaela Mintz, grade 8, third place honors; Samuelle Mednick, grade 6, second place prize; Naomi Gryfe, grade 5, third place honors.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Club Etrog of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living recently held a benefit concert for Canadian ORT, Ontario region. Proceeds were for the ORT Israel Scholarship program. From left are Zvi Yugrach; Riva Yugrach; Shmuel Fish, president Club Etrog; Jenia Fish.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Canadian Briefs

Reform Movement Issues Guide

TORONTO — Members of the Reform movement should visit Israel as often as possible, not just as tourists but as relatives seeking to deepen family ties, states a pocket guide issued by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

They should also help to organize and subsidize youth and young adult tours to Israel, encourage volunteers for Israel and those contemplating aliyah, and establish relations between North American Reform congregations and Reform congregations in Israel.

As well, they should subscribe to journals that focus on Israeli affairs, and support cultural and social justice endeavors in Israel, states the new guide prepared by Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Penn.

In a foreword, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Melvin Merians, chair, state: "Because autonomy is the hallmark of Reform, there is a widely held perception that, in the final analysis, nothing is required of the Reform Jew and nothing is forbidden. That simply is not so. As liberal Jews, we can well stand on our right to choose. But we have no right to choose nothing at all or choose something and observe it only haphazardly."

The guide may be ordered for $1 per copy plus 50 cents postage from UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

— Ben Rose

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Calgary Cantor Re-appointed

CALGARY — Cantor Gary Zener of Beth Tzedec Congregation was recently appointed to a two-year term on the provincial board of the Pastoral Care Association.

Zener, who graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors' Institute in 1983 following his BA in sociology from York University in Toronto, has been helping the sick heal spiritually for years.

"Pastoral care is a crucial element in the healing process, for one's attitude and spiritual being are tremendously important in enhancing overall healing and making one whole again," Zener said.

The Pastoral Care Association of Alberta lobbies government officials and members of the legislature for improving spritual care. It examines issues like palliative care, hospice care, long-term home care and medial ethics in workshops and seminars.

Zener grew up in Toronto and attended Adath Israel Synagogue. He said he was inspired to become a cantor by Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum.

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Who Speaks for Canadian Jewry?

TORONTO — Who Speaks for Canadian Jewry was the subject of a recent address by B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) executive vice-president Frank Dimant, who spoke to approximately 20 people at a brotherhood breakfast held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

While Dimant praised the work of volunteers and professionals in organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and the Canadian Zionist Federation, he charged that Canadian Jewish life is "lacking in the democratization process." He said that the Jewish community does not seek input and noted a "crossover" of leadership and membership among a number of Jewish organizations.

When asked about the difference in mandate between BBC and CJC, Dimant stated that BBC doesn't "profess to speak for the total Jewish community. We speak for our membership base. We do not accept the concept of a parliament of Canadian Jewry...[They are] two different organizations equal in terms of what they should be doing, and, I think, deserving of the respect of the community in equal measure."

— Frances Kraft

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Synagogue Makes Decision

VICTORIA — Congregation Emanu-El here has adopted a policy of full synagogue participation by males and females in all areas of synagogue life. This was approved by 86 per cent of the membership at a recent general meeting, following several earlier meetings at which the matter was discussed.

In recent years, the synagogue has held egalitarian services in which women participated, every two weeks — sometimes more often.

April Katz, president of the congregation, told *The CJN* there had been considerable uncertainty as to the impact on members of the new policy, particularly in view of the fact that Emanu-El is the only synagogue in the city. That is why several meetings were held so as many members as possible could voice their views. "It was determined," Katz said, "that the great majority of members will be comfortable with the situation."

— Maurice Lucow

Working in Israel

NEW YORK — Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel* can make that dream a reality.

Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential olim interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

It contains three sections: an introduction with general tips and information on existing work and internship programs; profiles of over 160 organizations which utilize volunteers and interns (listed alphabetically); a cross-referenced index of the organizations, listed by subject area, necessary level of Hebrew, and required time commitment.

Possible placements include work in social services, education, Jewish-Arab relations, politics and health care.

Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel is being distributed in North America by the University Student Department of the American Zionist Youth Foundation (USD/AZYF). The USD/AZYF can provide you with information on all study, work or touring programs in Israel. To order, send $10 for each book to: USD/AZYF, 110 E. 59th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022 or call: (212) 339-6941 or Fax: (212) 755-4781.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A Singles Dance Thursday March 31. Hotel Novotel west side of Yonge at Park Home Ave. N. of Sheppard. 8p.m to 1 a.n. **Hot Hot New DJ** 50s-90s music. Dress code. $10. Indoor parking. (905) 273-9137 (416) 512-1319.

Mark & Ari invite you to the Disco Inferno, the ultimate disco dance party Thursday March 31, 1994 at the Phoenix Concert Theatre, 410 Sherbourne St. (North of Carlton). Pool tables in the lounge, door prizes, surprises, huge dance floor and great disco music. Tickets $12.00 (Advance/ Door). Order a ticket in advance from Ticketmaster and avoid waiting in line! Call 416-870-8000 to order by phone today. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hot-Line 416-733-1419 **Kosher for Passover wine & spirits available.**

Metro Toronto Singles presents Passover Long Weekend party at the **Baha Beach Club** 277 Front St. W. (at the foot of John St. at the bottom of the CN Tower) Saturday April 2 9 p.m. Door prize Tickets for 2 to Yuk Yuk's **No work the next day** (Easter Sunday). Cover $10. 222-7111 for info.

Singles Dance & Romance March 26 8p.m. to 1 a.m. (Couples Welcome) Sandwiches and coffee at 11p.m. $10 (2 for 1 before 8:00) Cassino Place 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge 886-2810.

Spring Ski Trip! Join us to Killington Vermont March 31 - April 3, Tucker Tours--Totally Excellent Adventures: 416-250-8234

VIEWPOINTS meets **Wednesday, April 6.** Beth Tzedec. 2 speakers: (1) Astrological matchmaker will match men/women in the room; (2) **Volunteers for Israel.** $5.00. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m. 781-9245

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Toronto nurse finds Israel experience challenging

TORONTO — Debrah Laffin doesn't mince words when describing the new Comprehensive Heart Institute at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Israel.

"This is going to be gorgeous! I don't know of any place in the world like this. I wanted to put it in a box, tie a ribbon on it and take it home with me!"

Laffin, a cardiac surgery nurse at Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, spent six weeks in Israel this winter training nurses in advanced cardiothoracic surgical techniques.

The Heart Institute is scheduled to open in mid-May.

Laffin befriended a Shaare Zedek heart surgeon when he spent last year as a fellow at Sunnybrook. She had never been to Israel before.

Laffin has been a cardiac surgery nurse at Sunnybrook for six years. Prior to that she was on staff at St, Michael's Hospital in Toronto and the London University Hospital in London, Ont. She started as a ward nurse, but preferred the operating room.

"I find it fascinating that you can stop the heart, work on it and then start it up again," she said. "No matter how many I work on, each one is fascinating."

Sitting in her comfortable Toronto living room, Laffin spoke warmly of the land and people of Israel. As a Christian, she was especially impressed by the devotion of the Chassidim and the strong sense of Jewish identity expressed by all the Jews she met, regardless of affiliation.

She also noted that, since Israel's population is composed of people from around the world, she "didn't stand out like a sore thumb" as she had feared and was even mistaken for an Israeli.

"The fact that I didn't know Hebrew was limiting, even though almost everyone at the hospital speaks English," she admitted. "It was truly challenging that I couldn't do something as simple as go to the fridge and get a bag of blood, because I couldn't read the labels, or couldn't understand the notices. It's a very humbling experience.

"You tend to take for granted how easy it is to communicate when you speak the language. I now have true respect for people who came here to Canada without knowing any English and who have made it. I also appreciate what it is to be illiterate."

At Shaare Zedek she worked with the new charge nurse for the cardiac surgery unit and with nurses in the temporary surgical theatre.

One nurse was a recent immigrant from Russia, who had worked in cardiac surgery before coming to Israel.

"I don't know how the patients survive," she said. "There are no by-pass machines in Russia. The patients are made very cold and then are operated on. The nurses have to work very fast and she does."

Laffin suggested improvements for the existing operation theatre, and helped pick floor tiles for the new one. "When you perform surgery, you count everything — sutures, needles, etc., — and you often find some on the floor. Some of these things are tiny and you have to be able to find them quickly and easily. If they blend in with the pattern of the tiles, you have to crawl around on your hands and knees to pick them up." The contractor went off to select new samples.

"Israel truly opened my eyes to a lot of things," she said. "North Americans are generally very ignorant as to what's going on there. Other than the fact that you can see soldiers on the street all the time, it doesn't look that different from Toronto.

"I find the people fascinating. They appreciate and love their country and are more than willing to take you anywhere and everywhere to show it off. The mixture of Arabs and Jews is to be seen. This is so weird — they're supposed to be at each other's throats, yet they work together and in the hospital there are Arab and Jewish patients being treated together."

Pointing to an album filled with hundreds of photos she took in her spare time, Laffin vowed to return to Isreael as soon as possible and see the Shaare Zedek Comprehensive Heart Institute in action.

Schafer wins Molson Prize

OTTAWA — Composer R. Murray Schafer of Indian River, Ont., recently won the 1993 Canada Council Molson Prize in the Arts.

Canada Council vice-chair Jacques Lefebvre presented Schafer the $50,000 prize March 12 at the Jane Mallett Theatre in Toronto. The presentation followed a concert featuring works by Schafer and performed by the Esprit Orchestra.

The prize recognizes a lifetime contribution to the arts in Canada.

Help line launched for caregivers of seniors

NORTH YORK — If you're caring for an elderly relative or friend, you may need help but are too busy to seek it. That's why North York's Public Health Department has launched a help line for caregivers of seniors.

Caregivers can call the Caring for Seniors Line 395-7780 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to seek advice or support in their efforts to care for an aging friend or relative.

"The line is for anyone trying to help an elderly person. It could be a daughter helping her mother live on her own, a husband trying to care for his wife at home or a friend trying to get good care for a senior already in a nursing home," said nursing manager Bev McClelland.

"Sometimes a caregiver just needs to vent their frustration or their fears," said McClelland.

The average age of most caregivers is 57. Seven out of 10 caregivers are women and an increasing number of caregivers are men.

The demands of caring for an aging relative is responsible for 37 per cent of absenteeism from work, making caregiving as much a concern to employers as employees.

Caregivers may need help getting the right community resources, such as nursing, home care or respite care. North York public health nurses staffing the help line will give advice on what help is available.

The caregivers' line is the second new service for seniors started by North York's Public Health Department recently. In November, the Seniors Peer Counselling line at 395-7720 began taking calls. The line is staffed by senior volunteers trained to help other seniors deal with loneliness, aging or other issues common to their age group. Plans are underway to extend hours of operation from the current three afternoons a week.

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Community's future in Quebec discussed

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The threat of Quebec separating could create an outflow of professional, middle-class younger Jews from the province reminiscent of what took place in Morocco after its 1956 independence, a recent seminar for Jewish professionals was told.

Michel Chokron, a past president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (CSQ), suggested to a gathering of 50 Jewish professionals at the l'Hotel du Fort that the Jewish community has not responded adequately to this possibility.

He spoke during an all-day seminar organized by the Communaute a la Une, an initiative by Federation CJA, CSQ, and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) to foster positive ties between the Jewish community's Ashkenazi and Sephardi segments.

If Quebec separates, Chokron speculated, it could trigger a "massive exodus" of young adults and professionals that the once-thriving Moroccan community witnessed, leaving only the poor and elderly behind.

There could be a "collapse of the middle class," said Chokron, a professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales. "We have to react to this phenomenon."

Chokron recalled attending meetings of community leaders where the prospect of a referendum prompted comments bordering on "hysteria."

If "leadership" reacts that way, he asked, what will the overall community response be?

Although Chokron hoped he was wrong and qualified his opinion as coming from an "amateur," other participants at the seminar made it clear they did not share his apocalyptic vision.

Maxyne Finkelstein, community planning director for Federation CJA, argued that Morocco, historically, did not share Canada's democratic traditions.

Jack Jedwab, CJC-Q's community relations director, cautioned against "precipitating a crisis" when the jury is still very much out. "We have to be prudent," he said.

It was also noted that even if the Parti Quebecois (PQ) wins the forthcoming provincial election — which recent polls indicate is by no means guaranteed — there is no telling how the promised referendum on sovereignty will play out.

In fact, when a PQ government did hold power, the audience was reminded, it supported Jewish community institutions as much as if not more than the Liberals.

Chokron's views, it was argued, also did not take into account projects like ProMontreal, aimed at keeping the Jewish young in Montreal.

The picture of Quebec Jewry drawn by Jim Torczyner, a McGill University social work professor, Finkelstein, and Federation CJA executive vice-president Steven Drysdale, was generally of a stable and vital community.

But it is also one moving to adapt to new demographic realities and which is seeking mechanisms to bring the Sephardi community closer to the power structures, they said.

The new demographic picture is not yet known, Torczyner said, since data about the actual "construction" of the Jewish community — extrapolated from the 1991 Canadian census — will not be analyzed fully until June.

What is known, however, is that Jewish immigration to Montreal has offset the decline dating back 20 years. The Jewish population — now at about the 100,000 mark — suffered a net loss of only two per cent over the last decade. About 15 per cent of the community consists of immigrants, about half from the former Soviet Union and Israel.

Torczyner said the major challenges facing the community are how to contend with an elderly population of 24 per cent and a rising number of poor, especially before immigrants have been here long enough to become true "participants" in community life.

In the last five years, over 1,000 Jews who moved away from Montreal came back, and Drysdale said he anticipates many Jewish university students from outside Quebec may plan to remain here.

Montreal is also attractive because it has a lower cost of living than other cities and is widely-known as a "centre" for Jewish life.

Torczyner said that Montreal has witnessed a "feminization" of poverty comprised of immigrants, single mothers and elderly women living alone who are "falling between the cracks." Two-thirds of elderly Jewish women living alone live below the poverty line.

Finkelstein said the community continues to benefit from its traditional character and its "high-affiliation" rate. But it is also moving towards a more "inclusive" approach to community planning.

The federation, for example, is recommending funding to a more diverse range of recipients that includes the secular and ultra Orthodox, and even gay rights groups.

But using the Canadian Census for community planning, while essential, is not the be-all or end-all, she stressed. It serves as a framework, but while "we love numbers, you shouldn't overuse them. We can even be fooled by them."

For example, census information helped Federation CJA community planners react to poverty-level figures and decide to open a West Island office.

But it also produced ultimately unjustified fears about the decline of the community and could not take into account the influence of Jewish immigration to the city.

The major issues facing community planners now are: the lack of growth of certain "age cohorts;" the shrinkage of the health and social service system; ensuring that students exit the Jewish school system "functionally bilingual;" the middle-aged unemployed; and seeking "alternative family structures" for the elderly living with no support because younger members have left the city.

During the discussion period, CSQ director James Dahan suggested the Sephardi community is still not being invited to play an active role in the community planning process.

Drysdale replied that the unity of the community has been the "largest and most intensive issue" he has faced since taking on the job 16 months ago.

But he said he has seen progress.

More Sephardim now serve on the federation's professional staff and as heads of departments, and their presence will make a difference within lay structures, Drysdale said.

In Finkelstein's view, "it is only a matter of time" before leadership development within the Sephardi community makes more inclusion within the "power" levels of federation inevitable.

But Chokron was unconvinced.

"Me, I think we're living through a profound leadership crisis because the structure prevents a common vision.

"We have to transform this perception."

Weizmann symposium tackles issue of fertility

MONTREAL — The Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel has been at the forefront in investigating new treatments for fertility problems. In 1992, for example, Weizmann found that the injection of a certain growth factor into mice prevented miscarriages.

But at a recent symposium sponsored by the Weizmann Montreal chapter's professional group, Alliance Weizmann, one of the panelists took science to task for encouraging people to "jump on the technological bandwagon" in helping them to procreate.

According to Abby Lippman, chair of the human genetics committee for the Council of Responsible Genetics in Cambridge, MA and a member of McGill University's department of epidemiology, scientific technology should stop treating infertility as a "disease" and start to focus on the "societal" issues that help to make couples infertile.

Lippman was joined on the panel by Dr. Edward Keyserlinck, a professor of medicine and member of the Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law at McGill University, and Dr. Pierre Miron, who heads the city's leading private institute for treating infertility, the Institut de Medecine de la Reproduction de Montreal.

Speaking on the theme of "new challenges" to infertility, Lippman, for one, was clearly against the emphasis being placed on using in vitro fertilization (IVF) as the main approach for couples unable to conceive "naturally."

While IVF has its place, Lippman argued that far too much money is being spent on such treatments even though the vast majority of couples eventually conceive the old-fashioned way.

Infertility "is not a disease," Lippman contends, and money would be better be spent on issues like poverty, violence, sexually-transmitted diseases (STD's) and environmental factors that that also contribute to infertility.

For example, Lippman said studies suggest that women from impoverished backgrounds produce fewer eggs, and that pregnant women are more subject to physical abuse, raising the risk of miscarriage.

The technological focus is also unfair because only the well-to-do can afford it, Lippman said. IVF often costs upwards of $12,000 and in Canada, only Ontario pays for it under its provincial health care regulations.

Miron, by contrast, is an enthusiastic proponent of IVF and other reproductive technologies.

The positive news, he said, is that success rates for infertile couples or single women using IVF — which creates an embryo outside the womb later implanted in the uterus — is approaching the impregnation rates seen among people during their most fertile years. That success rate is based on three IVF attempts.

The average age of women coming in for IVF is 34, and couples on average wait five years before trying IVF. — D.L.

Jewish continuity lecture

TORONTO — Studies have shown the Canadian Jewish community lags behind the American by one generation, but the director of community services and youth activities of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, does not accept this as predetermined.

"We can see the problems of intermarriage, assimilation and abandonment of heritage," said Susan Jackson. "But we have the ability to change and survive. If we each take personal responsibility for the continuity of Jewish identity we can reverse the American model and make Judaism come alive for the next and succeeding generations."

Jackson will deliver the Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture on the topic of Jewish continuity Wednesday, April 6 at 8 p.m. at the Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Back To The Future: Recapturing Judaism for the Next Generation is open to the community.

"We expect young couples and newly-marrieds, and those with young children will be especially interested in Susan's message, as well as those of us with older children for whom the issue has been a concern for some time," said event chair Roz Davidson.

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Nazi film masked true horror of Terezin

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Rare footage from *The Fuhrer Gives A City To The Jews*, the only film known to have been made inside an operating German concentration camp, was shown recently at Harbourfront's du Maurier Theatre as part of an evening of music and film entitled Lost Composers: Music from Terezin.

Jewish inmates of Terezin, robust and smiling, are shown dancing, gardening, working in factories, relaxing in the sunshine and applauding concerts and soccer games.

Jewish children are shown at play in a playground, happily receiving bread and fruit from their captors, running joyously into a large swimming pool. Nurses and doctors are shown warmly tending Jewish patients in the camp's infirmary.

Except for the occasional flash of a Star of David badge and the running title that warns one is seeing a "staged Nazi film," one might almost believe Terezin was a popular resort or summer camp instead of an internment camp into which some 140,000 persons, mostly Jewish, were crammed as they awaited transport to the Auschwitz death camp.

Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels ordered the film made in August 1944 to show the International Red Cross and the world at large that Jews were being well-treated at Terezin. In September, the director and most of the crew, actors and extras were included in mass transports to Auschwitz.

Situated an hour's drive north of Prague in Bohemia, Terezin held many professional Jewish musicians from the finest orchestras and opera houses of Europe (one survivor was Karel Ancerl, who became musical director of the Toronto Symphony from 1968 until his death in 1973). The Nazi's freizeitgestaltung policy allowed prisoners at Terezin to practice cultural activities to pacify them as they awaited transfer to the death camps, and to provide evidence to international inspectors that Terezin was a model ghetto.

Thus, when children from the Jewish Hagibor orphanage in Prague arrived at Terezin in 1943, they continued to give performances of the opera *Brundibar*, learned in their former home. *Brundibar* was performed 55 times during 12 months. A cinematic version of the opera, filmed in 1938, was shown at the Harbourfront event.

Presented by New Music Concerts, the evening also featured performances of musical works that composers Gideon Klein, Hans Krasa, Viktor Ullman, Pavel Haas and Rudolf Karel wrote while at Terezin. All five composers were dead before war's end.

Like the Nazi propaganda film, the music neglects the sad but central fact that it emerged from a hellishly overcrowded anteroom to a gas chamber. New Music Concerts artistic director Robert Aitken described the music as post-romantic and said much of it was written on scraps of paper, making it difficult to find complete authentic scores.

The elaborate program notes, written by Austin Clarkson of York University, provide a scholarly history of Terezin, the two films and the music. In a preface, Aitken wrote: "The wealth of talent lost and number of works unwritten should remind us all, not only of Terezin, but of the futility of prejudice, the terrible senseless waste and the needless suffering that can result from excessive nationalism, intolerance and bigotry."

A subheading in the program described the well-attended evening as offering "Music for the Survival of the Spirit."

A scene from the 1944 Nazi propaganda film The Fuhrer Gives a City to the Jews.

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Sotheby's celebrates 10 years in Israel with art auction

TEL AVIV —To celebrate its 10th anniversary in Israel, Sotheby's, the only international auction house to hold regular specialized sales of Judaica, will be auctioning 19th and 20th century paintings, drawings and sculpture on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

A sale of important Judaica: books, manuscripts, works of art and paintings will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m. Both sales will take place in the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Since 1984, Sotheby's has established Israel as an important centre in the international art market, with sales in Israel last year totalling $14.5 million.

A record for any work of art sold at auction in the country was established when a private American buyer purchased Chagall's painting *Return from the Synagogue* for $1,652,500.

Sotheby's also set a record for Judaica metalwork when a pair of 17th century German Torah finials sold for $423,154 in Geneva in 1993.

Among the paintings in the forthcoming sale is Marc Chagall's *Souvenir de Paris*, an oil painting executed in 1976, which includes many of his favorite motifs, such as the Eiffel Tower.

A group of works representative of the Israeli abstract school of the 1950s and 1960s from the private collection the late Mr. Sam Dubiner is, according to director Daniella Luxembourg, "the ultimate collection of such works."

One of its outstanding pieces of avant-garde art is a monumental

Judaica sale

sculpture entitled *King of the Shepherds* by Itzhak Danziger. Works by artists such as Streichmann, Stematsky, Agam and Tumarkin are also included.

The sale of important Judaica includes many fine pieces of ritual silver. An exceptional burial society beaker dated 1732 and inscribed with dozens of names of the society's members comes from the town of Alsbach, near Darmstadt in Germany, which had a thriving Jewish community in the late 17th and early 18th century.

A large, early 19th century Ukranian flamboyantly decorated Chanukah lamp and a pair of Dutch Torah finials dating from the beginning of the 18th century made by Eastern European filigree workers who had emigrated to Amsterdam are also of interest.

Among the textiles is an embroidered silk and velvet Torah ark curtain, dated 1818, dedicated to the memory of famed Viennese hostess, Baroness Fanny von Arnstein, by her husband, Baron Nathan von Arnstein, who was financier to the Austrian crown.

In addition, Rivka Saker, a director of Sotheby's in Tel Aviv, announced that, as part of Sotheby's worldwide 250th anniversary celebration, important works from the Impressionist and Contemporary sales to be held in London and New York in May and June will be exhibited in Tel Aviv on March 28-29.

Jewish Service Corps holds first reunion

NEW YORK — When Ted Nevins, 23, went to Bombay through the Jewish Service Corps (JSC), little did he know he was to become editor and publisher of India's most widely read Jewish newsletter, *Kol Bombay* (The Voice of Bombay).

Nevins and other volunteers shared their stories at the first JSC reunion held here recently.

The American Joint Distribution Committee created the JSC in 1985 to meet manpower demands in Jewish communities overseas. Since then, 26 North American Jews have gone abroad to contribute their talents for a year.

Volunteers have done everything from taking part in an Indian Melida ceremony, an offering of fruits and rice to the prophet Elijah on happy occasions, to joining a Moroccan Jewish pilgrimage to the tombs of revered "saints." Others have lived in Bulgaria and Tunisia.

Nevins helped organize three Jewish libraries in Bombay, taught the Aleph-bet to kindergarten students, and discussed Jewish issues with adults. Being part of the Bombay community made him more aware of overseas Jewry and its needs, he said.

The JSC is currently recruiting for educational, social, cultural and religious positions in India and Bulgaria. Applicants should have a strong Jewish identity, be self-starting and preferable experienced in living abroad. Travel, housing and expenses are provided by the Joint.

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Veteran Israeli tour guide educates travel professionals

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "Just to show you how small Israel is, take Vancouver Island," says Aharon Lahav in front of a hotel ballroom filled with Canadian travel agents. "The state of Israel fits nicely onto Vancouver Island."

A veteran Israeli tour guide, Lahav traveled across Canada last week, narrating a colorful slideshow for more than 900 travel professionals in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

Lahav was the guest of the Israel Government Tourist Office, which arranged the traveling presentation in conjunction with El Al Airlines.

In a ballroom of the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, Lahav described the major topographic features of Israel — including the Golan Heights, Galilee, Jordan Valley, Dead Sea and Eilat — as though they had all miraculously been squeezed onto the MacDonald-Cartier Highway between Toronto and Montreal.

"These are all along 500 kilometres of one road," he said. "You can drive it in a week, and you won't have one dull moment."

Orienting his audience to a place that most had never visited, Lahav described many historic sites, including those of special interest to Christians, showed activities ranging from horseback riding to hand gliding, previewed deluxe resorts, and addressed safety concerns.

"Israel proper, without the territories, is a very safe place, according to the pre-1967 borders," he said. "The West Bank and Gaza Strip have all the troubles, and these are the places we don't take the tourists."

Lahav told his audience Israel has four seas — "the Med, Fed, Dead and Red" — the Fed Sea being another name for the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus reportedly fed the masses. He inspired smiles again when describing the modern service through which religious Jews in the Diaspora may fax a prayer to be slipped between stones of the Western Wall. But mostly he seemed to inspire awe and reverence with the views of Jerusalem's Old City, the archaeological dig at Beit Shean, and the noble and tragic mountain called Masada.

Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, also spoke to the crowd in each of the five cities. After the Toronto event, she told *The Canadian Jewish News*, "We're proud that so many travel agents have attended these evenings. They don't come for ideological reasons but because they find Israel is profitable and of great importance to their business.

Ruth Ben-Tzur

"There's no way to sell Israel without knowing it quite well. It's not like Florida or Las Vegas. You're selling much more than sun, fun and food."

Samuel Kalev, El Al's district manager for Ontario and Western Canada, spoke briefly in each city, telling audiences that 1993 was the airline's eighth consecutive year of profits.

Dr. Florence served as co-chair of DVI

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Dr. Max Florence, a dentist dedicated to helping disadvantaged children in Israel, died recently in Toronto. He was 68.

Born and raised in Peterborough, Florence established a practice in Ottawa where he successfully led a campaign to put fluoride in Ottawa's drinking water. He served as president of the Ottawa Dental Society in the early 1960s and was an honorary member of the Ottawa Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Max Florence

In 1968, Florence moved to Israel with his wife and three children. He established a large dental practice in Jerusalem. In 1977 he moved to Toronto and served as chief of dentistry at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care for about a decade while maintaining a private practise.

Shortly after the founding of a branch of the Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) in Toronto by fellow dentist Dr. Alfred Intrator, Florence became co-chair. DVI is a free dental clinic for children from indigent families located in Jerusalem's low income district of Mekor Hayim. More than 200 disadvantaged children, many of them olim, receive dental treatment there each day.

Florence helped spearhead fundraising and solicited volunteer dentists to work at the clinic, where he volunteered himself three times.

"In all this work with DVI for the last 10 years, Max has been an outstanding force in all our endeavors and we shall sadly miss his devotion and enthusiasm," Intrator told *The CJN*.

Florence was also known for designing the Sulcabrush, a toothbrush with bristles at both ends to massage the gums and help prevent gum disease for those who do not like to floss.

He leaves his wife Rochelle, children Lloyd and Ira, and one grandchild.

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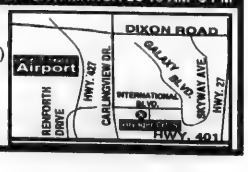

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Controversial cellist is a crowd pleaser

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital recently held a gala benefit concert at the Centennial Ballroom at the Inn on the Park, showcasing the considerable talents of acclaimed cellist Ofra Harnoy and the dean of Canadian accompanists, the always excellent Derek Bampton.

This is the second year in a row that Harnoy has been the featured soloist for this charity event, and judging from the large audience that turned out despite inclement weather, the controversial cellist is a proven crowd pleaser.

Critics and musicians often do not know what to make of Harnoy. She is young, attractive and plays her instrument passionately; unfortunately, this very youth, beauty and passion tend to obscure her musicianship and talent in the eyes of her colleagues and peers.

Stripping away these superficial attributes, one finds a talented woman whose strength lies in finding nuance in the music. She is an interpreter even more than she is a technician. Her passion is underlined by intelligence and every note is motivated by the music itself. Contrary to accepted opinion, Harnoy does not turn works into melodrama, and every interpretation she makes can be justified within the score. She has a keen sensibility to the mood of the music; pieces become alive and vibrant in her hands. One might not agree with her interpretation per se, but at least her music-making is not dry and academic.

Happily, Harnoy chose a challenging program for the benefit concert rather than resorting to "accessible" music. The major work was Prokofiev's *Sonata in C major*, whose deceptively simple folksy Russian rhythms cover up a multitude of complexities. Harnoy showed she could muster the strength needed to render the weight of the first movement with its low register playing and heavy strumming. She was not a shrinking violet in her attack. The beauty of her playing, however, lies in her ability to swing effortlessly into the more melodic and lyric passages from those of the bravura. In her hands, the Prokofiev sonata captured the depth and scope of a vast country, yet managed to contain the love of song inherent in the Russian people; it was at once majestic and delicate.

Also included in the program was a newly commissioned piece from Toronto-based composer Srul Irving Glick based on three paintings by Marc Chagall. Given Glick's penchant for Jewish themes, it is understandable why the Chagall paintings were appealing as a source of inspiration in their celebration of Jewish heritage. The work, entitled *Chagall Suite for Cello and Piano*, is in three sections which follow the paintings, *The Cellist, The Lights of the Wedding* and *The Big Circus*." Collectively, they are a delight.

The first is a droll rendering of the cello employing every technique, yet never losing sight of the melody line, which is reminiscent of a Jewish folk tune. The second is a lovely lyrical song-like passage filled with nostalgia, romance and sentiment. The Circus section is filled with fun and humor. Ragged rhythms and incomplete melodies mirror the frantic and chaotic state of things. At one point, the pianist, supposedly the Ringmaster, gets to stand-up and subdue, with a glare, the cellist who has gone overboard in self-indulgent playing, after which she answers meekly on her instrument while the piano dominates the score. At the end of the piece, the cello gets the last word, so to speak, following a spirited dialogue between the two instruments. Overall, the *Chagall Suite* is inventive and charming and Harnoy and Bampton had great fun with it.

Rounding out the program were Tchaikowsky's *Autumn Song* and Kreisler's *Liebesleid*, which along with Schumann's *Fantasiestucke*, collectively allowed the cellist to show off her skills. The Tchaikowsky and Kreisler pieces require a delicate approach to a simple melody line without complication, while the Schumann necessitates bravura technique within a romantic and passionate setting. In these pieces, as with the rest of the program, Harnoy, and her able and discreet accompanist Bampton, paid full service to the music.

Jewish Film Festival offers diverse features

TORONTO — After a smashing first year, the Toronto Jewish Film Festival unreels for the second time April 28 to May 5 at the Bloor Cinema.

The festival is a collection of more than 30 feature-length and short subject dramatic and documentary films from 11 countries. Topics include the Holocaust, love and contemporary European and Israeli experiences. All films express the diversity of the Jewish experience.

Highlights this year will include: 1994 Academy Award nominee *Chicks in White Satin* (U.S.A., 1993), the poignant and very funny story of two women preparing for their traditional Jewish weddings; *Birthplace* (Poland, 1992), a complex mystery-thriller of one man's search to know the circumstances surrounding his father's murder; *The King of Crown Heights* (U.S.A., 1992), a look inside the Lubavitcher chassidic movement; *Zohar* (Israel, 1993), the rise and fall of Israeli rock singer Zohar Argov; *Good Evening Mr. Wallenberg* (Sweden, 1992), the gripping story of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg; and *Everything is Fine* (Ukraine, 1992), a quirky collage of contemporary Jewish Life in post-Soviet Ukraine.

Eleven filmmakers and guests have been invited to attend the festival and present their films. Visitors will discuss the Holocaust, Righteous Gentiles and the rise of the new right in Europe.

Passover cookbook dishes up memorable recipes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Passover celebrates the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. In virtually every Jewish home, it also marks a a period of culinary overindulgence.

As the Haggadah aptly puts it: "Let all those who are hungry come in and eat..."

Susan Friedland's sumptuously-illustrated cookbook, *The Passover Table* (HarperCollins, $23), can help any household usher in the holiday.

A food writer and editor, Friedland does not skimp on scope. She presents more than 40 recipes, both traditional and modern, for seders and meals throughout Passover.

Her easy-to-follow recipes fall under four basic categories — appetizers and soups, entrees, vegetables, kugels and stuffing, and desserts.

In this eclectic collection, Friedland ranges near and far. The old East European stand-bys — chicken soup, knaidlach and chopped liver — are included. But so are relatively unfamiliar Sephardi dishes like tangine of chicken and spinach pie.

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Arts

Saxophonist, pianist electrify synagogue musical recital

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Paul Brodie, Canada's most celebrated concert saxophonist, and renowned pianist Valerie Tryon were the featured artists at an electrifying musical recital presented by Beth Tikvah Synagogue earlier this month.

From Ragtime to Bernstein highlighted songs and classical sonatas penned by this century's most beloved Jewish composers, including Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Richard Rodgers and many others.

The packed house was treated to Brodie and his brassy rendition of hit tunes like *Fascinatin' Rhythm, I Got Rhythm, My Favorite Things, Cheek to Cheek,* and *Stormy Weather.*

Brodie is the undisputed king of concert saxophonists. During his long and distinguished professional career, which spans over 3,000 concert venues, he has played to adoring crowds in Israel, the United States, Singapore, France, China (twice) and Australia. He remains the most recorded concert saxophonist in the history of the instrument, with 45 albums to his credit. His latest recording, *Back to the Golden Ages of the Saxophone: Music of the '20s,* is due for release in early April.

According to Brodie, crossover programs such as the one given at Beth Tikvah are challenging for any musician. "But it is also one of the most entertaining experiences for audience and artist alike," he said.

Brodie brought it off brilliantly, delighting with the wonderfully lilting suite *Scaramouche,* composed by Darius Milhaud in 1939. Brodie and Tryon mingled their prodigious skills together to play three joyous, bouncing movements from the classic suite, *Vif, Modere,* and *Braziliera.* The Latin American flavor of these pieces conjured up images of flamenco dancers.

Tryon, a concert pianist, said she found the program a welcome change of pace. "There is an intimacy here with the audience that cannot be duplicated. It is unusual to be playing so many different types of numbers and songs at one concert, but I am enjoying it immensely."

As a soloist, she has played the great concert halls of Europe and North America. In 1986, the Government of Hungary's Ministry of Culture bestowed her with the Franz Liszt Medal, one of the highest honors given to a concert pianist.

The Beth Tikvah audience showed its appreciation by singing along to Gershwin's *Somebody Loves Me, S'Wonderful,* and *Summertime.*

The evening's most emotionally charged moments centred on *Adio,* a sonata composed by Srul Glick, Beth Tikvah's concert series producer and choirmaster. The piece was commissioned by the World Saxophone Congress in 1992, and made its Canadian debut that evening.

Glick said 1992 commemorated the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus. "But more to the point, it marked the date of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain." He was inspired to write the piece while looking out over Jerusalem during an earlier visit.

Adio (farewell in Spanish), embodies the bitterness of those who lived in a tolerant Spain for centuries. In recognition of this, Brodie's instrument seemed to wail out a juxtaposition of mellifluous Hebraic and Latino melodies during the first somber movements. The sonata's thundering climax came with a complex interweaving of saxophone and piano harmonies, flowing in a near improvisational style. This final movement symbolized the triumph and celebration of the rebirth of a people and a nation.

This was a concert of contrasts. The range of musical styles, and the messages they contained, moved the audience from sadness to exhilaration. Brodie and Tryon gave a masterful performance in an exceptional evening of entertainment. It was a rare experience, not soon forgotten.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Hope by Herman Wouk, (Little, Brown & Co. $29.95)

For his tenth novel, Herman Wouk has chosen a formidable subject: the stirring saga of Israel's creation and survival over two portentous decades. The story begins in 1948 with the nation's fate hanging in the balance, and concludes with Israel's astonishing victory in the Six-Day War and the reuniting of Jerusalem.

In structuring the mammoth work (687 pages) around Israel's War of Independence, the Suez War and the Six-Day War, Wouk indicates that "*The Hope* has been the product of painstaking comparison of sources, weighing of possibilities and interviews with persons involved in events who often differ widely about what really happened."

The events depicted are engrossing and often exciting: the building of the "Burma Road" to relieve a besieged Jerusalem, the sanguinary and obstinate Latrun battles, the invaluable assistance of American Colonel David "Mickey" Marcus and his accidental death by an unwary Israeli soldier, the daring dash of Moshe Dayan through Lod and Ramle and the use of an ancient Roman road by General Yigal Allon to capture El Arish.

Also detailed is the Altalena episode which pitted a feisty David Ben-Gurion against an equally determined Menachem Begin and his Irgun cohorts, an unhappy clash of ideologies that could have led to a disastrous civil war of Jew against Jew.

In 1956 Israel, in conjunction with British and French forces, attacked Egypt which had nationalized the Suez Canal. Israel's brilliant march to the canal and the capture of Sharm El Sheikh were vitiated by an enraged President Dwight D. Eisenhower, fearful of Russian retaliation.

Wouk regards the Six-Day War as essentially a struggle for water. He augments his description of the war's major events with surprising information about some behind-the-scenes diplomatic manoeuvering. The American Secretary of Defence informs an Israeli official that President Lyndon Johnson has received from Eisenhower a verbal communication that in view of Israel's good faith withdrawal from Sinai in 1956 and the American guarantee of the status quo which Nasser has now abrogated, the United States would not interfere with Israel's freedom to act.

When news comes of the unexpected capture of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount there is exultation. "Fathers and sons, mothers and children, wives and husbands, sweethearts, newlyweds, comrades in arms out on the battlefield, all are fused in a once-in-a-lifetime, once-in-a-millennium surge of the spirit. Everywhere in the Holy Land Jews embrace, dance, and sing: 'This is the Day the Lord has made . . .' "

The Hope deserves readership for its historical underpinning and sheer narrative force. Unhappily, however, it suffers from undue length, exasperating prolixity, contrived sexual encounters and characters that rarely achieve credibility.

The years that Wouk spent in researching and writing this book were not wasted, but it is not the work we were eagerly awaiting.

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Father of modern Hebrew a tragically flawed figure

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — He was the father of the Hebrew language but he ruled his family like a tyrant, raising his first-born son in isolation so Ben Zion would become the world's first child never to have heard or spoken anything but Hebrew. He did not even allow him to see another child till he was five.

It's no wonder that *Wordmaker* the Israeli-made film about Eliezer Ben-Yehuda raised the hackles of the Toronto Jewish Film Society capacity audience recently. Nor that he was described as "a genius with a tragic flaw in his personality," by Libby Garshowitz, moderator of the discussion period.

Wordmaker doesn't lack for high-pitched emotions. For example, Ben-Yehuda heartlessly berates his first wife for slipping up and singing a Russian lullaby to the 3-year-old Ben Zion, frightened during a thunderstorm. Ben Zion responds by speaking for the first time in his life (in Hebrew, of course), a curt command to his father to stop striking his mother. The parents are overjoyed to hear these first words.

Later, in New York, in 1917, where Ben-Yehuda is raising funds for his 17-volume Hebrew dictionary, Ben Zion reveals to his father how he resented being used as a guinea pig for Hebrew. Then it is Ben-Yehuda's turn to confess that when all four children were ill with pneumonia, he prayed hardest for Ben Zion's recovery, and the death of two other children had haunted him since.

Ben-Yehuda's life in Palestine, where he first came from Russia in 1881, was anything but tranquil. He suffered from tuberculosis. He ran afoul of religious authorities who were displeased with his goal of turning the language of the Torah into everyday speech. A misunderstood editorial in his *Zvi* newspaper, "a daily which comes out once a week," was seized on by the Chief Rabbis to excommunicate him and to turn him over to the Turks. A world-wide protest by Jews led to his release in 10 days.

But the enmity of the rabbis did not let up. When his first wife, Dvorah, died at a young age, they tried unsuccessfully to prevent him from burying her in a Jewish cemetery.

Six months later he married Hameda, her younger sister, and it was Hameda who engineered her husband's trip to New York and later completed the dictionary, following Ben-Yehuda's death in Palestine in 1922, at age 64. But Hameda, too, bent to Ben-Yehuda's iron will. She complied with his decision that their daughters would not dine with guests, but the son would.

The flashback technique in the made-for-Israeli-TV $200,000 movie, makes it difficult to concentrate on this Israeli hero's accomplishments, so draining is the emotional content. It is a true successor to the crisis-ridden Yiddish plays of earlier days.

A flashback which Ben-Yehuda himself carries in his mind concerns his arguments in Paris, during his student days, with a Trotskyite who said Jewish nationalism was dead and internationalism was the future. "Jewish nationalism is not dead, just unconscious," Ben-Yehuda replied.

He refused to speak Yiddish with other Jews, believing it to be a threat to Hebrew. On the other hand, he spoke English to American Jews, saying English was no threat.

During his four-year stay in New York, he was guilt-ridden that he was away from Palestine during the critical days of World War I.

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EYE ON ARTS

Script Workshop: Fran Biderman and Roselle Stone, actresses and longtime members of Medina Theatre Ensemble, have jointly written a stageplay entitled *There Comes A Time* ....

Part comedy, part serious drama, the play explores the lives of senior citizens. To see whether the characterizations stand up and what dialogue can be trimmed, the authors have scheduled a workshop at the Bloor Street Y, 750 Spadina Ave., for Sunday April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Noted actor-director Sean Mulcahy will direct.

Biderman and Stone are seeking talented volunteers from the mid-30s to the mid-70s to join the nine-member cast.

To apply, phone Luni at (416) 924-6211.

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Seeking Playwrights: The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto is looking for the authors of a score of plays submitted to its Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest over the past three years. Because of a series of professional staff and venue changes, records have been lost.

Among the entries are a number of worthy scripts that deserve public recognition and attention. The committee would like to plan some programs around these scripts, but need the permission of the playwrights.

If you have submitted a play to this contest, please contact Luni Bendayan at the JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, M5S 2J2. Phone: (416) 924-6211.

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Entertainment Milestones: This column takes official notice of two events that shook the entertainment world in 1964. One of these was the appearance of The Beatles on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. The second was the opening in New York City in September of the musical, *Fiddler On The Roof*.

Written by Jerry Bock with lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, *Fiddler* is based on Joseph Stein's book, itself an adaptation of the beloved Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem's stories about peasant life in czarist Russia.

An examination of Sholem Aleichem's original stories reveals what treasures Stein had to work with: in many cases he used large stretches of dialogue verbatim.

As every reader of this column must know, the story concerns the lives and customs of poor Jewish Russian villagers in 1905, and focuses on Tevye the dairyman, his wife Golde, and their five daughters, whom he attempts to raise by the dictates of 'tradition.'

A 30th-anniversary revival of the much-lauded Broadway favorite opens at the Leah Posluns Theatre on April 7 and runs to May 1. Gerry Salsberg, who has trod across the boards at Leah Posluns many times, takes the role of Tevye, opposite Deedee Langford as Golde, Miriam Newhouse as Yente the Matchmaker, Allan Price as Lazar Wolfe and Jack Duffy as the Rabbi. Fresh from her directorial success with *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Reva Stern is producer as well as director of the 35-member cast.

Tickets ($14.50 to $22) are available through the theatre box office (416-630-6752) or Ticketmaster (416-872-1111).

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Joseph Returns: Livent chair Garth Drabinsky and O'Keefe Centre manager Martin Onrot have announced the return of Livent's hit production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, starring Donny Osmond, in May 1995 for a third limited engagement. The play, a joyous musical retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers at the time of the Pharaoh received its North American premiere in Toronto's Elgin Theatre in June 1992.

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Children's Art Show: Situated at 460 Avenue Rd., south of St. Clair Avenue, the Avenue Road Arts School helps people of all ages produce art, writing, music, and other forms of creative self-expression.

School director Lola Rasminsky, an accomplished musician and music teacher, has given workshops to early childhood educators and music educators, and is the president of The Canadian Society for Advancement of Gifted Education, a charitable organization.

For one week beginning Sunday April 24, the school presents the exhibition Through the Eyes of the Child: A Journey to Paradise, which displays the work of the children who attend the school's fine arts kindergarten and after-school arts club. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Admission is free and families are welcome. Phone: (416) 961-1502.

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A Shayna Maidel: The notice in this column several weeks ago about the upcoming production of *A Shayna Maidel* (opening April 20 at the North York Performing Arts Centre) neglected to mention that it is a production of New Globe Theatre, whose board includes Susan Douglas Rubes and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Phelan.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Roughly three millennia ago, it took Moses and the Children of Israel 40 years of wandering in the desert to reach the Promised Land. Flying direct and even non-stop, today's travellers to Israel generally reap the benefits of much better connections.

El Al, the national carrier of Israel, needs only about 12 hours to whisk you from Toronto to Tel Aviv. The only wandering anyone might do nowadays is in seeking out the baggage carousels at Ben Gurion Airport.

El Al operates two direct flights weekly from Toronto to Tel Aviv, on Mondays and Wednesdays, with a brief stop to pick up passengers in Montreal. Also, El Al offers direct service from most cities in western Canada through the participation of Canadian carriers.

"When you fly with El Al to Israel, you get there the fastest way possible, and you start experiencing the atmosphere of Israel as soon as you board the aircraft," says Samuel Kalev, El Al's district manager for Ontario and Western Canada.

Part of that atmosphere aboard El Al's wide-bodied aircraft is the range of culinary service. "We serve a variety of menus, from vegetarian to diabetic to the 'Little Prince' meals geared for children — and everything we serve is kosher," says Kalev.

Other in-flight benefits include religious, classical and pop music audio programming in Hebrew and English. All El Al pilots are veterans of the Israeli Air Force.

In keeping with recent marketing trends, El Al features a frequent flyer's club, allowing regular passengers to accumulate bonus points that can be exchanged for free tickets to any of El Al's more than 40 destinations worldwide. The use of airport lounges, expedited check-in lines, preferential handling and other amenities are available to travellers through the airline's King David Club, which costs $160 (US) annually to join ($80 for spouses).

According to figures supplied by Kalev, about 38,000 people travelled by air from Canada to Israel in each of the last two years, and El Al's share of this traffic is approximately 60 per cent. El Al's lowest published excursion fare is $1,301 from Toronto, $1,226 from Montreal, plus taxes, applicable throughout much of the winter low season. As with most airlines, reduced fares are often available through tour operators and travel wholesalers.

To keep pace with its competitors, El Al, in conjunction with the Canadian air carriers with whom it has preferred agreements, offers Canadian passengers the option of stopovers in any European gateway city. The airline's toll-free information and reservations line is 1-800-361-6174.

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To be sure, there is stiff competition on the air routes between the land of the maple leaf and the land of milk and honey. Published fares of Canada-to-Israel flights on British Airways, Holland's KLM, Air France, Swissair and the German airline Lufthansa generally fall into line with El Al's rates. All these carriers offer kosher cuisine, though with less variety (and sometimes less reliability) than El Al.

Some Israeli-bound travellers prefer to fly on a European national carrier because it allows them to stretch their legs on terra firma during stopovers.

These stopovers can be long. British Airways passengers, for example, generally have to wait 10 hours or more at Heathrow for the connecting flight to Ben Gurion.

Having flown into Israel for 25 years, Lufthansa brings more tourists to Israel — some two million passengers in total, with 200,000 in 1993 alone — than any other airline. Lufthansa flights from Canada to Israel may include a stopover in Frankfurt at no extra charge. Likewise, KLM permits stopovers in Amsterdam, as does Swissair in Zurich and Air France in Paris, although representatives of these airlines say most Canadians holding tickets to Israel prefer to travel straight through.

"Tel Aviv is one of our biggest sellers out of Canada," says Air France sales rep Dinah Kutner. "Because the connection is so good — only three hours in Paris on the return flight — it sells itself. The flights are always full in the summer."

Last month, the Israeli government eased some restrictions on foreign airlines into Israel, changing the previous 50-50 regulatory split between El Al and foreign carriers to a potential 60-40 ratio in favor of foreign airlines like British Airways, KLM, Air France, Lufthansa and Swissair. Such a distinguished array of competitors is good news for travellers and should help make the already good service of Israel's national airline even better.

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Mission With A Difference: Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is sponsoring a bike mission through Israel, May 2 to May 11. The route winds from the Golan to Jerusalem, taking in archaeological excavations, historic sites, nature reserves, national parks and more.

Daily riding distances are between 60 km and 70 km and accommodation is in kibbutz guest houses. The cost is $2,500, of which $900 can be paid with Israel Bonds. Participants (limited to 100) are required to raise at least $1,500 in sponsored donations.

Contact Merle Goldman, (416) 485-8000 or 1-800-668-3956 (Ontario and Quebec).

Pesach reservations high for many Israeli hotels

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel's hotels will be full to overflowing during the upcoming Passover/Easter season, despite the slayings in Hebron last month, according to a tourism publication here.

According to a survey conducted by *Travel News*, a popular publication among those who work in Israel's tourism industry, the Hebron incident, in which a Jewish settler killed 30 Arabs, has had only a slight impact on holiday tourism.

In an article entitled Incoming Tourism Has Not Been Hurt, the newsletter stated that "very few tourists have canceled their trip in the wake of the massacre."

Some individuals and groups have pulled out, including Christian pilgrims who had planned to spend Easter in the Holy Land, the article noted. And it added that there could be "some last-minute cancellations" if the security situation worsens.

"Some tourists who have made reservations are waiting to see what happens," the article said.

The fact that the tragedy has not resulted in a spate of cancellations has delighted tourism officials here, who had feared that tourists would stay away during the lucrative holiday season, much as they did before and during the 1991 Gulf War.

According to a Ministry of Tourism spokesman, Passover, which this year begins on March 26, and Easter, which this year falls on April 3, traditionally draw large numbers of visitors.

Of the 1.9 million people who visited Israel last year, nearly 275,000 planned their trips to coincide with Passover and Easter, according to the ministry.

"So far, Pesach reservations are looking very good," said Fiona Semberg, spokeswoman for the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. "There have been a few cancellations, but we can't say they are definitely due to what happened in Hebron. We just hope and pray that nothing will happen to affect the situation tomorrow."

She noted, however, "that a large percentage of our guests come back year after year, and that many come during Pesach to visit their family living in Israel. They're not the kind of people who are likely to cancel, regardless of the security situation."

"We are very pleased at the low number of cancellations," agreed Sara Fitterman, owner of the Ambassador Travel Agency in Jerusalem. "As far as we can tell, Passover visits haven't been overly affected by the tragedy. In Jerusalem, at least 85 per cent of the hotel rooms are booked. We expect 100 per cent occupancy by Pesach."

While holiday reservations remain steady, Fitterman expressed concern over the long term. "There has been a slowdown in the number of reservations for May and June, and a few cancellations, mostly among Jewish groups and individuals from the United States and France.

"I have the feeling that many potential tourists are taking a wait-and-see attitude, based on the political situation in the coming weeks and months." Fitterman said.

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Looking Down The Avenue

Focusing on Toronto's Fashion Future

Converting Spadina Avenue into a residential area?

Boutique plans to bring 'magic back into the fashion industry'

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Not many industries have been as devastated by the recession as the fashion industry, particularly at the higher end. One by one the most reputable and exclusive of Toronto's fashion boutiques have shut their doors, leaving both their customers and their sales staff with fewer and fewer places to go.

Enter Michael Morris, 49, a businessman with a fresh new concept that he hopes will "bring the magic back to the fashion industry." It's called Direct Fashion Networking (DFN) and it's based on the belief that what customers want most of all is personal service — a little bit of pampering mixed with a lot of tasteful advice.

At DFN, customers are sought after by their favorite saleswomen who once served them faithfully at now defunct stores. Shelley Gold, Esther Kniznik, Gail Goldfarb, Susan Kirsh and Helen Mindel are all names that people who shopped at Creeds, Wendy Cherry and Brian Winston will remember.

"Primarily, I have created a business opportunity for fashion salespeople who were left without a home. I want them to treat DFN as if it's their own, to work the place with the freedom they need to make their customers happy. Secondarily, I have created a place for customers who still want top fashion with the service they deserve at this higher price level," explains Morris.

Located on Bayview Avenue, just north of Eglinton, is a 1,800-square-foot second floor showroom filled with seven European designer fashion collections and accessories — hats, belts, costume jewellery and perfume. The job of his sales staff, who work solely on commission and completely on their own hours, is to "network" the community for clientelle whose tastes and budget fit the merchandise and to personally escort them into the showroom.

Customers are then pampered with all the amenities they once enjoyed — free parking, a light lunch, a wine bar, comfortable dressing rooms, beautiful clothing and, most importantly, the expert advice and confidence of an experienced saleswoman that they trust.

Morris's concept, which takes us back to the fashion industry of prerecessionary days, came out of the need for survival in an industry that he believes lost its spark. His brainchild was initially tested four years ago with Rumorz — Fashion by Appointment, a showroom that he ran at Victoria Park and Steeles. In 1992, he took his concept to Jack Atkin and Sunny Choi and was responsible for running their place and increasing their sales for almost two years.

Now, Morris has struck out on his own once again in a business that he entered when he was only 16, selling dresses in his family's flea market in England.

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Steven Kirsch and Mark Cowan, partners in Kirsch Construction and Project Management, have a vision for Spadina Avenue's declining fashion district.

Cowan, formerly of Bernard Cowan, a Canadian fashion group, says that because of various factors including free trade and global competition, the fashion industry is not what it was even five years ago.

"Most clothing can be imported at lower prices so price-wise, Canada is just not competitive. As well, stores cannot obtain the same credit limits they were able to get a few years ago. All these things are devastating the industry."

He adds, as a result of the fashion industry's decline, a number of good quality, architecturally beautiful buildings, most in the area running south from Queen to Front and east to McCall, are now standing empty. "Many family firms are gone, but the owners still own the buildings and they are wondering what to do with them. Taxes are high, there are no tenants, and they cannot sell the buildings."

This is where Kirsch, who has extensive background in design and construction, and Cowan feel they can help. What they would like to see is the fashion district become a residential area.

"The beauty of the fashion industry is that it is clean, with little pollution. As a result, these high quality buildings are in very good condition. They could easily be converted into living areas with lofts, studios or office space so the residents could live and work at home. With office space so expensive, there is a definite trend towards home-based businesses and these homes could be divided between living and working space. Conserving space is the new way of doing business and what residents would get is nice, clean working space that they can afford to keep up.

"As well, residents would live and work in the core of the city. They could easily get downtown in the evening and with people populating the buildings, the streets would be safer. Now, Spadina Avenue is empty at night."

The partners say that after they are able to change the area's zoning from commercial to residential, they will create homes that would be great for students, families or anyone else who would like a downtown lifestyle. "What we could do is create two-storey homes with large window spaces. Our specialty is design and execution. We show people how to make use of all the space they have. Owners could convert their buildings into rental or condominium properties — whatever they like."

Kirsch and Cowan agree that Spadina Avenue needs a facelift. "The area needs new life, and we know what to do to breathe some life into it."

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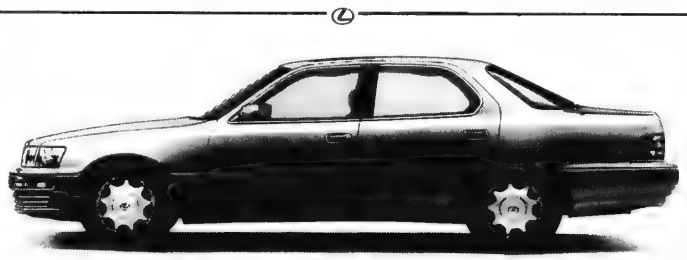

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Signs of the Good Life

A recent flurry of trade figures from Jerusalem say a lot about lifestyles in Israel.

Many more Israelis are enjoying the good life. In January, automobile, refrigerator, dishwasher and VCR imports rose significantly. Nearly 7,500 VCRs and more than 12,000 cars were brought into the country during the first month of this year.

Government economic analysts credit a higher standard of living for the luxury import phenomenon.

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Kibbutzim Seek Brighter Days

Year-end 1993 statistics, on the other hand, show that kibbutz business isn't what it used to be.

Kibbutz industry export revenues dropped close to 6 per cent from the previous year, even though revenue from all Israeli exports had increased by 20 per cent.

Micha Hertz, executive director of the Kibbutz Industries Association, blames the European recession for the tough times facing his members. Close to half of kibbutz products are shipped to Europe.

Hertz, however, sees better days ahead, pointing to an export upturn in the fourth quarter of last year.

Across the Israeli economy overall last year, exports rose by 11.8 per cent, but imports were up as well — by 13.9 per cent, creating a trade deficit of $6.18 billion.

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A Month to Buy the Bank

Bidders for control of Israel's Bank Leumi have until April 18 to submit an offer.

The government currently holds about 73 per cent of Bank Leumi shares. M.I. Holdings, which is responsible for the sale of government owned bank shares, will soon be issuing an official call for tenders to companies interested in taking over 20 to 40 per cent of the bank — enough to establish controlling interest.

So far, only one group, headed by Otzar Hityshvut Hayehudim, the banking's holding company, coupled with foreign investors, has shown any inclination to take over.

Bidders must deposit $20 million to show how serious they really are.

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Free Trade Across the Sinai

Israel and Egypt are working out the mechanics of a free trade agreement, which would cancel all customs duties on goods travelling between the two countries.

Not only that, but Egypt will be abolishing inconvenient trade regulations. For example, under current rules, Egyptian trucks carting products destined for Israel, must transfer them to an Israeli vehicle at the border and vice versa.

Egypt's minister of economics would also like to remove restrictions on Israeli companies participating in Egyptian government tenders.

He seems to be making progress. Egypt recently agreed to Israeli enterprises tendering for 50 per cent of the pipeline transferring natural gas to Israel.

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Bigger Buildings in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's master development plan for the capital includes larger buildings.

Downtown zoning regulations are going to be changed to permit construction of additional floors, which, Olmert feels will contribute to the city's revitalization.

Only low rises are allowed now, but the mayor may be looking at structures that are 14 or 15 stories high.

Olmert is also pushing for new roads, especially from the north, but he thinks a subway for Jerusalem is impractical.

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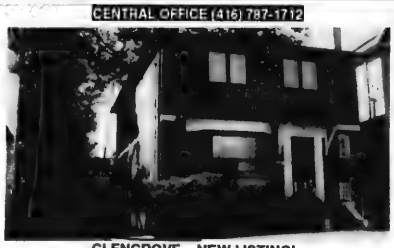

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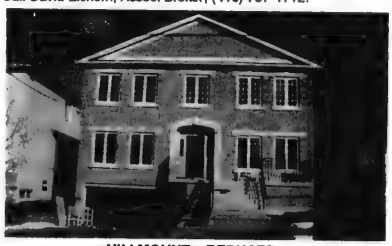

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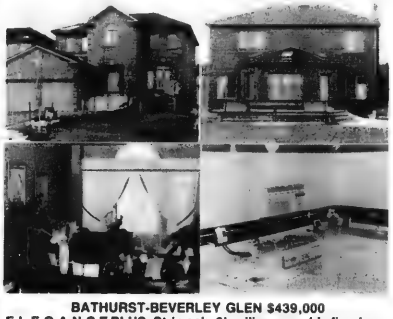

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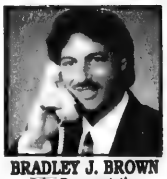

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(Tehillim / Psalms 2)

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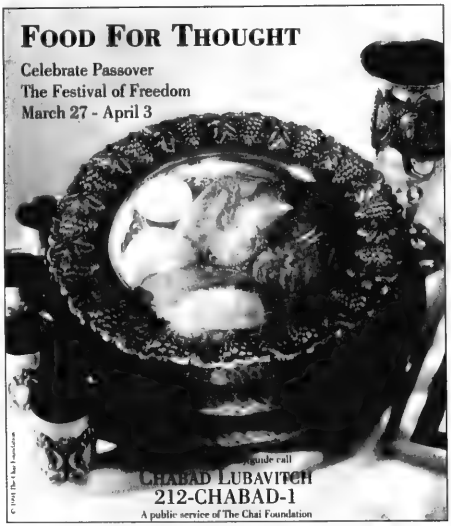
The previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Y. Schneersohn, in 1929, as he arrives in the United States on his first visit to these shores. Inset: The present Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, with his father-in-law, in 1943.

Jewish communities around the globe will be celebrating the Rebbe's 92nd birthday on March 23, 11 Nissan. The Rebbe–his life and his leadership–continues to be the inspiration in the lives of millions who have dedicated themselves to the making of a kinder, gentler world for all of humankind. Since having suffered a stroke two years ago, the Rebbe has been making steady progress towards his recovery, and continues to share his counsel and blessings with thousands from all walks of life seeking his guidance. The following pages are dedicated in honor of the Rebbe's 92nd birthday.

Once again, the Chai Foundation has created with the panache of Madison Avenue and the purpose of a higher calling, this Passover poster, which will remind thousands of Jews to celebrate the upcoming holiday. The poster will also appear in subway trains and buses throughout the New York metropolitan area.



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Passover, as all other Jewish holidays, is not only a commemoration of a historic event, but it is also a time that is filled with opportunity and potential unique to this holiday.

EACH YEAR, AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE Passover, *the festival of freedom*, we need to take the time to reflect on the significance of this celebration, particularly as it pertains to each of us in our personal lives. For Passover, as all other Jewish holidays, is not only a commemoration of a historic event, but it is also a time that is filled with opportunity and potential unique to this holiday.

The exodus from Egypt (in Hebrew *Mitzraim*—constraints), as it applies to our spiritual lives, refers to the ability of the individual to overcome negative habits and tendencies which inhibit the G-dly spark within him/her. In this way, the individual experiences freedom—the release from destructive and constraining inclinations.

Preparing the Jews to leave Egypt in haste, G-d commanded: "Your loins shall be girded; your shoes on your feet; your staff in your hand,"*(Exodus, 12:11)*. As we know, there is intent and layers of meaning to each comment, word, even vowel in the Torah. Indeed, each of these expressions of readiness allude to the various areas of concern that constitute the whole person: Self, society and global environment.

Your loins girded. In the physical sense, the loins are the part of the body which support the whole body, including the head. Hence, the spiritual implication of "to gird one's loins" is to prepare to work energetically, towards self-perfection, in thought, speech and action.

Your shoes on your feet. Shoes enable the individual to walk on the ground, on a rough and prickly surface. This is not only for his/her own sake, but also to trod a path so that those who follow can walk easily. In spiritual terms, this refers to the individual's concern and involvement with other people and the surrounding society.

Your staff in your hand. The staff is a metaphor for the individual's influence on a global level. For the staff enables one to access what is otherwise beyond his/her reach. Thus we are encouraged to have impact upon the larger society, and perhaps upon those people with whom we have no direct contact. For, as each individual ought to think that "the world was created for his sake" *(Talmud, Sanhedrin, 37a)*, every person must thus make his/her positive influence felt in the world at large.

Through the fulfillment of Torah and *mitzvot*, which manifest themselves in every aspect of individual and communal life, each one of us is thus able to integrate these three areas which constitute a wholesomeness in the spiritual quality of life.

May this holiday of Passover penetrate our lives in all respects, and bring redemption to every Jew, in spiritual and physical terms. With blessings for a happy, healthy and redemptive Passover. ◻

Adapted from a letter of Nissan 11, 5746/1986

Lubavitch International extends thanks and appreciation to its friends around the world, whose prayers and good wishes continue to pour forth. They are a source of strength to the Rebbe in his continued progress to recovery.

50 Years Later: America Is Indeed No Different

MARCH 1940. A SWEDISH liner, the Drottingholm, plows across the Atlantic, swarming with U-boats, on the last commercial transport to cross the ocean before the shipping ban of W.W.II.

Distinguished passenger, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, reeling from the grief and pain of Eastern European Jewry's devastation, was planning a counter-offensive even before the ship was within sight of its destination. While in his cabin, the Rebbe was preparing plans for a network of Jewish schools, activities and institutions in the United States. Later, when the ship docked at New York harbor, the Rebbe addressed a crowd of Jewish and political VIPs who had come to greet him. "Your warm and cordial reception is deeply moving," he said. "But, my heart is overwhelmed with pain and concern for the plight of our brethren on the other side. Their cry for help echoes in my ears and heart. . . . America's conscience must be awakened, and above all, American Jewry must alert itself to the life-saving mission now on its hands as never before in the history of mankind."

Pioneer of the Jewish day school system: Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn in his stateroom aboard the Drottingholm on the day of his arrival to the United States, March 19, 1940.

Six days later, Yeshivah Tomchei Tmimim Lubavitch had opened in Brooklyn, New York, and then a younger division, Achei Tmimim. Shortly thereafter, the Rebbe initiated the opening of yeshivas and Talmud Torahs in other Jewish enclaves in the New York area. Despite strong opposition from the Jewish community, particularly the established Jewish organizations, the Rebbe dispatched emissaries throughout the northeast to open Talmud Torahs for public school children, elementary school yeshivas, and summer learning programs.

The momentum picked up in 1941, particularly with the expanded programs of the present Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. Upon his arrival to the U.S., the Rebbe was immediately appointed by his father-in-law, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, to establish Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm, and Machne Israel, the all-embracing social services arm of the Lubavitch movement.

The Jewish day school was soon becoming a choice for many modern Jewish parents, and Lubavitch was opening Jewish day schools in cities and states across the country.

As the pioneer of the Jewish day school system in the United States, Lubavitch found itself up against the terrific odds of the prevalent Jewish mentality. This was, after all, a generation that wanted desperately to distance itself from "old world" Jewish associations. At the time, few Jews determined to produce doctors and lawyers in their new land of infinite possibilities, could accept that it need not be at the expense of one's Jewish identity. The sight of Chasidic Jews wearing their identities unabashedly—coming along to open parochial schools in the United States, was perceived by many Jews as a throwback to a primitive past, and a disconcerting threat to their successful integration into the great American melting pot. Even within the Torah-observant American Jewish community, content with their small enclaves and small yeshivas, there was

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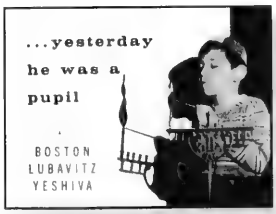
resistance to the Rebbe's bold and comprehensive vision for the American Jewish reality. However, with the specter of the Holocaust on the European continent being so grave, no opposition would dampen the Rebbe's determination to prevent yet another form of Jewish annihilation from occurring on the American continent.

"America is no different," the Rebbe proclaimed. "It must become the new center for Torah and Judaism." So, with very little resources or financial support from American Jewish organizations, small yeshivas were opening in the back rooms of synagogues, and in basements and attics of private houses. Reluctantly, many parents agreed to send their children to these yeshivas at first, if only because of the secular studies they offered.

Slowly but surely, as the Rebbe and his emissaries succeeded to fan the moribund sparks of Jewish identity in the United States, the yeshivas began to grow. Slowly but surely, through the painstaking and entirely selfless devotion of select individuals, "the ice of American Jewry," was beginning to melt. Slowly but surely the yeshivas were making their point: Jewish education was *a priori*. And here, in the United States, a Torah education with strong Jewish values was not incompatible with a fine secular education. Jewish identity should and indeed would be a source of pride.

Three Lions

Young American Yeshiva Pioneers at prayer.



An innovative brochure for the fledgling Yeshiva in Boston.

Fifty years later, Jewish day schools have become the norm, indeed fashionable. The success of Lubavitch in the field of Jewish education is measured not only in the numbers of schools it has established nationwide or in the numbers of proud and committed Jews it has produced, but in the way it has shaped the attitudes of American Jews. Today, most Jewish communities boast a Jewish day school. Today, every Jewish parent, regardless of affiliation, takes an unmistakable pride in giving his/her child a Jewish education.

Pittsburgh, New Haven, Springfield, Rochester, Boston, Bridgeport, Newark, Chicago Worcester . . . These were among the first yeshivas to be opened in the early years following the late Rebbe's arrival in New York. In the following pages, Lubavitch International takes a look at one of these yeshivas across the span of fifty years: It is but one example of how faith, conviction and commitment have come together to save generations of Jewish souls and to clear the path for generations more to follow.

Fifty Years of Growth

THEN: Ms. Keny Posner (Deren) with her young charges.

Mrs. Frieda Unger: "Very much depended on a few people who started it."

Mrs. Ethel Weiss: "I made the lunches."

Mrs. Rose Dunn: "Rabbi Posner came to see us, and he said, 'The Rebbe sent me to start a yeshiva. And you're coming along to help, aren't you?'"

Mrs. Rose Balsam: "Rabbi Posner came to my house and would not take no for an answer."

FOUR WOMEN, ALL WELL into their nineties today, share vignettes of half a century ago. It was September, 1943. Rabbi Sholom Posner climbed the wooden staircase with four young children trailing after him. He led them to their classroom, up in an attic apartment on Dawson Street. With patience, diligence and love, he taught them the Hebrew Aleph-Bet. Then the first word of the Torah, *B'reishit*.

In the beginning, Yeshiva Achei Tmimim was very, very small. There was no fanfare, no groundbreaking ceremonies, no press releases, no photo ops, no endowments. Just a couple of Jewish kids who needed to learn how to live as Jews, and a husband and wife team who were ready to teach them. There were also these four mothers who never regretted their decision to put their sons into the hands of Rabbi Posner.

Yeshiva Achei Tmimim, more commonly known as Yeshiva Schools, celebrates fifty years of growth this year, with an enrollment of nearly 500 students ranging from nursery through high school, including a boy's yeshiva. In the course of half a century, the Yeshiva has become the largest, the most respected and arguably the most successful Jewish day school in Pittsburgh. Located in Squirrel Hill, the yeshiva's well-planned building, equipped with computers, science labs, and audio-video facilities, is a far cry from the attic room of 1943. But a closer look at the Yeshiva, its teachers, its ambiance, and the graduates it turns out year after year, are evidence that the essential qualities invested by Rabbi Posner, who has been with the school until recently, have remained intact.

"Pittsburgh would not be Pittsburgh without the Yeshiva. People now move to Pittsburgh because of our Yeshiva education," insists Mrs. Dunn. Rabbi Yisroel

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NOW: The modern, 13-year-old school building is bursting at the seams.

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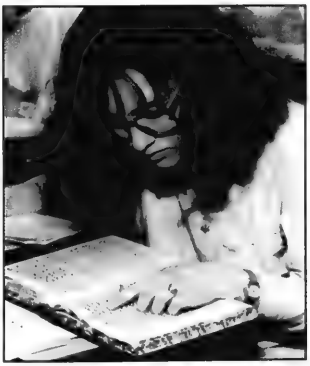

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Senior student, Shira Green, grapples with a Biblical passage.

Rosenfeld, Dean of the Yeshiva, concurs. "There are quite a number of families who have chosen to settle in Pittsburgh in recent years because of what our school offers." He credits a public school strike in the early 70s for bringing a wave of new students to the school. "Before that, many Jewish parents had the misconception that the school only served children from observant homes." The strike caused them to take a closer look at the school, bringing the Yeshiva an additional 100 students who chose to stay after the strike was over. "Parents quickly realized that the school, with its outstanding secular studies department, meets the educational expectations of a cross-section of the Jewish community —as is reflected in the make-up of our student body," says Rabbi Rosenfeld. Indeed, the SAT scores of students at Yeshiva Schools rank in the highest percentile nationwide. Enjoying a wide reputation for its success, Yeshiva Schools high school has been the choice of students from across the country, many of whom go on to study at universities around the country, or higher yeshivas around the world.

In spite of the Yeshiva's rapid growth, classes have been kept to the near ideal size of about 15 students per teacher. Rabbi Rosenfeld sees the school as an integral part of the community. "The school involves the students in many community activities so that in addition to their academic growth, they develop a sense of commitment and responsibility to their community." Conversely, "in many respects the school sets the tone for the broader Jewish community," he observes.

"People realize that this type of education is not only central to know where they came from, but to know where they are going."

HIGHER EDUCATION: A class of thrilled kindergarten graduates.

Enjoying a relationship of shared mutual interests, the Yeshiva and the United Jewish Federation have long been working together for the community's welfare. "When my first granddaughter began preschool at the Yeshiva, I must admit that I was a bit skeptical," confesses Mr. Jesse Cohen, past president of the UJF. "Now that I have watched her grow and mature into the caring, intelligent and Jewishly-committed young woman she is today, I am convinced that the Yeshiva and its emphasis on Jewish values and knowledge are largely responsible. It is truly a joy for me to see her brothers and sisters following in her footsteps."

As the yeshiva marks its jubilee, it is also promising to expand further: "The building we built in 1981 for the girls' division," explains Rabbi Rosenfeld, "was planned for 150 students." Now bursting at its seams with 250 students in the building, "it is time to expand the facility." The Yeshiva is also negotiating the purchase of a new building for the boys division, currently occupying space in two synagogues.

How is it that the Yeshiva continues to enjoy such a high rate of annual growth? "I guess there is a feeling that people want to know where they came from," says William Rudolph, president of the board at the Yeshiva. "People realize that this type of education will not only help them learn about where they came from, but also where they are going."

And they are going good places at the Yeshiva, where the time-honored Chabad-Lubavitch values that place Jewish children—their education, their Jewish pride, their optimism and the fulfillment of their potential—at the top of every agenda, are now, as then, the hallmark of Achei Tmimim Yeshiva Schools. ◘

Gary Yon

Learning to read Hebrew.

Saturday Night the Rabbi Stayed Out

STREET BEAT: The Mitzvah Mobile takes to the London streets.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, RABBI Levi Sudak can be seen "hanging out" on a street corner in the upper northwest part of London with hundreds of Jewish teenagers. At first, it may seem as though the rabbi is rediscovering his inner child. However, as he carries on his conversations with these kids, the dynamics between teenagers and rabbi become clear.

An enigma to some, a noisy nuisance to others, this phenomenon of Jewish kids "hanging out" was a cause for concern among many community members who perceived them as a potential danger to the community.

The Chabad-Lubavitch representative of Edgware, Rabbi Levi Sudak, saw it otherwise. "They were not hostile or violent in any way," he explains. "The danger was really about losing all these children to the influences of the street, to assimilation and other negative elements."

So one Saturday night, arriving with a *havdalah* set, snacks and good ideas, Rabbi Sudak joined the kids. His style caught the youths off-guard, and they quickly warmed up to him. Since 1986,

As night falls, Rabbi Sudak swings into action.

The Street Youth Project has turned the characteristic aimlessness of these Saturday night hangouts into a meaningful and productive experience. Parked on the street all night long is a Mitzvah Mobile stocked with good reading material, drinks and snacks. Through a variety of activities and speakers who have come to address them, most recently Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of England, the teenagers have begun to take a more serious look at themselves and the direction they want to take in life.

"Our relationship with these kids extends way beyond our Saturday night meetings," says Rabbi Sudak, who adapted parts of the Edgware Chabad House to serve the teenagers. A youth lounge, a game room with pool tables, electronic and other games, and round the clock refreshments are always available to them. "The kids know that this is a place that is always open to them. There is always someone available with a listening ear. They feel welcome to use the facilities, and come and go as they please," he says.

The rapport between Chabad and the teenagers is so successful, Rabbi Sudak admits, that it "is not uncommon that we get called in middle of the night by the police to help out if one of them is in trouble."

Although many of these kids' parents would prefer to deny that their children are among this large group, one parent did say that "Chabad is the only organization that has been able to find a positive direction for these teenagers, and has been extraordinarily successful."

In recognition of Rabbi Sudak's Street Youth Project, the Chief Rabbi presented Chabad of Edgware with an award. In his presentation, Rabbi Sacks said, "It is important for us as a community to know that you are there giving them that support." ◻

Chai to Thai

THE TRAFFIC CRAWLS AT A pace slower than Manhattan's rush hour, the air is denser than LA's smog, and the oppressive heat is incessant. In Bangkok, finding an elephant on the road or being delayed in traffic because the king is visiting, are all in an ordinary day's experience. So, too, are the mega-deals that are cut every hour as precious gems change hands, attracting foreign businessmen to this Buddhist metropolis in Thailand.

It was not the lure of business that drew Yosef and Nechama Kantor to Bangkok. Rather, it was a Jewish community of about 200 families in need of Jewish revitalization that had them packing their bags last May, as they said good-bye to the comforts of family and home in California.

Although the Kantors found two synagogues serving Bangkok's Jewish community, neither had a rabbi. The two rabbis preceding Rabbi Kantor lasted only several months. "During the Vietnam war, the community had a succession of rabbis stationed here to serve the U.S. troops," explained Ruth Gerson, a congregant. "But in 1974 that stopped, and we've had many temporary people, and sometimes no one at all." When the leaderless congregation requested help from Chabad-Lubavitch last Chanukah, Lubavitch Headquarters sent Rabbi Kantor to visit the community for several weeks. As a result, Rabbi Kantor now fills the position of rabbi in both these synagogues, while also acting as the *schochet* (ritual slaughterer), making kosher poultry available to the local community.

In the six months they have been there, the Kantors have dramatically raised the level of Jewish awareness, commitment and activity. Upon their arrival, only a few women made use of the *mikvah*. As a result of Mrs. Kantor's women's study programs, the use of the *mikvah* has grown six-fold. Through dynamic educational programs and study groups (which include daily adult educational classes, holiday celebrations, Shabbatons and a Talmud Torah serving some 30 children), in a city where no Jewish school previously existed, Bangkok's Jewish community is quickly shaping up.

"The bottom line," says Mrs. Kantor, "is education." Its absence, in any form, zeros in on the essential void of Bangkok's Jewish community. "All the Jewish children here go to British or other International schools. They have had absolutely no Jewish education while in Bangkok." The Talmud Torah, where Mrs. Kantor teaches, is a first in formal Jewish education in Bangkok. And that's only a beginning. Next, Mrs. Kantor is preparing to open a preschool.

As Chabad representatives to Thailand, the Kantors have responded to the needs of a transient Jewish element in the country: Jewish business people, many of them in need of kosher food and Shabbat accommodations, and Israeli youth just out of the army. Because of its cheap travel deals, Thailand serves as a starting point for those Israelis who regularly go backpacking in the Himalayas upon completing their army service.

Rabbi Yosef and Nechama Kantor, with their daughter Chaya Mushka.

An estimated 30,000 Israelis pass through Bangkok each year. "Many of these soldiers are so far removed from any true Jewish identity, that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are simply ordinary days for them. Others, vulnerable because of their ignorance about Judaism, become involved in Buddhism. "We're fast becoming an address for parents of Israeli kids who are going off the deep end," says Rabbi Kantor, who has managed to pluck some innocent Jewish souls from the quicksand of Eastern religions.

Rabbi Kantor was ordained by the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in NY. Mrs. Kantor (nee Schmukler) is from Los Angeles, California. Their daughter, Chaya Mushka is one year old. ◻

Old Traditions in New Mexico

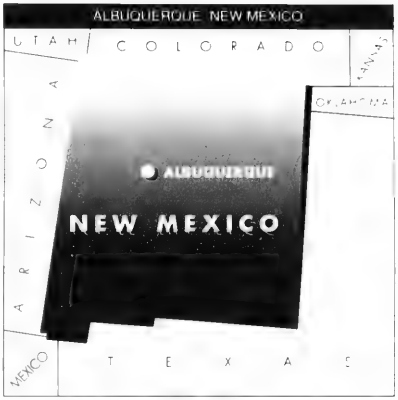
SHOPPERS AT THE CORONADO Center, New Mexico's largest shopping center, were surprised to find a huge Chanukah menorah lighting up the mall during the eight days of Chanukah. On the first night of Chanukah, latkes and *dreidels* made the rounds as parents and children were entertained.

"This is one way that we can bring the Jewish population here a sense of the joy and pride that goes along with being Jewish," says Rabbi Chaim Schmukler, the director of Chabad Lubavitch activities in New Mexico since September 1992.

Holiday programs, a pre-school, Shabbat meals, adult education classes, campus activities, and more—these are all the details, explains Rabbi Schmukler, that contribute significantly to a heightened Jewish consciousness. Both he and his wife Devorah Leah, describe their objectives simply: "We're here to reach out to all Jews, and let them know that regardless of their level of affiliation, knowledge or identity, a Jew is a Jew is a Jew, even here in New Mexico."

For now, the Schmukler home doubles as a Chabad House where Shabbat services and meals are held. Rabbi Schmukler notes that it is often the small things that make big differences in the attitudes and perceptions that many people have about Judaism. "Many of the people whom we've encountered here had very vague ideas about Judaism," he says. "Some of the people who've been with us for Shabbat never knew what *challah* was, or what something as rudimentary as Shabbat candles were."

With a high intermarriage rate, that shouldn't be surprising. It is an arduous undertaking, but the Schmuklers want to address these problems at their root: making a solid Jewish education available to the Jewish children of Albuquerque and beyond. "We want the kind of education that will foster a positive and proud Jewish identity," says Rabbi Schmukler. This explains why one of their first projects was the opening of a preschool for a handful of children. This was soon followed by an after-school program. In addition, the holiday programs like the Chanukah menorah in the mall, the shofar factory, sukkah mobile, Jewish art show and "Dial a Jewish Story" are making their imprints on the minds of young public school children. "We want these children not only to learn Jewish history, tradition and practices, but to discover the joys and beauty that go along with the holidays," says Mrs. Schmukler.



A Shabbat, holiday and Sunday *minyan*, a FAX-of-LIFE service that brings Torah lessons to the corporate tables in the city, a Talmud class for university students, a women's study class on Jewish Law and the Prophets, and a Kabbalah class for beginners—these are some of the programs that the Schmuklers hope will not only enhance the level of Jewish awareness, but will also create a warm community atmosphere as they set out to build a proud and visible Jewish presence in Albuquerque.

That's a tall order for a city like Albuquerque, where there is no kosher meat shop, and there are no kosher restaurants. "Kosher food must become more available here. In this day and age, a Jew should not have a difficult time maintaining a kosher home because kosher food is not easily available," observes Mrs. Schmukler.

Devorah Leah Schmukler (nee Perlow) studied at Beth Rivkah in New York, and completed her Teacher's Certification at the Lubavitch teacher's seminary in Sydney, Australia. Rabbi Schmukler, from Montreal, grew up in Los Angeles and was ordained at the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York.

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Rabbi Schmukler addresses the crowd at the Coronado Shopping Center.

Rabbi Chaim and Devorah Leah Schmukler.

A TIME TO BUILD

New Lubavitch Facility in Charlotte

"As the parent, I was the only one who could decide which preschool program was best suited for my child. I sought and chose a school that specializes in the well-being of children."

LAST DECEMBER, THE CHARLOTTE, North Carolina Jewish community celebrated the Bar Mitzvah year of Chabad–Lubavitch, and the groundbreaking of a 2.6 million dollar facility on several acres of wooded grounds. A building of 20,000 square feet will become the center for all of the institutions and activities that Chabad-Lubavitch has brought to Charlotte. Among these are the Lubavitch Day School, preschool, shul, *mikvah*, adult education center, and Talmud Torah.

"This is where it'll all be happening," says Rabbi Yossi Groner of the new complex. The building will include 16 classrooms, a gym, kitchen, dining facilities and sleeping accommodations for guests at Chabad–Lubavitch's twice monthly Shabbaton weekends. Rabbi Groner and his wife Mariashi, the Lubavitch representatives to the Carolinas and sticklers for quality, expect the building to be ready for the 1994–95 school year.

The Lubavitch Jewish Day School, acknowledged by the local media for its high standards and quality education, has an enrollment of students that run the gamut from fully observant to non-affiliated. One mom, interested in all aspects of the early educational experience of her child, explained her selection process for a pre-school. With an eye for teacher-child interaction, positive reinforcement, the variety of developmentally appropriate activities and materials, the experience and abilities of the teachers and the emphasis on experiential learning, she observed a variety of pre-schools. She then made her decision for the Lubavitch Pre-School. "As the parent," she says, "I was the only one who could decide which preschool program was best suited for my child. I sought and chose a school that specializes in the well-being of children."

Emphasizing the nature of the growth and success of the Jewish community in Charlotte, Mrs. Groner says: "Thirteen years ago, there was only one Jewish day school in Charlotte." But that school closed a short while later, and there was little in this city, then of 4000 Jews, that could sustain, let alone enhance, Jewish education and identity.

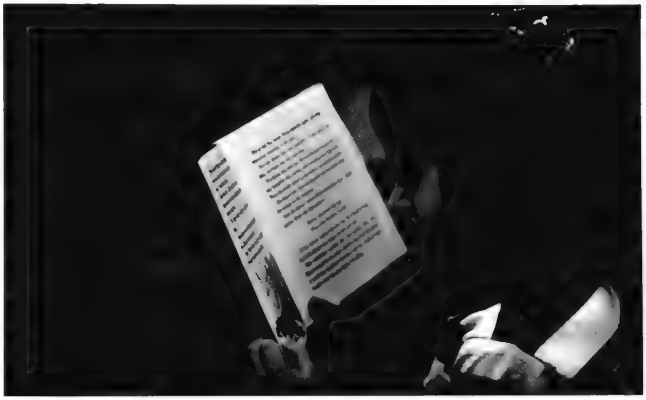
"When you consider that today we have 135 children in our Day School, 250 people at Simchat Torah, a vibrant *minyan* four times weekly, 50 children in our after-school programs, daily adult education classes and summer camps of more than 100 children—you realize how much has been accomplished in such a short span of time," she says.

Kleinman Architecture

Artist's rendition of new facility.

With its broad variety of programs serving children, adults, teenagers and public-school children, Chabad-Lubavitch has penetrated the entire Jewish community. It has infused it with a vibrancy and pride that makes Charlotte a desirable place for Jewish families. The community has since expanded—its population doubling to 8000.

Rabbi Groner, who also serves on the rabbinical committee of the Jewish Federation, talks of people who were influential is supporting the work of Lubavitch. It is former State Senator Marshall Rauch and Herman Blumenthal who were the initial contributors to Lubavitch and who continue to lend their support and encouragement to the work of Chabad Lubavitch. The Wojnowich-Kaplan families along with Marvin Baron and Jerry Hannes launched the new building project.



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Judaism in stereo.

The Groners attribute much of Chabad's success in Charlotte to the dedication of local emissaries, Rabbi and Mrs. Binyomin Weiss, who have contributed greatly to the growth of all Lubavitch programs since joining seven years ago, as well as Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Rosenfeld, who have recently joined the team. One success has led to another, prompting the opening of additional Chabad centers in Raleigh, and in Myrtle Beach and Columbia, South Carolina. Taking their cue from the Charlotte Headquarters, the Chabad-Lubavitch representatives are producing similar results, making Lubavitch of the Carolinas a pillarof support within its Jewish Community.

The new building portends continued growth for the Charlotte Jewish community. The Groners, grateful for past achievements, but not content, maintain that "there's still a long way to go."

"Hello mommy, it's Kara, school is really great!"

Mrs. Mariashi Groner: Each child deserves our very best.

Rabbi Groner: The Torah belongs to every Jew.

Eighteen Years in South Africa's Mother City

Students of the Hebrew Academy, Cape Town's only Torah school. The school grounds are nestled in the foothills of scenic Table Mountain.

IT WAS 4:00 A.M. ON TISHA B'AV, the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, when Rabbi Mendel Popack was awakened by the police at his home in Sea Point, a suburb of Cape Town, South Africa.

"Your synagogue is ablaze," they told him.

The Cape Jewish Chronicle put it this way: "The ninth of Av, 3338, fire destroys our Temple; the ninth of Av, 3828, fire destroys our second Temple; the ninth of Av, 5752, fire destroys our miniature Temple."

The tragedy of the Chabad House consumed by flames on Tisha B'Av struck a chord deep within all elements of the Cape Town Jewish community. "History," said Rabbi Popack, "had become the Chabad House's reality."

Established in 1984, the Chabad House had since served the Jewish community not only as a synagogue, Jewish educational, activity and outreach center for thousands of Cape Town Jews, but as a particularly warm and welcoming home for all of the community's Jews. It stood as a symbol of Jewish renewal in a city where the dearth of spiritual substance was perhaps as striking as its scenic landscapes.

Rabbi Popack and his wife, Avi, have taken strength, however, reading into the flames of the fire a call to move forward. "Once again," said Rabbi Popack shortly after the fire, "from a house we will make a home."

Recalling their arrival in 1976 to Cape Town, Avigail Popack describes a superbly organized community with a strong united front. "But there was very little Jewish substance here," she recalls. To use a *mikvah*, Avi had to travel to Johannesburg, some 1400 miles away. "It was not easy to overcome the initial resistance of the communal powers-that-be to the establishment of a community *mikvah*," she says.

The community lay leaders perceived the *mikvah* as an archaic tradition, not one they were keen on introducing to the Cape Town Jewish community. After four years, swimming upstream all the way, the Popacks prevailed and what is perhaps the most beautiful *mikvah* in all of South Africa, Mikvah Aaron, was built. The *mikvah* is used today by some 100 women.

As with the *mikvah*, the Popacks have met tremendous resistance when trying to establish a Jewish school. "The only Jewish school here had almost no Jewish studies curriculum at all," says Rabbi Popack. Expressing its Jewish identity almost entirely in terms of its Zionist ideology, it left a void that needed to be filled. "We really felt that there was a pressing need for a school that would bring Judaism, real Torah and *mitzvot* into the lives of its students."

Once again, having surmounted enormous difficulties, Rabbi and Mrs. Popack opened the Hebrew Academy of Cape Town with 12 students spread thin over a

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first, second and fourth grade. That was in 1983. Now, eleven years later, under the principalship of Rabbi Shlomo Lazarus the school has an enrollment of almost 100 and extends from nursery through 9th grade. With an outstanding Jewish and secular studies program, students graduate with entrenched Torah values. As the school expanded, it moved from one facility to another, until several months ago, the government made a gift of the building to the Academy in recognition of its outstanding work.

Attributing its success in part to Chabad's emphasis on working within the community structure, Avi explains, "We respect the community organization, and make every effort to integrate all of our ideas and activities with them." As co-founder and vice chairlady of NECHAMA, a social service organization for bereavement counseling, Avi has helped bring together people from diverse backgrounds and affiliations within the Jewish community, offering support and professional counseling to those suffering from emotional trauma. KOCOSA, another group of which Mrs. Popack serves as board member, is designed to create consumer awareness of Kosher products. These, and a women's Book Club in which women meet once a month to discuss Jewish literature are important if the city is to grow in a healthy and dynamic way, Avi argues.

Rabbi Popack with philanthropist Mr. Raymond Ackerman, chairman of Pick 'N Pay Stores, at the annual Matzoh Bake Workshop.

While housed in a temporary facility until a new complex (that will accommodate all of Chabad's Cape Town institutions and services) is completed, Chabad-Lubavitch of Cape Town has in no way put the brakes on its activities. "To the contrary," says Rabbi Popack, "our outreach activities have taken on a greater urgency." That means that the 250 offices and 800 families who have come to expect their weekly fax-fed Torah thoughts are still getting them. And the 5000 Jews who know that Chabad remembers them on Purim with a Shalach Manot package, will not be disappointed.

Avigail Popack reflects thoughtfully about her nearly two decades in Cape Town. "Our children have really sacrificed. They've given of themselves selflessly and felt very isolated at times. I see them as little ambassadors."

Indeed, during their early years there, the Popacks often felt isolated as they watched the Jewish *"neshamas"* they've befriended bid their adieus and depart for more established Jewish cities. Frustrating but inevitable, the Popacks knew that any Jew whose soul caught the flame would have to move on to a community that could better help them in their spiritual growth.

But that's changed today, says Rabbi Popack, as a result of 18 years of building a dynamic Torah community. "Many of the people who become involved in Yiddishkeit today have the option of staying on." And they do.

Rabbi Lazarus and his wife Yonah, a native of South Africa, are one example. Having come from a secular background, Yonah's journey to Jewish discovery was sparked when she met up with the Popacks. After studying at yeshivas in New York and Israel, she then returned to Cape Town as a newlywed. She and her husband turned all their efforts towards helping Chabad build the Jewish community. In addition to their involvement in the school, the Lazaruses serve the Milnerton Jewish community, Cape Town's fastest growing Jewish suburban community. Also on staff at the Chabad House in Cape Town are Kalman and Nicole Green, coordinating the Torah educational programs.

Always growing, Chabad of Cape Town has extended beyond the city to the suburb of Constantia, where Lubavitch representative Rabbi Yossi Chaikin is the community rabbi and Jewish Studies Director of the Jewish school there.

Second in a series on Lubavitch in South Africa.

December and summertime in South Africa. The V&A Waterfront, Cape Town's newest and most beautiful development with shops, entertainment and amusement on the waterfront is a hot spot drawing visitors and locals. It is also the first night of Chanukah, and more than 50,000 people will make their way over to the Chanukah Fair and Festival at the Waterfront. Kosher food, music, concerts and amusement will carry on into the night, as *dreidels* spin and the Chanukah flames of the grand menorah light up the night skies.

"Chanukah at the Waterfront is truly the Jewish event of the year," said Rabbi Popack. The Chanukah Fair and Festival was conceived at the prompting of the Waterfront after Chabad-Lubavitch brought a menorah on a boat onto the pier one Chanukah. The following year Chabad was approached with the request that they plan a major Chanukah event on the Waterfront. "The year ended in a blaze of glory," wrote the Cape Jewish Chronicle. "And it all happened at the Waterfront [with the] grand Lubavitch Chanukah celebrations."

Coordinated by Kalman Green and his team of fifty volunteers, the Menorah illuminated Cape Town with its lights and its message of Jewish pride.

Inward Bound

The catch of the day: City slickers with visiting Rabbi Yosef Posner, of Skokie, Illinois.

MICHAEL WEISS, AN INVESTMENT BANKER from North Carolina, is always game for the wild outdoors. Last summer, he and a friend decided to try Inward Bound, a wholly new concept in camping.

It is the backdrop of pristine Boundary Waters Canoe Area, which comprises a million acres of forests, lakes and streams on Minnesota's northern border, that Inward Bound participants discover the harmony between man, nature and G-d.

With no motor-powered vehicles, no planes, nor electrical power or telephone connections, this carefully guarded ecosystem allows the sounds of prayers, Chasidic melodies, chirping of the birds and crackling firewood to blend into a sweet medley.

Canoeing, fishing, and camping in these great outdoors, *davening* under the skies with a *minyan* (ten campers per Inward Bound trip), studying Torah, exploring metaphysical questions and listening to Chasidic stories around a campfire, make the Inward Bound experience as spiritually enriching as it is physically invigorating.

Describing his experience, Mike spoke of it as "invaluable and inspirational." Mr. Weiss was especially grateful for getting to spend the days with the noted Chasidic lecturer, Rabbi Manis Friedman, the rabbi joining the campers on this particular trip. Each trip features another Chasidic rabbi who joins the campers and brings unique inspiration. "I felt very fortunate to have him there for four days during which we discussed so many things. His presence there really rounded out the whole experience," he says.

"Getting away from it all," explains Rabbi Moshe Kasowitz, the founder and director of Inward Bound, "should leave you refreshed as a whole person, body and mind, soul and spirit."

Offered throughout the summer to Jewish men of all ages and affiliations, the five-day camping trips provide campers with everything short of their blue jeans. Outfitted with fishing, camping and canoeing gear, and with three kosher gourmet meals daily, campers have a truly hassle-free experience. "I'm an avid camper," says Mr. Weiss, "and I can tell you that Rabbi Kasowitz has a great system going. He really knows what he's doing."

Now in its fifth year, Inward Bound a project of Chabad-Lubavitch of the Upper Midwest, is hoping to create a parallel program for women this summer. If the success of the men's program—booked months in advance by word of mouth—is any indication, Rabbi Kasowitz expects the women's trips to be just as successful. ◻

On one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes.

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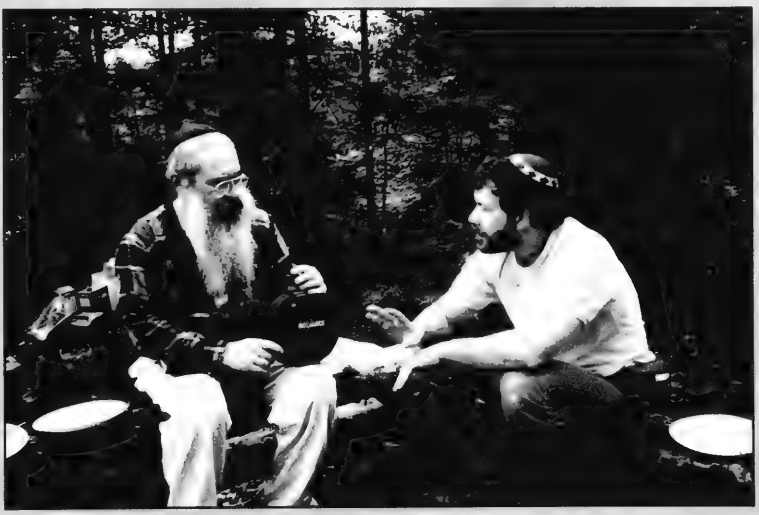


Discussion in the Forest: Rabbi Manis Friedman with Inward Bounder Mark Finkel of Palo Alto, California.

A Moving Museum

"We are always looking for the kinds of programs that will bring together the entire Jewish community."

FLASHING STROBE lights cast streams of light; torrential rains pour down before your eyes; the sun, the moon and iridescent planets appear; plants, trees and grass emerge, then animals, and slowly, you come face to face with your own reflection.

Countdown to tomorrow: The universal mitzvah clock exhibit.

In a dramatic diorama, the Genesis story is recreated. The children of the Talmud Torahs and Hebrew day schools in thirty cities around the country begin a compelling historical journey here. They wind their way through exhibits of the highs and lows of Jewish history; the Jewish life cycle and the progress of the world. The last of the eight exhibits, a clock of various *mitzvot* operating by weights and running water, allows children to test the effects of the good deeds they perform. With each mitzvah the visitor does, the water begins to run, accelerating the ticking of the clock. The clock strikes a chord with the children, who pick up on the message: There is a purpose to it all, and every child can contribute to the fulfillment of the Jewish dream—the long-awaited redemption—through his or her acts of goodness.

Video theaters, game shows and workshops—all with Jewish themes—are part of the 10,000 square foot exhibit currently touring the United States. Electronics, robotics, computers, and multi-screen projections make the dozens of displays and dioramas especially appealing to multi-media savvy children. Competing for their attention against the allure of computer games, interactive video and movies, Jewish educators face the challenge of finding newer and more appealing ways to communicate values, traditions and Jewish history to their students. This is a challenge well known to Chabad-Lubavitch emissaries, for whom Jewish education in their respective communities is a primary concern. The Great Jewish Experience, a project of the Shluchim Office—a central resource center for Lubavitch emissaries and Chabad Houses worldwide—was developed in response to this need. "We wanted to help the emissaries do something on a major scale to educate Jewish youth and their respective communities, particularly about Moshiach," says Rabbi Mendy Sharfstein, exhibit coordinator. At a cost that ran into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and would require substantial resources of talent and manpower, the project was clearly beyond the scope of a single Chabad-Lubavitch center. Funding for the project, notes Shluchim Office Director Rabbi Gedalya Shemtov, came from Mr. Leonard Abramson, founder and CEO of US Healthcare, and a member of the national cabinet of American Friends of Lubavitch.

Conceptually, this museum is fashioned after the new wave institutions that are not based on collections, but rather seek to dramatize events or to trace the development and influence of a particular people or phenomenon. Unlike all of these, however, this museum was designed and constructed with maximum efficiency for assembling, dismantling and transporting the entire exhibit from place to place.

Transported in two tractor trailer trucks, the exhibit began its circuit last October and spends between one to two weeks in scheduled cities. In addition to locating a site large enough to accommodate the exhibit, the Chabad representative of each interested community assumes responsibility for making all the local arrangements and publicity. As an event that appeals to all elements and all Jewish institutions of most communities, many Chabad Houses enjoy the cooperation of the local Jewish Communities Centers and other community institutions.

For Rabbi Benzion Geisinsky, Chabad-Lubavitch representative of Potomac, Maryland, the Great Jewish Experience was just the kind of project he dreamt of. "We are always looking for the kind of

program that will bring together the entire Jewish community," he says. Rabbi Geisinsky saw this happen the week before Chanukah, as schools and temples from Montgomery County and the Washington and Maryland suburbs visited the museum. "More than anything else," says Rabbi Geisinsky, "I think this exhibit demonstrates that Lubavitch is one of the most creative forces in Jewish education today." Not only was the Experience an educational success, it was also a success in bringing the community together. "We had virtually all schools involved," he says. Commenting on the Experience, Marian Oswhega, principal of the Bethesda Jewish Congregation said, "Our continuing experience with Chabad is one which strengthens our feelings of dedication to the principles of unconditional love for *Klal Yisrael*." ◻

From Exile to Redemption: A diorama of the various exiles, leading up to the final redemption.

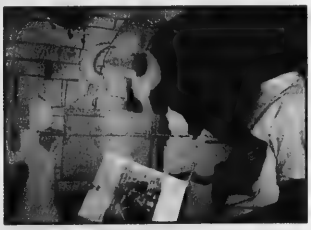
BEHIND THE SCENES

Twenty young Rabbinical students, among them amateur artists, painters, carpenters, craftsmen, computer whizzes and electronic geniuses, applied themselves to this project with a single-mindedness that would dominate their lives for the next six months. They consulted with the professionals and worked from artists' and designers' sketches. "Had we gone to professionals," says Rabbi Sharfstein, "the cost of production would have reached one million dollars. With these young men, we saved substantially, and had the commitment and dedication not found with anyone else. What's more, we sacrificed nothing in terms of quality and professionalism."

Towards the end, the students found themselves racing against time. Moving into a huge Brooklyn warehouse where the Exhibit was being produced, they worked in shifts, pausing only for catnaps on cots they brought with them, and quick bites of kosher Chinese takeout food.

When the construction was finally completed, the work had only just begun. A crew of six students with mechanical and technical know-how, traveled along to assemble, operate and dismantle the Exhibit.

And so they continue from city to city with vigor and enthusiasm until the Great Jewish Experience completes its tour in the United States. "But hey, there's a whole world out there," Beryl Goldman, project director, says in a phone interview from Los Angeles, several days after the earthquake. "Why stop now?" Before the tour in the United States is over, plans will have been finalized for bringing the Museum to Canada, Europe, South America, Australia and Israel.



Artist Yossi Teitelbaum puts the finishing touches on a rendition of the Holy Ark.

Packing up, and it's on to the next location.

Lubavitch on the French Riviera

"L'ecole que j'aime —The school that I love"

RED TILED ROOFS AND STUCCO villas color the hilltops overlooking the French Riviera. The views of the horizon stretch up to the festival city of Cannes, where the glamour and glitter of movers and shakers never seem to wane. To the south is Monaco, a fairy-tale kingdom, with its very own royal family, and fortunes to be won or lost in the lure of its casinos.

We are sitting under the grapefruit tree on the terra cotta outside LeShem Shamayim restaurant, in Nice. The restaurant, opened by the Chabad-House, features a menu pleasing to French and Italian palates which converge on the Riviera. The restaurant enjoys a thriving patronage, not only of the Jewish community, but oddly, of a non-Jewish element as well.

Rabbi Yosef Hecht, director of the Chabad school, Kerem Menachem, and Mrs. Faygy Hecht, his associate and editor of the community's Chabad women's magazine, (she was born and raised in Tunis where her parents are still serving the Tunisian Jewish community as its only Chabad representatives) talk about Jewish life in the south of France. It does seem incredulous at first to find kosher restaurants, synagogues, *mikvahs*, and visibly observant Jews in this resort city. But, with a Jewish population of 35,000, Nice enjoys a burgeoning Jewish community.

Above the restaurant, the Chabad House is always bustling with activity. People stop in to join a *minyan*, or one of the daily classes conducted by Rabbi Yosef Pinson, the director of Chabad in Nice and Rabbi of the city's Ashkenazic community. It has been a particularly busy year, as Chabad has been celebrating its 18th anniversary here. The success of Chabad's efforts to invigorate the local Jewish community through all of the programs and activities it has introduced, are reasons to celebrate. There are daily activities, holiday programs, an overnight camp in the countryside, and ultimately, its outstanding educational institutions.

In the third grade language lab, furnished with state-of the-art audio facilities, students are hooked into their earphones as they practice conversational Hebrew. The seventh graders are practicing their breaststrokes in their weekly swim class, and the ninth graders are working the balance beam in the gym. It is school as usual for the 250 students of Kerem Menachem in Nice.

Kerem Menachem: The kindergarten in a majestic setting.

Mrs. Sara Pinson is the principal of the Hebrew department and founded the school in 1979. Together with her husband, she has guided the school with her vision, from its beginnings in a basement with five children to the present, where, it has blossomed into the most respected private school in Nice.

In a delightfully decorated facility, awash in sunlight that pours in through glass enclosed terraces, nurses care for the babies of the school's *crèche*, Rina Malka, named for the wife of philanthropist David Zimond. An adjacent building houses Kerem Menachem, the elementary and high school divisions.

"L'ecole que j'aime," "The school that I love" is more than just a motto for Kerem Menachem students. Many of them have grown with the school and reflect Mrs. Pinson's love of learning, her exuberance, and her determination to maximize the students' and the program potential. Always on the lookout for enhancing an already outstanding program, Mrs. Pinson consults with schools in Israel and the United States, maintaining the school's academic edge.

With parallel boys and girls classes through junior high school, Kerem Menachem serves a large segment of Nice and the surrounding area's Jewish population. A contract with the Board of Education puts very demanding standards on the school's curriculum. Among the extra-curricular activities the school provides, students can choose to enroll in a rigorous course of dance, drama, or acrobatics.

Success knows no limits, and Kerem Menachem is pushing ahead. An expanded building and a new kitchen facility are part of current renovations that will allow the school to accommodate a growing enrollment. "We hope to begin our 19th year," says Rabbi Pinson, "with renewed vitality and more ambitious projects." ◻

Fourth in a series on Lubavitch in France.

Bookmobile is much more than a Library on Wheels

HE'S THE RABBI WHO VISITS children at their afternoon schools in New Jersey's Morris and Essex counties, bringing them stories and songs and loads of books. They call him Rabbi Ben, and they wait eagerly for his trailer to pull onto the grounds of their afternoon school.

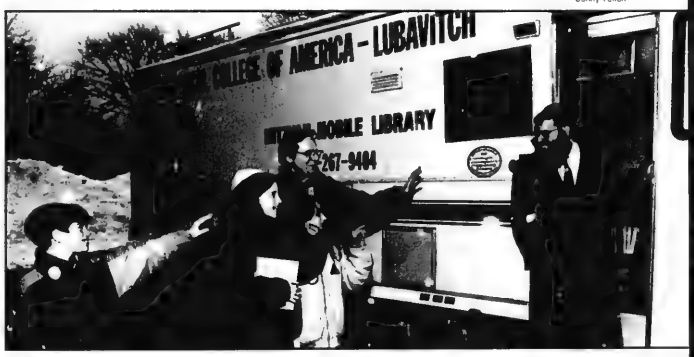
One by one the kids climb into this 40 foot-long mobile library, kiss the mezuzah, drop a coin into the charity box, and begin to choose from the thousands of books. Lively music plays in the background and cartoon videos are ready to roll.

But these books, stories, games and videos are different from those to which the children are accustomed. Colorful, stimulating and fun, they are also all Jewishly oriented."What we're doing here," explains Rabbi Benjamin Bresinger, "is educating our kids in an innovative way and offering them something that can compete with television."

The brainchild of Rabbi Baruch Klar, Director of Outreach at the Rabbinical College of America, this state-of-the-art library was converted from a mobile home, purchased with funds provided by the Bloom family of England.Of the 4,000 books in the mobile library, 60 percent are for children. 200 video tapes, 200 audio cassettes and numerous computer games give the children a wide range of choices.

The mobile library visits more than 30 of the schools in the Morris and Essex counties of New Jersey. Rabbi Bresinger, the Director of Educational Activities at the Rabbinical College, explains that this project, which tries to meet the needs of a variety of ages and backgrounds, packages a centuries old heritage of Jewish traditions and history in a modern and thoroughly appealing way. Modeled along the lines of the first Lubavitch Bookmobiles of the 60s, the mobile has a spacious, sleek, and smartly designed interior, with well planned niches for the various activities taking place—sometimes several at the same time.

Sunny Yellen



With the snow setting in, these patrons reluctantly bid farewell to Rabbi Bresinger and his bookmobile.

At first ambivalent about their schools participation in the project, the concerns of principals and teachers were quickly laid to rest. "They were impressed to see that the children were having great fun while learning about many aspects of Jewish tradition which they might otherwise not be exposed to," Rabbi Bresinger explained.

The success of the mobile library is reflected not only by the children's enthusiasm, but also by the rapport Rabbi Bresinger has developed with the schools, the faculty and the parents of these children. "The mobile library has been instrumental in creating a unity between us—regardless of our Jewish background," says Bresinger, who sees the mobile as a springboard for many other educational projects offered by the outreach division of the Rabbinical College. "We hope to enrich the Jewish experience of all these children by bringing a host of holiday programs that have gained nationwide popularity."Among the programs Rabbi Bresinger hopes to introduce are the Shofar Factory for Rosh Hashana, the Matzah Bakery for Passover, and the Olive Press for Chanukah.

Not only for children, the mobile has proven itself a wonderful resource for parents. As they come to collect their children, parents browse through shelves of new Jewish publications, and sit down for a chat with "Rabbi Ben" over a cup of coffee. It's here that they remind themselves of those *mezuzot* they've always been meaning to put up on their doors, the Jewish books they wanted for their library, and other such items. Rabbi Bresinger readily obtains these for them. "We want the entire Jewish community to enjoy the services we can provide through the mobile library," he says.

As the mobile library cruises quietly from school to school in the towns and cities of New Jersey's Morris and Essex counties, it's catching the attention of other Chabad outreach centers. Good ideas spread quickly in Lubavitch, and with this one it looks like the Jewish mobile library may become a familiar vehicle on the road to Jewish education. ◘

The Lights Triumph Once Again

OVER THE YEARS IT HAS BECOME COMMON, almost standard for Municipal, State and Federal Government properties, as well as public malls, squares and buildings to be adorned by one of the thousands of Chanukah Menorahs sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch centers around the world. Standing tall, proud and bright, these Menorahs bring the light, warmth and joy of Chanukah to the many millions who chance upon them.

From the White House to the Champs Elyssés, from Central Park to Red Square these Menorahs have come to symbolize the religious freedom with which America is blessed and which it preserves and promotes around the world.

It has also become customary for various groups to legally challenge the presence of the Menorahs on public property. Cases were heard this year in record numbers in courts on every level, but all were resolved in favor of the continued presence of the Menorahs. The light of the Menorah continues to illuminate the world, dispelling the darkness and cold with the light and warmth of its flames, for all humankind.

Photo: *The National Chanukah Menorah on The Ellipse at The White House. Sponsored and erected annually by American Friends of Lubavitch in Washington, DC, this menorah has become a national symbol since it was lit for the first time in 1978 in the presence of former President Jimmy Carter.*

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Section B

Seder plate centrepiece of Pesach festival

By DR. FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

The most important of the special ritual objects used on Passover eve on the festive table is the seder plate. In general, Jewish tradition strongly discourages ostentation even on holidays because the injunction to always be mindful of the destruction of the Temple tends to put a bit of a symbolic damper on happy occasions. For example, breaking a glass at a wedding or as was frequent in Europe in the previous century, leaving a corner of the wall of a room unpainted, again zaycher lechurbon — in remembrance of the destruction.

On Passover evening, however, rabbinic tradition makes it commendable to place all one's fine dishes on the table, even those not needed for the meal but strictly for their decorative effect. This is done in remembrance of the realization of national freedom.

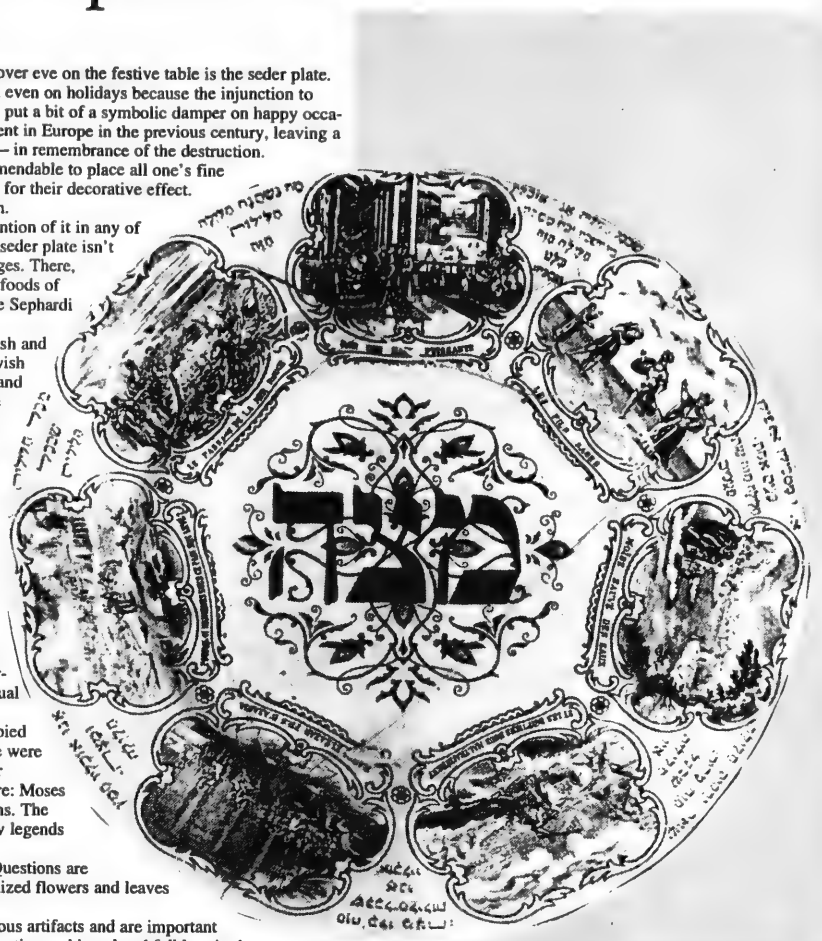
The seder plate isn't all that old historically since there is no mention of it in any of the ancient literature such as the Talmud. The oldest mention of a seder plate isn't found until the Code of Jewish law appeared during the Middle Ages. There, one might observe mention of a basket container for the symbolic foods of Passover and the three special mazot. And indeed even today some Sephardi comunities continue to use a wicker basket as a seder plate.

As seder plates came into use, they were decorated by both Jewish and non-Jewish artists-craftsmen drawing upon the rich treasure of Jewish symbolism. The plates were decorated with first of all, the names and the symbolic foods of Passover placed in the traditional order. The shank bone, the egg, the charoset (i.e. dish of fruits, nuts and wine mixed to resemble mortar) and karpas (celery). Also maror (bitter herb) and hazeret (horseradish). Additional frequent favourite embellishments were biblical scenes from the story of the Exodus and Passover customs. Typically a Magen David (Star of David) motif or sometimes heraldic animals such as lions or stags were also present especially in Hungarian and other central European examples.

The style of the artwork depended to a great extent on the country in which the Jewish community lived. For example, in Italy and Spain the decorations were very grand and beautiful and some are even signed by the artist. In other countries, such as Germany and Hungary, porcelain factories turned out seder plates of varying style and the quality of porcelain was typical of that particular pottery. Featured in this article is the illustration of an unusual seder plate with French inscriptions.

Around the rim of the plate are seven black and white scenes copied by transfer printing from the Amsterdam Haggadah of 1695. These were originally copper engravings by the Christian convert Avraham bar Yaakov. Their subjects from central right and counter-clockwise are: Moses found in the bullrushes; the four Sons; Moses fighting the Egyptians. The French captions are very freely translated renderings of the Hebrew legends found beneath the scenes.

In the spaces between these scenes on the seder plate, the Four Questions are inscribed. In the centre of the plate on an intertwining scroll of stylized flowers and leaves is painted the word "Matzah" in beautiful large Hebrew script.
Ceramic seder plates form an interesting group in the Jewish religious artifacts and are important documentary material for studying the rituals of the Passover celebration and its related folklore in the various countries of the Jewish dispersion.



French ceramic seder plate from Tepper workshop in Paris. [From the author's collection. Photo courtesy Royal Ontario Museum. Brian Boyle photographer]

A time to take stock

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

This has been a troubling few weeks for us in the Jewish world.

A by-all-accounts caring and compassionate doctor snaps, and murders Arabs at prayer, and we all over the Jewish world are on the defensive. We fear reprisals, lock our doors, add security to our public institutions, screen our mail, and tell our children that here in Canada, we are safe. And hope that that is true.

Meanwhile, our brothers and sisters in the territories (and they are our brothers and sisters whether we agree with their ideological stance or not) are caught up in an increasing cycle of violence.

The Jews of Syria have - apparently — escaped a threatened pogrom, amid suggestions that even the threat was a shameless ruse by a leader angling for influence.

The Canadian Orthodox community, which has always considered itself as above such matters, has to face scandals by its own functionaries.

There seems little reason to be cheerful this Pesach.

On a personal level, we are all engrossed in the myriad preparations for Pesach, when even those ordinarily non-observant find themselves going slightly nuts as they clean, plan, shop and cook, all the while muttering "next year it will be different."

For our family, me especially, Pesach is even harder, as it is my first year coping with the holiday as a diabetic.

Now, as chronic conditions go, diabetes is not a bad one to have, at least according to most experts. (Doesn't that remind you of the doctor who informs the patient that he is not the least concerned about his high blood pressure, chronic bronchitis, enlarged prostate and bunions? To which the patient replies, "Doctor, if you had high blood pressure, bronchitis, enlarged prostate and bunions I wouldn't be worried either.")

Now, I have gotten myself in order, watching my diet like a hawk, losing weight, and seriously planning to exercise. (I never said I am perfect.)

My family has been incredibly supportive. One daughter, upon learning of my diagnosis, marched downstairs to the encyclopedia, read all about it, then brought home every pamphlet she could find in the drug store, along with an application for the Canadian Diabetes Society, which she sternly informed me I was to join.

Another daughter reminded me that I am not fighting alone, as everyone in the family loves me and will help me, an incredibly touching thing to be told, even though, coming from a teenager, it makes one seriously question if one is not hallucinating.

Personal upheavals

My oldest daughter, probably the most intense of my children, has courageously tried to both hide her own concern from me, and deal with her own personal upheavals without adding to my struggles.

My husband, whose obsession with Pesach preparations have graced several of these editorials, is earnestly studying the halachic requirements of the seder for diabetics, while at the same time manfully controlling both his temper and his excesses, at least when I can see them.

And my wonderful sister-in-law, informed me sternly (everyone is being very stern — there must be a column in that somewhere) that she would do her sister-in-law-ly duty and nag me to pieces if I didn't take care of myself.

But what about me. I have done all the right things. I have told myself (and everyone else) that everything is under control, that I have accepted my condition, that I am not really worried.

Sometimes I even believe it myself.

It is hard to be optimistic this Pesach.

It seems strange to be at the same time thinking about universal problems of the Jewish people and my personal difficulty.

But isn't this joining of the national and the individual the essence of Pesach?

The Haggadah tells the story of the freeing of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Yet, we are each enjoined to feel as if each of us, individually, were freed as well.

The entire Jewish nation left Egypt, with their children, possesions, and flocks, but so did mothers and fathers and babies and old people who could no longer walk and toddlers who had not yet learned to walk. A mixture of the grand and the ordinary.

Pesach at its best is a time of good things — the coming of spring, family, the security of tradition, the recognition that just as G-d took us out of slavery so too He will take each of us out of the dark times times into the light.

Let us all take hope from the promise of Pesach, from the fact that time and again we have been redeemed. And from our faith in the intrinsic goodness of a loving G-d.

Chag kasher v'sameach, a happy Pesach to all of you.

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Romania, Bulgaria remain worlds apart

By DEBORAH KAZIS
Special to The CJN

Crossing the border into Romania from Bulgaria on an overnight train, there's a loud knock on my door in the middle of the night.

A uniformed border guard loudly demands $100 for a stamp. His English is good enough to threaten to throw me and my bags off the train, but $20 later, all is forgiven. The 200-mile train ride takes 13 hours, but I make it to Bucharest, Romania's capital, just in time for Shabbat.

Bulgaria and Romania are neighbors, but they are worlds apart. The temperature plummets and the snow begins to fall as we cross the border. Bulgaria has a warm, Mediterranean feel but Romania is bitter cold, and the military seems to be everywhere. People are bundled Russian-like in fur hats and coats.

This Friday night almost 100 people come to Bucharest's magnificent Choral Synagogue which dates to 1866. As soon as I enter the wife of the shochet (who ensures that there is kosher meat in Romania) is at my side.

"Where are you from? What are you doing here? Do you have kids? Why not, how old are you?" she throws out. As I start to mutter something about my career she interjets with a broad, knowing smile. "Don't worry you will!" I feel like I'm back in New York.

I sit next to Rosa Epstein, an elderly heavy-set woman with a friendly pink face. She's dressed in many layers of thin clothing and thick green rubber boots. She keeps talking to me in Yiddish, so delighted to have an audience that I don't have the heart to tell her my Yiddish is limited to five words.

She tells me how proud she is of the beautiful synagogue and hushes me when Rabbi Rosen enters wearing his deep purple yarmulke, sash and large Star of David.

It is warm and glowing inside as Romania's chief rabbi leads a traditional service. Music from the choir three balconies up fills the enormous sanctuary.

The schochet's wife reappears and steers me to a seat in the front of the section reserved for the rabbi's wife. I try to resist but quickly realize it's pointless. Formality is not to be taken lightly in Romania, that plus it is impossible to fade into the beautiful woodwork.

True community

As the rebbetzin enters, an attendant puts a large cushion on her chair before she sits. She greets me and inquires whether I'd prefer to speak in Hebrew, English or French.

Before World War II almost a million Jews lived in Romania. Only half survived the Holocaust, and most of the survivors went to Israel. Although only a shadow of what they once were, the 18,000 Jews in Romania today are a true community.

Throughout Eastern Europe, Jewish life was almost completely decimated, first by Hitler and then by communist policies of forced assimilation and complete isolation from the outside Jewish world.

Not in Romania. Through his sheer determination and strength of personality, Rabbi Rosen has been able to help his community survive, and survive as Jews.

Communism in Romania was brutal but the Jews were allowed, for a price, to emigrate to Israel and to live as Jews. They could study Hebrew and run Jewish schools and welfare programs, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was allowed to provide support. Romania's Jews were never completely cut off from their Jewishness.

Today the community is anxious for visitors, for connections with Jews from other countries. "They don't come to visit anymore," the community's protocol director says. "American Jews came when there was Ceausescu to see a Jewish community living under communism. But now that the communism is gone, they don't come anymore."

I am invited to Friday night dinner in the synagogue library, an exquisite wood-panelled room where ancient leather copies of the Talmud line the walls. Throughout dinner the Jewish student choir performs for the rabbi and his wife, who sit formally in throne-like chairs. Special songs and a speech on the centrality of women in Judaism are offered in honor of the rebbetzin's 88th birthday.

Fewer people brave the cold

On Saturday morning, fewer people brave the cold to come to services. Only five women occupy the balcony which could seat hundreds. Inside it is warm and it is Shabbat. Outside is Bucharest — cold, dark and depressing.

Anti-Semitism is frequently voiced in the media and press. Under communist rule this was illegal, but now all views can be expressed. Many fear a rise in anti-Semitism should the economic situation continue to worsen or the political situation destabilize.

"Since the end of Communism, the economic situation has deteriorated, and it is much better now for the elderly," says Zvi Feine, the Joint's director for Romania. "But there is also less fear, and more Jews are willing to identify with the community."

The average age of Romania's Jews is 65. For them the community — with support from the Joint — provides desperately needed goods and services: food — including kosher meat, doctors, medicines, warm clothing and firewood.

Chicken soup, delicious egg and onion salad, and hearty meat and noodles are served for lunch in the community's kosher restaurant at Popa Soare Street. The restaurant serves 350 kosher meals a day and the community delivers many hundreds more to elderly Jews who can't leave home. The food is hot and plentiful — quite a rarity in Romania.

"What is the future for Romania's Jews?" I ask everyone I meet. I hear over and over with a shrug of shoulders, "I don't know." Then with broad smiles they add, "the young people will go to Israel!"

The old will remain and fill the four old age homes , and the young will continue to increase Israel's Romanian population.

Rabbi Rosen has set for himself an impossible task. He has dedicated his life to keeping his community alive and thriving — to keeping the Hebrew schools and choirs filled with young people exploring their history and culture and learning Hebrew and Yiddish — while at the same time encouraging the youth to seek a better life in Israel.

Saturday night almost a hundred Jewish youth give a spectacular concert. The rabbi and his wife sit front-row centre and clap and sing along in Yiddish and Hebrew. Children from tiny tots to university students sing traditional Jewish and Israeli songs like *Hava Naglia*, *Hevenu Shalom Aleichem*, and *Bei Mir Bist Du Shein* on a stage decorated in the blue and white of an Israeli flag. I don't know who is singing louder — the choir on the stage or the little ones sitting behind me. "They will all go to Israel," says Rabbi Rosen proudly.

After a short reception with soda and cake, everyone piles into their coats and boots. We leave the warmth of the concert hall, and it is once again cold, dark and cheerless. Three soldiers stand in the falling snow, silently guarding the Jewish Center against possible attacks. Shabbat is over, and I'm back in Romania.

Re'ut means friendship for newcomers

By EDGAR ASHER
Special to The CJN

There is an air of expectency in Sheset Hayamim Street in Ra'anana.

Already half a dozen or so cars have pulled up outside the house of Bila Gordon. The drivers, sometimes accompanied by a passenger, mill around on the sidewalk exchanging greetings. Even while they converse, most have their eyes turned in the same direction, awaiting the arrival of the special bus from Jerusalem.

One excited woman cries out, "Here it comes." The bus screeches to a halt behind the last of the parked cars and a group of chattering school children bustle out of the bus. They wait for a moment by the outside luggage compartment until the driver comes around and opens and secures the big compartment door, so that the children can claim their bags.

As soon as the children take their bags, each quickly identifies a familiar face and within minutes, the cars speed off with their recently arrived guests.

The boys and girls who came from Jerusalem are all from the war-torn former Yugoslavia. They were in Israel from June to October 1992, and this particular group has been coming to Ra'anana once a fortnight to spend Shabbat and most holidays with a host family under the program of the Israel Forum.

Ra'anana, with its proven commitment to involvement with every aspect of aliyah, found no difficulty finding volunteers for its contribution to the Israel Forum.

The seed was sown for the establishment of the Israel Forum in 1983, at the First International Moriah Assembly, when delegates from the Young Leadership of the UJA and a group of Israelis were looking for innovative ways to improve the personal connection between the Diaspora and Israel. At the Second International Moriah Assembly in 1985 the Israel Forum was founded. Although the Forum started as an American-Israeli dialogue, it was not long before it became a truly international organization with active chapters being established in nine European countries.

The Israel Forum has several projects that operate under its aegis. Among them is Re'ut.

Re'ut (Friendship) has as its objective the social absorption of new immigrants. Its main role is the concept of having veteran Israeli families 'adopt' olim on a one-to-one, long-term basis. Re'ut has almost 40 teams of volunteers all over Israel of which Ra'anana is an outstanding example.

"In October last year the first six children from Yugoslavia spent their first weekend with a family in Ra'anana," explains Bila Gordon who is Re'ut's co-ordinator in Ra'anana. "Now, only eight months later we have 70 children to our town once every two weeks. The children who come here are some of the 150 Yugoslav children who were brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency and settled in three schools around the country."

Some of the children have already decided to settle in Israel and some have not made up their minds. Those children who come from parts of the former Yugoslavia like Serbia will probably go home for the summer and return to Israel later on. For many children who lived in Bosnia, there is little or no option to return home; many have not heard from their families since their parents sent them to Israel to spare them the rigors of the Balkan War.

"At first when the children came to Ra'anana they were very withdrawn and blamed Israel for taking them from their parents," explains Bila Gordon. "But slowly the children showed a sure positive and pragmatic approach to their predicament and became responsive and eager to learn Hebrew and mix with their Israeli counterparts.

"The Re'ut hand has become a vital part of their establishment in Israel. Their adoptive families have become an important stabilizing factor — someone to turn to or even just to talk to. There is no question that most of the children miss their parents desperately, particularly those who cannot talk to them by telephone.

Nir Gordon (left) plays a computer game with Bogan during one of his weekend stays at the Gordon home in Ra'anana. [Edgar Asher photo]

Bogan, 14, is from Belgrade and he arrived with his 17-year-old brother Andrei 10 months ago. "At first I didn't like Israel too much, but now I am much happier," says Bogan. "I am able to speak with my parents fairly regularly on the telephone and they tell me that being in Israel is for my own good, even though they miss me very much. Israel is much more modern than I thought and I do like coming to stay with Nir." Nir is Bila Gordon's son and the family have got to know Bogan very well over the past months.

This particular Friday afternoon there are still a few children remaining at Gordon's house waiting to be collected by their host families. One of the boys is Srdan Simon Jaksic from Belgrade. Srdan is a tall 17½-year-old with close cropped hair, who wears a small kippah on the back of his head. He is very agitated because he has not been able to get through to his parents for several weeks. Bila Gordon tells him to try once again to reach them on the phone. He tries again. His mother answers and Srdan talks to her on a cordless phone while pacing up and down between the rooms. After the call, there is obvious relief on his face as the all-important contact, denied to many of his compatriots, has been established.

"I am very uncertain about my future," says Srdan, one of very few children from the former Yugoslavia who has decided to become religious. Before the Yugoslav children came to Israel, they knew little or nothing of their Jewish heritage, apart from the fact of knowing that they were Jewish.

"I want to go back to Belgrade in the summer to see my parents, then I will come back to Israel and go to Yamin Orde school to complete my religious and secular education."

Srdan has also formed firm views about Israel, saying that he does not think that religion and state should mix, but he feels that it is a country that offers a place to everybody and he is not sorry that his parents persuaded him to come.

The personal contacts and commitment of Re'ut members have a vital part to play in immigrant absorption. In Ra'anana, Re'ut enjoys the unqualified support of the municipality, and there is no shortage of Israeli families committed to aliyah, who come forward to offer their homes and their time.

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Doll house built by Dr. Fred Stulberg for his wife, Lillian.

Former dentist uses powertools for fun

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

Not many children have a zayde who can build a turreted, gabled wooden dollhouse from scratch and fill it with handcrafted miniature furniture. Retired dentist Dr. Fred Stulberg has made dollhouses for several of his seven grandchildren and also fashioned a swinging crib ornamented with carved hearts for one lucky baby.

A fully equipped basement workshop is the centre for his labors of love.

It isn't only youngsters who are enchanted by Stulberg's fairy tale homes. When he gave away the last one, he had to promise his wife Lillian, that he would make another just for her. It took 120 hours to create the gingerbread trimmed beauty with wraparound veranda and shingled roof on display in the dining room. "I spent more time roofing this doll house than the addition to our own home," Stulberg insists.

Their house and grounds, from the rustic sign out front through the expertly renovated kitchen and professionally constructed rear addition, to the poured concrete patio blocks and natural wood fence at the back, parade the scope of his capabilities. An eager gardener, he did the landscaping as well.

How did a Jewish boy from Malvern Collegiate in Toronto's east end, pointed toward dentistry, learn to use a handsaw and power tools? When other kids were drawn to the firehall or smithy, he was hanging out at Moore Bros., a neighborhood lumber mill and shop specializing in custom church furnishings and windows. Fetching pieces of lumber, helping here and there, he began to learn the art of fine woodwork. "I'm one of only a handful who can still construct a wooden church window if they were made today, but they aren't," he observes.

Stulberg entered the University of Toronto's faculty of dentistry and at 21 was the youngest person to earn his degree to that date. He married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Rosen, and went off to war, serving with the Canadian army dental corps. On his return, he opened a family practice on Kingston Road, in the area where he had grown up. All of the Moores became his patients.

Though the dental practice absorbed the majority of his time, he continued to build things from miniatures to entire rooms, "out of poverty at first; I never paid for anything I could do myself," he says. But the innate need to construct, to design, persisted and he restricted the practice to a 4½-day week.

His interests expanded. He became a knowledgeable stamp collector and Canadian postal historian. He was the first Jewish president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. He eventually disposed of his collection and some of it subsequently went to the National Postal Museum.

Attuned to classical jazz, he was the consultant for a CKCL Radio jazz program during high school years and still has a significant record collection. Louie Armstrong is his favorite.

Stulberg retired from his dental practice in 1989 after 46 years on Kingston Road, and was honored at a reception attended by 300 patients, who presented him with a water color painting of the Balmy Beach life saving station.

A member of Adath Israel Congregation since settling in North York, he has used his talents to fabricate a beautifully proportioned oak Aron Kodesh for the shul and is responsible too, for landscaping the grounds.

At 70, Stulberg continues to widen his experience. Since his retirement, he has collected over 400 joke books, including a copy of Joe Miller's *Jests*, published in 1739 and is currently enjoying the local seniors and service organizations speaking circuit.

Farm life leaves lasting impact on Jewish family

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

After almost 40 years as an academic and farmer, Frank Tennenhouse has retired, spending six months a year in Victoria and the other six in Winnipeg.

How does it feel to end a hectic routine? Tennenhouse, the youngest of the 12 children (11 boys and 1 girl) born to the late Morris and Annie Tennenhouse, pioneer settlers of a Jewish farm colony near Winnipeg, says he enjoyed his work as an associate professor of agriculture at the University of Manitoba and "never even had a twinge of regret on leaving, but my feelings with the ending of the farm connection are much more complex."

To Tennenhouse, giving up farming has resulted in "a sense of loss . . . of something missing." Despite the hard work and uncertainties of farm life, in which he was involved from early childhood, part of that loss is "standing in the midst of a good ripening crop on a late summer evening with the setting sun reflecting on the heads of grain, creating a glorious flood of color.

"The effect is not so much that of looking at a beautiful landscape as of being in and part of the scene. I think it is the equal of the grandest spectacle that the mountains or sea can offer."

Tennenhouse drifted into academe by accident. After serving in the RCAF he decided to use his war service credits to go to university. His brothers used their credits to buy more farm land. Tennenhouse got his B.Sc. from the University of Manitoba but by then the farm was devoted to grain, which meant no work in the winter.

One of his professors told him: "You're just the kind of guy we need. We have young men here out of the services who want to learn about farming and with your long experience, you can be the perfect teacher."

So without the benefit of further degrees, Tennenhouse became first a lecturer and then moved up to associate professor in agriculture — a position he held for 33 years.

Meanwhile, he and a couple of his brothers formed a partnership to keep the farm going. Tennenhouse farmed all summer and taught in the fall and winter.

It was tough when the harvest would overlap with the beginning of classes. Tennenhouse commuted 30 miles from Winnipeg to the farm near Stony Mountain. He would work on the farm until late at night, rush back to Winnipeg and prepare his lecture for the next day.

By then he had married Ethel Singer, who grew up in the Sonnenfeld Jewish farm colony near Hoffer, Sask., and shared her husband's enthusiasm for farming.

The Tennenhouse zeal for farming originated with the Romanian-born patriarch Morris. He dreamed of owning his own land in a free country, but first moved to England where he became a cabinetmaker and carpenter. He married Anna Stein, whose family came from Austria. The farm dream lingered on.

Eventually the family sailed for Canada, winding up in Winnipeg in 1904.

Morris made a meagre living, building small, cheap houses in the North End, where most Jews lived. He then joined the Jewish Colonization Association movement and settled in the New Hirsch colony, 100 miles northwest of Winnipeg. It wasn't a kibbutz-type settlement. Rather, each settler got a piece of land under the government homestead plan.

Frank, citing stories from his parents and brothers, said the colony was mainly undeveloped bush. Morris, with his building skills and a few others who had livestock experience, fared not too badly. But the others, who were mainly idealists, had a rough time.

Ethel and Frank Tennenhouse at their farm home near Winnipeg during harvest time.

Nevertheless, the colony struggled on. A school was built which was used also as a cheder and synagogue. A healthy Jewish community life existed, said Frank, and one of his brothers served for many years as ritual chair of Rosh Pina synagogue in Winnipeg.

The remarkable thing about colony life, said Frank, was that despite the trials and tribulations "farm life had a lasting effect on the family. [Growing upon the farm] helped us develop the characteristics of tough self-reliance and innovation." After 10 years the colony folded and the Tennenhouse family moved to Stony Mountain.

Stony Mountain was isolated. The family's Jewish life revolved around traditional Friday nights, with the Sabbath candles "shining brightly into the darkness of the prairie nights." The High Holidays were spent in Winnipeg. Tennenhouse recalls his special job was to bring the Passover dishes from the loft.

Their main source of income was selling milk to the city dairies. Frank and his siblings milked the cows twice a day, and in the winter the boys hauled the milk cans several miles through the snow to the nearest highway for the truck pickup.

Another of Frank's jobs was mucking the barn and pumping water for the cows.

School was a one-room structure

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Recalling George Washington at Pesach

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The centennial of the inauguration of George Washington, the first president of the United States, was marked in April 1889 with great pageantry and grand celebrations. As the anniversary of the inauguration fell during Passover that year, American Jews chose to use their homes in general and the seder in particular to celebrate this event.

They created what is now known as the "George Washington Seder." In New York, it was announced that a free picture of George Washington would be given with every purchase of 10 pounds of matzah. Rabbi Jacob Joseph, the chief rabbi of New York, composed a prayer for the occasion that was to be read in all synagogues during Passover.

Across the United States, synagogues were decorated with red, white and blue bunting to capture the centennial spirit.

An illustration by Arthur Meyer from the *American Hebrew* newspaper on April 19, 1889, portrayed what many Jewish homes looked like for that year's seder. Prominently displayed near the front door was the picture of George Washington, so that Elijah the Prophet could be welcomed by America's first president.

The champion of American independence and the first president to have contact with the Jews in the United States, Washington was naturally woven into the story of the Jewish celebration of freedom.

Washington was the first major American leader to emphasize the importance of religious freedom for Jews. His assertion of full citizenship for American Jews was unparalleled by any other world leader.

Benjamin Franklin used biblical symbols to describe the first president: "Here's to George Washington, the Joshua who commanded the sun and the moon to stand still, and they obeyed him."

He quoted the president's words of August 1790 to the "Israelites" of Newport, R.I.: "May the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Preparation in high gear

With preparations for the centennial in high gear, a major effort was made to ensure that every Jewish home had a picture of Washington. Whether every Jewish home then had a mezuzah might be questionable, but as many as 90 per cent of the households of that era, had Washington's picture proudly displayed, according to one report.

In describing the Passover illustration by Meyer, the *American Hebrew* newspaper noted that the master of the house wears his "shroud, which most pious Jews wear also on the Day of Atonement." The other male guests all wore high hats and formal dress. The women had on their finest dresses. A child skilfully steals the afikoman.

In his introduction to the *American Heritage Haggadah* in 1992, the first work in this century to reproduce the 19th century illustration by Meyer, Stuart Eizenstat emphasized that in the depiction of the "George Washington Seder in 1889, our first president is shown near the door awaiting Elijah's arrival. What a wonderful integration of Americana with Judaica!"

As far away as Jerusalem, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the pioneer of the modern revival of the Hebrew language, reported on the Washington centennial celebration for his newspaper *HaZevi*.

Ben-Yehuda wrote that the "abounding joy and happiness of the event was shared by Democrats and Republicans alike."

The streets of New York 100 years ago resounded on Passover night not just with the traditional seder melodies but with the *Star-Spangled Banner* and *America, My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

The celebration itself in New York on April 30, 1889, was quite a sight. The public festivities included a march by 200 Jewish boys, led by the fife and drum corps of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society Asylum.

Giving the Jews of the United States an even greater sense of belonging to the American nation was the young woman selected to address President Benjamin Harrison at New York's City Hall.

She was Annie Alida Abrams, a Jewish senior at the city's Normal College, a teaching institution, and a Sunday-school teacher at the Shaarey Tefilah synagogue.

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Skydiving proves popular in Israel

Jerusalem Dateline

Sky Club, the Israeli skydiving centre and school, is located on Habonim Beach just south of Haifa. It was started by businessman Ami Pili in January 1993.

"People from age 16 to 60 come here to learn to skydive," says instructor Mordi Elmaliach. Elmaliach learned to skydive in the Israeli army, as did all the instructors. Sky Club has over 160 regular members and is affiliated with the Federation of Aeronautics International (FAI).

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The Sky Club is home to the national Israeli skydiving team. European teams practice in Israel's temperate winter climate.

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With cleaning done there's time to pick up a book

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

You may think that around Pesach there is simply no time to read. That may even be true. Just remember — the kitchen will be cleaned, the chicken will get cooked, and you will have a few hours to relax once the holiday is here. So, you have our permission to collapse onto an easy chair, get a cup of tea and a macaroon, and dig in.

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Jewish tradition calls loshon hora (gossip) one of the worst sins, one with untold ramifications for the gossiper, the listener, the victim and the Jewish people as a whole.

Be sure and read Stephen Wylen's *Gossip; the power of the word* (Ktav, 1994). This is an excellent discussion of what constitutes loshon hora, and how to deal with it. Examples are down-to-earth and drawn from everyday life. The book will certainly be profound food for thought, especially for those who consider a friendly telephone gab-fest (about someone else) always harmless fun.

Judaism makes no bones about the power of language. Lawrence Kushner has written a fascinating new book, *The Book of Words* (Jewish Lights, 1993), dealing with commonly used — and commonly misused — words.

Freedom, love, money, faith, laughter, repentence are just a few of the terms Kushner discusses, analyses, gives different interpretations for. He cites midrash, biblical and rabbinic texts, theologians, rabbis and great thinkers. A fascinating book.

A delightful new book is Morris Margolies' *A Gathering of Angels; angels in Jewish life and literature* (Ballantine Books, 1994). Margolies discusses the background, purpose and deeper meaning of angels in Jewish traditional literature. Illustrations are of old depictions of angels, and add interest as well as showing the differing attributes.

This is by no means a definitive book, and it is disheartening to find a major error early in the book (The second time Ishmael and Hagar were exiled was well after Isaac's birth, and the author surely knows that). Nevertheless, the book is fun to read.

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The Litman Library of Jewish Civilization has recently published two fascinating, albeit totally unrelated books.

One People? Tradition, modernity, and Jewish unity is a scholarly yet readable discussion of the relationship between Orthodox and non-Orthodox streams of Judaism by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth.

Rabbi Sacks discusses differing attitudes and ways of dealing with such major issues as the Holocaust, changing approaches to the notion of covenant and the role of Halachah.

Realism, Caricature and Bias; the fiction of Mendele Mocher Sefarim by David Aberbach is a serious analysis of the works of a great Yiddish and Hebrew novelist in turn of the century Russia.

Sefarim is seen as a well-loved yet ascerbic critic of the Jewish world of the late 1800s and early 1900s, with its sorrows, philosophical debates and personalities.

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An incredibly effective Holocaust book that recently arrived at my desk is *Holocaust Remembrance; the shapes of memory*, edited by Geoffrey Hartman (Blackwell, 1994).

This is one of the best selections of short Holocaust reminiscences I have seen. They are well-written, and their concise, sharp style makes the horrifying content even more nightmarish.

Fanya Gottesfeld Heller was a teenager when she was forced to hide from the Nazis in the Ukraine. *Strange and unexpected love; a teenage girl's holocaust memoirs* (Ktav, 1993) is the painfully moving story of her increasingly warm relationship with the kind-hearted Christian man who saved her. The book also deals with the awful dilemma that some Jews had to face; to stay with the non-Jew they had grown to care for or to return to their own people.

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Finding healthy, tasty and easy to make recipes can be difficult. Well, it's easy to fulfil one of those criteria, but more?

A very successful attempt at such a cookbook is *Microwave to Your Heart's Content; a heart-healthy cookbook* by Norma Schonwetter (available from the author, 23600 Cloverlawn, Oak Park, Michigar 48237, 1993.)

While all the recipes are not kosher, there are plenty that are. Her fish dishes are great, as are her pasta, all are loaded with appealing spices, tasty vegetables and a reliance on non-processed ingredients. Her soups are great too.

A nutritional analysis is provided for each entry.

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Choosing a name for your baby can be a traumatic experience. You want your child to have a name that he likes, that you like, that the grandparents like, that won't be too dated in 10 years.

For Ashkenazi Jews, we often name our children after a departed relative — but what do we call little Yankel or Gitty in English?

Linda Rosenkrantz and Pamela Redmond Satran have produced a delightful book, *Beyond Sarah & Sam; an enlightened guide to Jewish baby naming* (St. Martin's Press, 1992) that somehow I have just had delivered to me.

Their discussions of what constitutes "Fashionable classics" or "Movie Mogul Names" are hilarious — not that I would personally name my son Adolph after Adolph Zukor.

Humor aside, it is a good basis for deciding on a name, with lots of examples, comparisons and translations.

The New Jewish Baby Book; names, ceremonies & customs; a guide for today's families by Anita Diamant (Jewish Lights, 1993) goes beyond choosing a name (although there are lots to choose from — in fact, the selection of Hebrew and Yiddish names is excellent).

But Diamant also offers ceremonies and prayers for different parts of the birth cycle, from pregnancy to brit millah to suggestions for announcments. An interesting chapter suggests ceremonies to welcome a daughter, a welcome addition to the Jewish life cycle repertoire.

While the strictly Orthodox might jibe at some of the "politically correct" suggestions (come to think of it, "Welcome Woman-Child/Newborn guardian/of the sacred gift/of cycles and seasons" is a bit much) there is much that is absorbing, interesting and helpful.

Diamant's attempts to find a place in Jewish ritual for the non-Jewish relatives is especially valuable.

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Scholastic Press is a wonderful publisher who puts out excellent children's books, well illustrated, carefully bound, and usually of real interest to young readers.

A big box of their recent output yielded several of particualarly Jewish interest.

The untiring Gordon Korman has another book, for once not including the boys of Macdonald Hall.

The Twinkie Squad (1992) is a story to cheer about, with the despised Twinkie Squad (originally a discussion group) winding up as the envy of the school. The ultimate triumph of good over evil — er — nerd over cool.

That superb Canadian teenagers' author Carol Matas has begun her promised series of books for younger children. In *The Lost Locket* (1994), 8-year-old Roz is given a locket that belonged to her great-grandmother. When she foolishly takes it to school, the class bully steals it.

Her desperate attempts to recover it before her parents find out, as well as how she deals with the bully, make entertaining reading for the 7- to 9-year-old reader.

Noah's Ark is a perpetually popular topic for children's books, and *Two by Two* by Barbara Reid (1992) is no exception.

Designed for the young child, the illustrations are colorful and fun. The story is told in humorous verse. (I liked "And in came the animals three by three,/the fleas rode in on a chimpanzee." — accompanied by a picture of two chimps energetically scratching themselves.).

Not specifically Jewish, but a great book to get, is *Places to Go, People to See, Things to Do All Across Canada*, by E. Joan Abeles (1994).

The book is divided by province, and includes maps, photos and sketches. Suggestions include sports sites, historic places, theatres and museums — just about anything you would want to do with your child.

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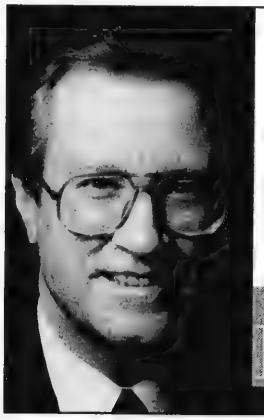

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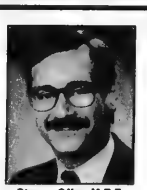

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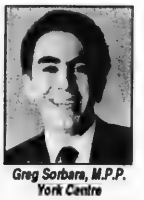

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Road to Mideast peace has often been bumpy

Is the celebrated handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993, a true watershed in the difficult road to peace? Only time will tell. To help put recent events in perspective, here is a short review of some landmarks in the troubled history of the Middle East.

From 1516 to 1917, Palestine, the Holy Land, was part of the Ottoman Empire, but never as a single administrative unit. Though districts' boundaries fluctuated, there were always three main regions: the northern district, ruled from Beirut in Lebanon; the southern district, which included Jerusalem; and Transjordan, ruled from Damascus.

During the second part of the nineteenth century, a steady flow of Jewish emigrants from Eastern Europe came to strengthen the Jewish communities who had steadfastly remained in the Holy Land through all the centuries of oppression. By the beginning of the twentieth century, the first kibbutzim were taking root, the new city of Tel Aviv and new Jewish towns in the Galilee were developing, and Jews were well on the way to becoming a majority in Jerusalem.

At the same time, an Arab nationalist movement under Turkish rule was taking shape in the Middle East. Europe was moving towards the First World War, and the Turks decided to throw in their lot with Germany. The Middle East became a pawn in the game. British agents worked hard to promote the Great Arab Revolt of 1916 against the Turks, which greatly helped the Allies. Promises were made to the ruler of Mecca, Sherif Hussein, and a tentative carving-up of the Turkish empire was decided upon between France and Great Britain. These and other agreements were embodied in a series of documents kept secret at the time. The situation for Jews in Eastern Europe was getting steadily worse, with a succession of horrendous pogroms such as that of Kishinev in 1905.

The Zionist movement met with a measure of sympathy, which led to the Balfour declaration of Nov. 2, 1917: His Majesty's government, it said, would view with favor the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine. A month later, Jerusalem fell to the British troops of General Allenby.

With the defeat of Germany and Turkey, the League of Nations then formally conferred a mandate on Palestine to Great Britain, while reiterating "the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine." That provision, however, did not apply to Transjordan, which had been given away by England to Emir Abdullah, son of Hussein. Feisal, another son, was made king of Iraq, and France received a similar mandate on Syria and Lebanon.

Soon there was an open confrontation between Zionism and Arab nationalism. While moderate Arab leaders were disposed to accept the new partition of the country into two states (apart from Transjordan), radical Arabs opposed it. The Holy Land was torn by strife. In an effort to maintain peace, British authorities imposed strict restrictions upon Jewish immigration; these restrictions were not lifted during World War II, nor after, when the extent of the Holocaust was revealed to the world.

In 1947, Great Britain, feeling that it could no longer cope with the conflict between the local Jews and Arabs, decided to hand the problem over to the United Nations. On Nov. 29, 1947 the United Nations voted in favor of the partition of Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab, with Jerusalem as an international enclave. The Arabs rejected that decision.

The State of Israel was born on May 15, 1948, and was immediately attacked by the armies of all neighboring Arab states. Some 700,000 Arab civilians left their homes in Israel to take shelter in makeshift camps across the borders. Israel successfully withstood the combined Arab attack. However, at the war's end, Egypt had taken the Gaza strip, Transjordan had occupied the West Bank of the Jordan river, and Jerusalem was divided. The refugees could no longer return.

In 1958, Yasser Arafat created the Palestine Liberation Movement. In 1964, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was set up in Egypt under the auspices of the Arab League. At that time Judea, Samaria and Gaza were under Arab rule.

In 1967, following the Egyptian blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba in the Red Sea, the Six-Day War broke out. Israel took over Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, as well as the Sinai Desert and the Golan Heights. Its offers of peace and withdrawal from occupied territories were rejected at Khartoum in July 1967: no to negotiations, no to recognition of Israel, no to peace, was the Arab answer.

In 1973, the Egyptian army crossed the Suez Canal and the Syrians launched an attack on the Golan. Both were pushed back. UN resolutions 242 and 338 were passed to provide the basis of a just and lasting peace.

In November 1977, Anwar al-Sadat made a historic visit to Jerusalem. Peace between Israel and Egypt was negotiated at Camp David in 1978 and signed in March 1979. Israel withdrew from the Sinai and both countries set up embassies in 1980.

The road to peace was still arduous: Sadat was assassinated by Arab radicals, increased terrorist activities from Lebanon led to yet another bloody war in 1982, and opposition to Israel's continued presence in Judea, Samaria and Gaza led to the intifada in December 1987.

Under the joint patronage of the United States and the Soviet Union, a peace conference convened in Madrid in September 1991. Israel, Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordan-Palestine delegation sat at the same table.

Two years later, in September 1993, the first declaration of intent was signed by Israeli and Palestinian representatives; the following day Israelis and Jordanians signed an agreed agenda for peace negotiations between the two countries.

(WZPS)

Talpiot welcomes new refugees

UJA Press Service

In the 1950s, Jerusalem's Talpiot neighborhood was a tent settlement for Jewish refugees. The majority of its residents were from Iraq, Iran, Morocco and other parts of North Africa.

Today, the neighborhood is again receiving new immigrants, this time from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. They are part of a wave of aliyah made possible by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), a major recipient of American Jewry's contributions to the UJA/Federation Annual and Operation Exodus campaigns.

The neighborhood, which has expanded considerably since 1967, contains many schools and an impressive community centre, as well as a population eager to take part in the available educational and social programs.

A popular summer festival is organized by community volunteers each year at the community centre. Russian, Ethiopian and native-born Israeli children dance to popular Israeli music, while games and clowns, flowers and balloons, mimes and storytellers add to the festive atmosphere.

One community worker says of the annual event, "We are trying to bring the new immigrants into contact with Israelis who have much in common with them.

"The festival provides an excellent opportunity for the newcomers to emerge from their caravans and hotels and mingle with other Israelis. More often than not, these chance meetings have developed into rewarding friendships."

Sara Abergel, who arrived in 1949 from Alexandria, Egypt, remembers Talpiot in the early years. "It was shocking. There were tents and cabins — no buildings," she says.

Now she sees changes taking place as a result of the influx of new immigrants and hopes for even more community progrzms for the children. "When kids are busy enough, they always stay out of trouble."

Benny Vachnoun, who made aliyah from Morocco in 1964, chairs the Talpiot residents' association. "I have a full understanding of the immigrant experience," he says, explaining that emigres who live in a nearby caravan park are as important as newcomers living in the absorpiton centre, temporarily converted from a local hotel.

"We do whatever we can for new immigrants," says Vachnoun, "and we would like to see other communities in Israel do the same."

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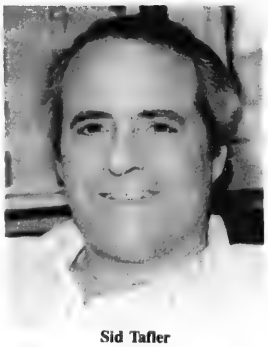
Monday Magazine finds niche in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent



Sid Tafler

In a small city such as Victoria, which overflows with publications (a local daily, two Vancouver dailies, an area-wide community weekly and innumerable special interest papers), *Monday Magazine* is surprisingly well-accepted by the local population, and the advertising keeps pouring in.

Former Montrealer Sid Tafler, the Jewish editor, says the free newsprint weekly can be described as progressive in its views, with a rather irreverent and untraditional approach to the news.

Monday is a member of the United States-based Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (AAN). Tafler says AAN members are practising the "new journalism . . . they're a particular breed who aren't necessarily objective in their coverage." Toronto's *Now Magazine* fits into the category, he says, although that paper focuses more on entertainment than does *Monday*.

Monday, with the slogan "No week is complete without Monday," is distributed on Thursday. When the paper started about 19 years ago, it was slated for Mondays because that was the day the two local dailies didn't publish. However, the dailies merged and began publishing seven days a week. *Monday*'s readership took a beating. So distribution in high-traffic areas throughout the city of Victoria was shifted to later in the week and readership zoomed.

Monday distributes 41,000 copies weekly, most of which are quickly snapped up.

Tafler says that *Monday* covers the political scene; however, "we have no political philosophy. We don't take sides. But we do comment. We don't give anybody a hard time — mainly we're looking for good government."

The paper does, however, endorse a slate of civic candidates, "not on a political basis but on who can do the best job for the city."

As an example, Tafler pointed to his Public Eye column which reported before any other paper that "the thinnest of cracks appeared in Premier Mike Harcourt (NDP) government's concrete foundation. It came in the form of a challenge from a new political figure, newly-elected Councillor Bob Friedland." The column said Friedland, "an NDP activist with some serious reservations about Harcourt's leadership," had called for a phone-in leadership review.

Tafler is mildly critical of Friedland but says in his column "we should give him the benefit of the doubt and acknowledge his right to play politics at the provincial level. . . From here on, we hope he'll expand his political energy on civic matters." Tafler warns though that NDP leaders "may be less forgiving. They have a strong aversion to airing internal disputes in public. Anyone who breaks the unwritten code risks becoming the messenger who gets shot for bringing bad news."

Tafler tackled the issue of the press ban on the Karla Teale murder trial in Ontario, and concluded that "this unusual instance of a press ban suggests that 'fair trial' are just code words for 'let's make sure the bastard doesn't get off on a technicality.' "

Monday made a direct legal appeal to the judge to lift the ban on the grounds that readers in Victoria, 3,000 kilometres away, were not likely to be called as jurors. The judge didn't give a decision.

Going into the federal field, Tafler examined the case of David Anderson, the Victoria MP and cabinet minister who wanted to sue the federal government for a breach of contract during the Mulroney era. He noted that the Vancouver media "have been especially hostile" to Anderson on this matter and, promoting civic pride, said the "undercurrent of this media outrage in the big smog belt on the mainland is that Chretien appointed a minister from Victoria ahead of Vancouver."

Monday has attractive covers featuring large photos with a difference. To promote a story on "The Privileged Poor" Tafler used a glamor girl on the cover wearing couture clothes bought at a second-hand shop.

The article reports on how the many highly-educated people living in Victoria are settling for doing anything because they can't get jobs for which they are trained. One example is an MBA with 10 years of experience in the aerospace industry who counts moose teeth for a living. Hunters have to send to a government agency two lower teeth from each moose they kill so the ministry can keep track of the moose population.

"Victoria," says the article, "is rampant with people who have superior education but who have no jobs." Tafler said Victoria is a tough place to get a good job, as he, himself, discovered when he first came here from Montreal.

Tafler, who is membership chair of Congregation Emanu-El, says he often covers matters of Jewish concerns if they are of interest to the general readership. He says he carried a story written about the late Holocaust survivor Willie Jacobs, who was one of the prime movers in erecting a Holocaust memorial here, and was a frequent speaker in classrooms and at service clubs on the Holocaust.

He covered the Gulf War from the angle of Israel being used as a ploy by Iraq to dominate the Middle East. He has carried features on Israel by Victorians who have been there. His parents live on a kibbutz near Tel Aviv.

The extensive renovation of the synagogue and having the government declare it a heritage building (it's 130 years old) was another major feature.

Tafler believes there is a small hard core of neo-Nazis in Victoria and is trying to pin down the facts. "There are signs of this," he said. "It's no coincidence that when Holocaust denier David Irving came here to speak he got a large turnout." One German woman he interviewed after the meeting (which Tafler attended) commented in *Monday*: "Never would I have believed there would be a revival of Nazism — especially in Victoria."

Tafler thinks a lot of ex-German troops live here and there's a large German population. But he thinks every city has its share of neo-Nazis.

Minorities come here as well as "social refugees"— people who want to get away from marital and other such problems.

The future of the growing Jewish community looks good, he says, and he doesn't see the neo-Nazis as a major obstacle for increased Jewish population.

Tafler has been in Victoria for about a dozen years. He started out in newspaper work with Canadian Press in Montreal 18 years ago, followed by a stint with the *Calgary Herald*. When he came to Victoria, he freelanced from the press gallery for several Eastern newspapers as well as for *Monday*. But it was a tough grind and when he was offered full-time work with *Monday*, he grabbed it. Ultimately he became editor. He heads up a five-person editorial staff.

Monday Publications Ltd. owns a number of other publications and operates a commercial graphic arts service. Tafler is on the management committee of the company.

He recently won for a second time the Neville Shanks Memorial Award from the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspaper Association.

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Tiny Jewish community thrives in Bonaire

By MARC HUBER
Special to The CJN

Although there are only 8 Jews in Bonaire, plans are underway to build a Jewish cemetery.

Morey Ruza contacted the island's government after an elderly Jewish woman living in her retirement condominium wanted to be buried in Bonaire. Despite its small size, the island's government was surprised at the extent of Bonaire's Jewish population and permission has been granted to construct the cemetery in accordance with Jewish law. Unfortunately, the elderly woman making the initial request recently passed away.

Originally from Long Island, 43-year-old Ruza has been living in Bonaire since 1981. The former Solomon Shecter School student used to spend his summer vacations in Ontario at Camp Ramah. Ruza went on three divine holidays in Bonaire before deciding to move.

Ruza used to be one of the owners of Captain Don's Habitat, a resort catering primarily to scuba divers. After selling his interest in the hotel last year, Ruza opened a branch of Dalia, a Dutch Caribbean retailer selling unique fabrics and gifts produced in Indonesia. This step marked a return to the shmata business for Ruza. Before he left Long Island, he worked in his family's fashion accessory manufacturing firm.

Despite turning away from organized religion in his early years, Ruza has become comfortable with his own form of Judaism. "I take pride in tracing my ethnic heritage. And I've become quite interested in a more spiritual path. I've been reading a lot of books about Jewish mysticism and metaphysics." Chassidim from New York City annually visit Bonaire's few Jews to solicit donations, sell books, and encourage men to put on tefillin.

Along with studying the Kaballah, Ruza stays in touch with his Jewish roots by continuing to celebrate Jewish holidays with his spouse (Linda) and two children. "It was important to do something for our kids." Every Passover, Ruza invited Jewish hotel guests to join his family for a Seder.

He was delighted to leave his boutique for a coffee break to discuss Bonaire's Jewish community. Another Jewish merchant owns Lippman's Jewellers and a Jewish family owns the Sand Dollar Hotel. Toronto's John and Sarah Stoneman stayed at Ruza's former hotel while filming three episodes on Bonaire's marine life for their former CTV series.

Ruza has encountered very little anti-Semitism in Bonaire. "People are very tolerant. They don't have any preconceived notions," says Ruza.

His family did experience one disturbing incident at the private school attended by his children. The school was operated by evangelical Christians who told Ruza's children that they were going to "burn" because they were Jews. "But we didn't back away. We confronted the school and they started to tone that stuff down," says Ruza.

Now one of Ruza's daughters is married and his teenage daughter is living with her mother in Miami. Ruza is shortly joining the rest of his family in Miami.

Although he's going to continue operating the store in Bonaire, he is also undertaking a new venture based in Miami. Ruza obtained exclusive rights to distribute a new, energy-saving device throughout the Caribbean.

The plug-in module, being developed by Green Technologies, enables electrical appliances to operate more efficiently by reducing power demands.

Bonaire's first hotel, the Divi Flamingo Beach resort, has an interesting history. During World War II, the hotel's original buildings were used as an internment camp for German nationals living in the Dutch Caribbean. German Jews were separately interned at Plantation Guatemala to protect them from the cruelty of the other German prisoners.

In 1951, a Dutch visitor decided to turn the main internment camp's wooden barracks into a hotel. The hotel still exists but the wooden barracks were replaced over twenty years ago. After the war, Plantation Guatemala was used as a summer camp and a private residence is now on the site.

Alga protects plants from sun

Jerusalem Dateline

Agricultural crops resistant to strong sunlight may one day be cultivated in some of the hottest and most drought-ridden parts of the world, now that Israeli scientists have discovered a way of protecting plants from the sun.

Researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science studied the sun-protection mechanism in Dunaliella bardawil, a microscopic alga that grows in salty waters. This single-cell organism is famous for thriving in the brackish marshes of the Sinai Desert and the Dead Sea.

The alga fascinates scientists because it is a remarkable survivor and functionally very similar to higher plants, said Prof. Ada Zamir of the Institute's Department of Biochemistry. Her team is studying it as a model for growing useful crops under harsh conditions.

Excessive sunlight causes most plants to produce toxic oxygen molecules that eventually destroy the plant's photosynthetic machinery.

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Israeli transplant athletes among tops

Jerusalem Dateline

Moshe Givoni's performance in taking the silver medal in the 100-metre freestyle swimming event was remarkable. The 24-year-old has cystic fibrosis and three years ago underwent a heart and lung transplant.

Israelis won two silver and one bronze medals at the World Transplant Games held in Vancouver last summer. It was the ninth olympiad for transplant athletes, and Israel is one of a handful of nations that have participated since 1978. Over the years Israeli have won three gold, eight silver and two bronze medals.

The most successful Israeli transplant athlete is female cyclist Osnat Glamm, who won silver medals in Singapore and Hungary. But Glamm, who underwent a kidney transplant 10 years ago, dropped out of the Canadian race because of injuries.

Close to 800 athletes from 31 countries competed in the Vancouver games. All have had transplants of major organs or bone marrow at some stage in their lives. The Israeli team was nine people strong.

"The most amazing fact about the opening ceremony [was] that a generation ago all 800 competitors would not have been alive," said Dr. Reuven Pfefferman, Israel's representative on the World Transplant Games Federation Council.

"All the participants share the knowledge that they are lucky to be alive."

Pfefferman, a surgeon specializing in kidney transplants, is currently director of the Surgery Department at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

He said the games help improve participants' self-image and educate the public about transplant patients.

"In the popular mind transplant patients are often seen as disabled or handicapped. Nothing could be further from the truth. Transplant patients are often very young and after surgery can lead fully healthy lives."

Events are categorized by age and not by transplant. Thus Givoni's silver medal for swimming was all the more impressive because he prevailed over competitors with kidney and bone marrow grafts compared to his more complex heart-lung transplant.

Israeli participants in the World Transplant Games held last summer in Vancouver.

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Rabbinical Reflections

Pesach

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

Before chanting the Kiddush on the seder nights, many have the custom of reciting or singing the fifteen steps that comprise the seder service.

They are: 1) Kadesh (the kiddush); 2) Urchatz (the first washing of the hands without a brachah in preparation for eating the karpas); 3) Karpas (eating the vegetable dipped in salt water); 4) Yachatz (breaking the middle matzah, the smaller half serving as the bread of poverty over which the Haggadah is recited, the larger half set aside for Afikoman); 5) Maggid (reciting the Haggadah); 6) Rachtzah (washing the hands with a blessing before eating the matzah); 7) Motzee (the first customary blessing over what is usually bread and now is the matzah); 8) Matzah (the specific and special blessing over the matzah); 9) Maror (the blessing and the eating of the bitter herbs dipped into charoses); 10) Korech (the eating of the matzah-maror sandwich); 11) Shulchan Oreich (the festival meal); 12) Tzafun (the eating of the Afikoman); 13) Bareich (the Grace after meals); 14) Hallel (the recitation of the Psalms of praise and declarations of our faith in HaShem); 15) Nirtzah (the concluding prayers that our seder service be accepted by HaShem and the Mashiach comes speedily).

It is also customary for the leader of the service and the participants to announce each step out loud as it is about to be observed. On a simple level, both of the above are to ensure that the proper order and sequence of the seder service steps are followed correctly. The very word "seder" means order, and we want to make sure that we strictly follow the correct order of the seder night.

But as with all other laws and customs of our Torah and tradition, there is a deeper significance alluded to by this practice. What follows is a brief treatment of the lessons within the wording of each step as taught by the Alshech HaKodosh (Rabbi Moses Alshech of Safed, Palestine) who lived in the second half of the 16th century (died 1573).

Kadesh. This word also means that one should sanctify oneself (from the word kodosh), and particularly refers to abstaining from even permissible conduct which, when practised to excess, distances a person from holiness. One has to temper even what is permitted; over-indulgence in anything can detract from the sanctified heights of conduct to which man should aspire.

Urchatz. The word connotes washing and cleansing and alludes to the mandate that one should at all times cleanse one's soul from impurity and avoid conduct that will sully one's divine soul.

Karpas. The Hebrew letters can be arranged to read kaf rash (interchanging the samech with the shin). This alludes to the fact that one should indulge oneself sparingly, but should nevertheless treat the poor with magnanimity, filling their hands with whatever good one can bestow upon them.

Yachatz. This means dividing the matzah, half for oneself; half for Tzafun (the Afikoman), and alludes to the fact that we should divide and share whatever possessions we have with the poor. The merits attained through this act of selflessness will accrue to us (tzafun — be hidden and held for us) in the World to Come.

Maggid-Rachtzah. One should merit being able to tell (teach) others how to report (wash and cleanse themselves). We should be concerned with the spiritual welfare of others and endeavor to influence them to lead a life of Torah and mitzvah observance despite the secular motto of "mind your own business."

Motzee-Matzah. In deeper terms, chametz (leavened bread) signifies the yetzer hora (the evil inclination); matzah — the yetzer hatov (man's good inclination). The word motzee means to bring out or bring forth.

Hence we allude to the task of bringing out (developing and strengthening) our inclination to do good, and suppressing our evil inclination.

Maror. This word means bitter and is another allusion to the evil inclination which at first seems sweet to man but leads to a bitter end. This reminds me of the well-known riddle: What is the difference between a cold mikvah and a sin? By the former we first say "oy" and then "ah;" by the latter — we first say "ah" and then "oy."

Koreich. This word means to combine (actually the matzah and morror). This alludes to the fact that we should combine the yetzer hora and the yetzer hatov — harnessing the advantages of both toward the service of HaShem (as it says: *bechol levovchah — bishnei yitzrecha).* For example, if a person has an evil inclination to spend money (to be a spendthrift), then he should channel this inclination to the service of HaShem and spend money easily for tzedakah and acts of kindness. If a person has the bad midah (characteristic) of becoming easily angered, he should use this temperament against those who mock and blaspheme the Torah and mitzvot, but should otherwise control his anger.

Shulchan Oreich. These words mean a prepared table, and allude to the fact that one should lead a righteous life in this world so that as his reward, he can prepare his table and be able to eat from the eternal fruits of the World to Come.

Tzafun. The word means hidden or stored up. This again alludes to conducting oneself in a righteous manner so that one's good deeds will be hidden away or stored away in the treasure house of the World to Come. *(Ma rav tuvchah asher tzofanta leereiachah* — How great is Thy goodness which Thou has stored away for Your righteous ones — Psalms 31:20).

Bareich (Bless), **Hallel** (Praise), **Nirtzah** (Acceptable). May we merit to bless HaShem with praises that emanate from the redemption of Gan Eden rather than the praises that one is forced to utter in Gehinnom (the Netherworld) where he must accede that yaffe danta (You judged correctly). For after all is it not the life in Gan Eden that is acceptable to us rather than the other life?

As we go through the steps of the seder let us reflect on their deeper meanings and by so doing merit a share in that great World which is stored up for those who follow and obey the will of the Almighty! Chag Somayach.

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Passover in Israel elicits mixed emotions

By MARK CLARFIELD
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When I still lived in Canada, I always enjoyed Passover more than any other Jewish holiday. Both the universal and particular messages relating to freedom and national liberation spoke to me. The seder with its wine, songs — even the food was great. The company of grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, cousins and assorted hangers-on has always been much appreciated.

But my wife and I uttered the fateful words "Next year in Jerusalem" so many times, and thought about the possibility so often, that we finally decided to take things to their logical conclusion. Our little nuclear family emigrated to the Holy Land this past summer and this spring we face our first seder in Israel.

It is not only with a touch of excitement, but of wistfulness that we approach the holiday this year. As Jews, we have returned to our homeland to partake in the great national experiment of Zionism. And what better celebration of this act is there than the Passover seder, which commemorates the escape of our ancestors from bondage in Egypt to freedom in the Land of Israel.

But there's also an element of sadness for people like us, as the extended family dimension of the holiday will be conspicuously absent.

My non-Jewish friends in Canada, like homing pigeons, almost always return to their parental abode each Easter, the family element of that holiday in many cases being of far greater importance than the religious. In the case of the Jews, Passover holds an analogous place in our collective hearts. I for one have only missed one family seder in all of my 43 years on this planet. There is a rare Jew who doesn't make it to his parents' (and/or in-laws') table to hunker down, tell jokes and even to pray a bit.

Grandparents and later parents ran the seders, repeatedly calling down to us at the other end of the long table: "Sha, be quiet down there! Who's next? Janice, stop spilling your wine! Geoff sit still!!"

And being Canadians, the exact order of these seders was finely timed. We always managed to take in the last period of the hockey play-offs, somewhere between dinner and the slew of festive songs which ring out the seder.

When I was a youngster growing up in Toronto, we felt there was a permanence about who was going to lead the show. There has always been a Grandpa at the head of the table. Even the passing of this generation, in the end, failed to disturb the process, offering via our parents a natural, satisfying and comforting transition.

But those Jews who move to this country, leaving family behind in Canada, offer up a huge sacrifice, not generally recognized by their fellow Israelis. Their parents may live as far away as a hundred kilometres.

I guess we could consider flying the whole crew back to Toronto for a week. After all, during the Passover break the kids aren't in school for what seems like a dog's age. And from what I've heard, during this season, the work environment suffers too. The three week Passover school holiday, at least on paper, looks to my workaholic mind to be almost as much of a disaster as September. During that month, school is repeatedly interrupted by another load of Jewish holidays which include the New Year and Day of Atonement.

However, even taking into account that there are two seders — at four hours a throw — I compute the minimal cost of transporting our family to such a get-together at nearly $600 an hour. Not something most of us on Israeli nonsalaries could countenance each year.

And it's not just our parents we will miss. What about brothers and sisters? How about all of those cousins with whom I lived summer after summer at the cottage on Lake Simcoe? How am I going to catch up on all the family gossip?

The Four Questions traditionally asked by the youngest child present, will also present a problem. "The kids" (our generation) and my kids (the next generation) always posed these questions to the older generation. My own children have never asked me. They always queried my father. How am I going to feel when my 7 year old turns to me? Am I old and wise enough to take on the responsibility? Can I handle it? And do I want to?

A year ago, while we were still in Canada for our last seder with the extended family, my little girl (then 6) asked my father (her Grandpa) the Four Questions. And she did it in three languages: Hebrew, French and Yiddish, given her education at an excellent Jewish day school in Montreal. Of course the rendition in Yiddish — a language which my generation not only mocked but spurned — was a great hit. Yiddishkeit had come full circle. How my grandfather would have loved to hear those questions, changed in that language! "Fur vuss ist die nacht . . ."

Thank God my own parents are very much alive, and I expect many years ahead of happy times with them, perhaps even some seders (if I win the Israeli national lottery). But this year will bring the excitement of its first seder for us as new immigrants to an ancient land — and to my sorrow, our first away from my whole family. If one wants to define the term "bittersweet," I expect that that's what those children of Israel whose parents are not in Israel will feel at this time of the year.

Tracking storks' routes

Jerusalem Dateline

Ornithologists in Israel have launched an ambitious project to monitor the migratory routes of storks via satellite.

Two storks were fitted with small transmitters following their capture last fall. The highly distinctive long-legged birds were captured while wading in marshes on Israel's coastal plain, presumably taking a rest en route between Europe and Africa.

"It wasn't easy catching them," admitted Haim Alfia of the Israel Raptor Centre. "We leapt out at them after they had landed in the marshes where they couldn't take off too quickly."

The project is sponsored jointly by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Israel Raptor Centre and Germany's Max Planck Institute.

The transmitters weigh 50 grams, enabling the storks to carry them comfortably strapped to their backs. Signals will be relayed via the French satellite Ergos every 90 minutes pinpointing the storks' position to within 500 metres. The technology will provide especially useful information about the birds' habits in countries where little ornithological data is available.

Some 100 storks will be tagged with the satellite transmitters.

Storks wading in the marshes on Israel's coastal plain.
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Designed for a longer time-in-orbit than other shuttle-based imaging systems, the spacecraft will move in on elliptical orbit. Since its apogee will be 200,000 km. from the earth, it will take three days to orbit. A low-earth orbiting satellite usually orbits in one and a half hours. The satellite is expected to remain in space three years, which means that the telescopes have to be problem-free for this extended period.

TAUVEX ultraviolet telescope aids Israel's efforts in space exploration.

Winnipeg farmers 'lived like peasants'

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holding grades 1 to 8, with one teacher. Frank was a fast learner and listened in as the teacher taught the higher grades, often completing two grades in one year.

There were always several Tennenhouse kids in the classroom and they got to school by horse and buggy or, in winter, by horse and sleigh. Frank said the sleigh rides were no fun when the temperature hit 40 below and the wind howled. "By the time we got to school, our hands and feet were numb, our cheeks and noses were peeling from frostbite and our lunch was frozen solid."

At home, "we lived like peasants. We grew our own vegetables, raised turkeys, geese and chickens (which were ritually slaughtered by a shochet in Winnipeg); my parents made cheese and sour cream, mother baked her own bread in a brick oven father built in the yard — European style. We ate well."

Frank completed pre-university schooling at the Stony Mountain high school. Several of the older brothers, attracted to the new-fangled auto industry in Detroit, left the farm to work there. One became a senior supervisor at Chrysler. Another used his beekeeping experience to become a major honey producer in the United States.

By 1950 only the parents remained on the farm. But Frank and the brothers who lived in the city came out daily to look after the livestock and do chores. The parents finally moved into Winnipeg, but were right back on the farm in the spring.

When Frank and his brothers formed their partnership to take over the farm, they expanded it to almost 2,000 acres. Now, it's back to the original 200 acres, which they lease to a neighbor with the exception of the house, which they still use in summer.

"One of my enduring memories of my parents was their custom of sitting on a homemade bench near the back door, in the evening, with a small smudge fire to keep away the mosquitoes. This tranquil moment illustrated the very essence of their lives. While father was not a great commercial success he was successful in that he had achieved his old dream of living his life on his own land — in a free country."

Frank was the only one of the sons to get a university education but for the 36 Tennenhouse grandchildren, all but a couple have at least one university degree. Frank and Ethel have two daughters who are artists, one living in Victoria and the other in Salmon Arm, B.C. A son, in graphic arts, lives in Calgary.

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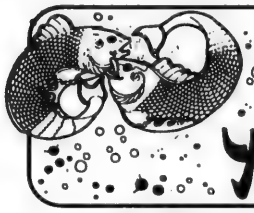
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Russian reigns supreme at Weizmann Institute

Most scientists are recent immigrants

By LUBA VIKHANSKI
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You don't have to know Russian to work at the Weizmann Institute, but these days it certainly helps. You can hear Russian all over the campus, and the language reigns supreme in some labs, such as the one headed by Dr. Levy Ulanovsky, where a prominent team of young researchers is developing novel technologies for deciphering genes.

While Ulanovsky was once a leading spokesman for refuseniks and an underground Hebrew teacher in Moscow, he has devoted himself entirely to science since coming to Israel in 1979. After earning his PhD at the Institute's Feinberg Graduate School and doing post-doctoral research with Nobel laureate Prof. Walter Gilbert at Harvard, he set up his own research group in Weizmann's Department of Structural Biology.

Everybody on his team happens to speak Russian, Ulanovsky explains, because when he started hiring people some three years ago, most available scientists were new immigrants from Russia. Between 1989 and 1993, some 8,000 scientists came to Israel from the former Soviet Union, and about 80 obtained positions in various Weizmann Institute departments.

Ulanovsky's group recently scored a major coup in increasing the efficiency of gene deciphering. Its researchers developed a method that may help automate this process, making it 20 to 50 times faster and drastically cheaper than existing techniques. This, in turn, would greatly accelerate the multinational Human Genome Project, an ambitious $3-billion, 15-year program intended to decode all human genes.

Ulanovsky says his research draws from several disciplines — molecular biology, physics and chemistry — all of which are represented in his group. He himself was trained in Moscow as an astrophysicist, but switched to studying the physical properties of DNA, the genetic material of life, while doing his doctorate at the Weizmann Institute with another former refusenik from Moscow, Prof. Edward Trifonov.

The chemist in his group is Dr. Lev Kotler, who, in his own words, landed at the Institute "through a fantastic stroke of luck." During a brief visit to an American company that had dealings with Russia, Ulanovsky heard about the research in biotechnology that Kotler was conducting in Moscow. He suggested that Kotler contact him upon his arrival in Israel. Two months after immigrating in 1990, Kotler joined Ulanovsky's team in Rehovot.

A second recent immigrant on the team is Dr. Irina Sobolev, who worked as a molecular biologist in Russia for 20 years until coming to Israel in 1991. Her physicist husband, Vladimir, is also working at the Institute.

Yet another member of the group is Alexander Beskin, who dropped his nearly completed doctoral studies at the Moscow Agricultural Institute of Biotechnology in order to emigrate to Israel in 1990. Beskin, who became an observant Jew and learned to speak fluent Hebrew while still in Moscow, is now working on his PhD under Ulanovsky's guidance.

In comparing their experiences in Russia and Israel, the immigrant researchers dwell on the similarities and differences. Sobolev, for example, had lived and worked in Pushchino-on-the-Oka, a town near Moscow that was home to some ten research institutions employing thousands of scientists. She says Pushchino was much like the Weizmann campus — small, scenic and dominated by academic life — which makes her feel quite at home here. The one big difference, predictably enough, is the freedom from government or political interference that Israeli scientists enjoy.

Beskin says one thing he was glad to leave behind in Russia was the anti-Semitism often experienced by Jewish scientists even after the advent of glasnost. For example, when three Jewish researchers were hired in his laboratory — a rare occurrence that was probably due to an oversight on the part of the administration — the institute director scolded the head of the research team for "turning his lab into a synagogue" and prohibited him from hiring any more Jews.

Beskin also recalls a period in the 1980s when his institute in Moscow had world-standard equipment, but with a peculiar twist. Every request for equipment had to be processed by a mammoth bureaucracy, which took about a year. By the time the equipment arrived, it was often no longer needed. The scientists would take it anyway and try to exchange it with colleagues for equipment or materials they needed at that moment. This created a barter system that consumed a large part of the scientists' time.

While Beskin, Kotler and Sobolev are working on the lab's main project, the speeded-up decoding of genes, the fifth member of Ulanovsky's team, Dr. Dina Zevin-Sonkin, is exploring new ground. She is trying to develop a method for observing genes via a fluorescent microscope with a resolution hundreds of times greater than is presently possible. If the project is successful, it should enormously facilitate the mapping of genes on chromosomes.

Zevin-Sonkin, who immigrated from Kiev in 1972 and pursued her PhD studies in molecular biology at the Weizmann Institute's Feinberg Graduate School headed a molecular biology project at Bar Ilan University for four years before returning to Weizmann.

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Designed for a longer time-in-orbit than other shuttle-based imaging systems, the spacecraft will move in on elliptical orbit. Since its apogee will be 200,000 km. from the earth, it will take three days to orbit. A low-earth orbiting satellite usually orbits in one and a half hours. The satellite is expected to remain in space three years, which means that the telescopes have to be problem-free for this extended period.

TAUVEX ultraviolet telescope aids Israel's efforts in space exploration.

Winnipeg farmers 'lived like peasants'

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holding grades 1 to 8, with one teacher. Frank was a fast learner and listened in as the teacher taught the higher grades, often completing two grades in one year.

There were always several Tennenhouse kids in the classroom and they got to school by horse and buggy or, in winter, by horse and sleigh. Frank said the sleigh rides were no fun when the temperature hit 40 below and the wind howled. "By the time we got to school, our hands and feet were numb, our cheeks and noses were peeling from frostbite and our lunch was frozen solid."

At home, "we lived like peasants. We grew our own vegetables, raised turkeys, geese and chickens (which were ritually slaughtered by a shochet in Winnipeg); my parents made cheese and sour cream, mother baked her own bread in a brick oven father built in the yard — European style. We ate well."

Frank completed pre-university schooling at the Stony Mountain high school. Several of the older brothers, attracted to the new-fangled auto industry in Detroit, left the farm to work there. One became a senior supervisor at Chrysler. Another used his beekeeping experience to become a major honey producer in the United States.

By 1950 only the parents remained on the farm. But Frank and the brothers who lived in the city came out daily to look after the livestock and do chores. The parents finally moved into Winnipeg, but were right back on the farm in the spring.

When Frank and his brothers formed their partnership to take over the farm, they expanded it to almost 2,000 acres. Now, it's back to the original 200 acres, which they lease to a neighbor with the exception of the house, which they still use in summer.

"One of my enduring memories of my parents was their custom of sitting on a homemade bench near the back door, in the evening, with a small smudge fire to keep away the mosquitoes. This tranquil moment illustrated the very essence of their lives. While father was not a great commercial success he was successful in that he had achieved his old dream of living his life on his own land — in a free country."

Frank was the only one of the sons to get a university education but for the 36 Tennenhouse grandchildren, all but a couple have at least one university degree. Frank and Ethel have two daughters who are artists, one living in Victoria and the other in Salmon Arm, B.C. A son, in graphic arts, lives in Calgary.

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Cabbagetown 'fixture' closes after 72 years

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

When Irv Walkin decided last year to close up his Cabbagetown shoe store, it signified the end of a fascinating era in Toronto's history. After nearly 3/4 of a century spent fitting footwear for many thousands of loyal customers, Irv knew the time had finally arrived to hang up the laces and shut his doors forever.

Among the many Jewish merchants who had plied their various trades in Cabbagetown — builders, bakers, grocers, and restaurateurs — Walkin Shoes was one of the first and most enduring, representing something of an institution in the city's east end.

Today, Irv returns only rarely to the store at 246 Parliament Street.

A large For Sale or Lease sign is draped across the front window. Where once there was the bustle of customers, and the lingering heavy aromas of leather and rubber, only the distant rumbling of trolley cars and passing trucks now break the unfamiliar stillness.

Several half-filled cardboard boxes line the far side. Some chairs still remain, but these are the last remnants. The rest of the portable assets have already been sold. Irv points out the ghostly outline of row upon row of fixtures that had once been filled to overflowing with merchandise bearing brand names such as Clarke, Savage, Buster Brown, Florsheim, North Star and Cougar. Irv recalls that the Buster Browns used to sell for $5.99 to $9.99, running shoes from $10 to $14 a pair. Stylish imports went for about $10.

At 69, Irv Walkin admits he is looking forward to a well-deserved retirement. He has no regrets looking back over the last seven decades.

Images of Cabbagetown include peaked roofs and gingerbread gables of Victorian-era houses now renovated by avant-garde artists and architects who reside here. The area boasts a dozen pubs, many of them as old as the city itself, and still serving up suds to thirsty patrons. There are the churches that harken back to the Irish Catholic and Protestant population that predominated in the community. Throughout its long history, Cabbagetown has been imbued with a hard-edged working class ambience.

As Irv reveals, there was also a substantial and vibrant Jewish culture here, of which only traces still exist. Irv relates the Walkin family background, which is typical of the Jewish experience in Toronto during the early part of the century.

David and Annie Walkominski, Irv's grandparents, lived in Grodna, a Russian steelmaking town about 40 miles from the Polish border. In 1911, they decided to leave their home along with their two sons, Morris and Sam, "mainly because of the pogroms that regularly raged across the country," Irv says. They came to Canada by boat, landing at Halifax harbor and then making their way on to Toronto. It was here that they anglicized their name and settled down.

David was a cobbler by trade, and it was he that founded the family shoe business in 1918. Walkin Shoes was the natural name and has remained the store's logo ever since.

The first shop was located at the southeast corner of Queen and Parliament Streets. In 1920, they moved to 267 Queen, 292 Queen in 1930, and 220 Queen in 1948. The last move came in 1968, when they located on Parliament.

As soon as they were old enough, Morris (Irv's father) and Sam went into the business full time. They were instrumental in maintaining and expanding Walkin Shoes over the years, at one point running three other stores.

"Dad knew instinctively what people looked for in footwear," comments Irv. "Customer satisfaction was the watchword and he made sure our clients left the store happy, with proper fitting shoes at a reasonable price."

Irv recalls the many long hours the family worked during the depression years to keep the enterprise viable. "We were open from nine in the morning until 11 p.m. This went on for much of the 1930s. It was tough times, but we managed to hold on to our customer base, many of whom knew our family. After all, shoes are a necessity of life despite harsh economic conditions."

Morris Walkin in front of Walkin Shoes, 267 Queen St. E., c. 1920.

Many of Irv's childhood memories centre around the ancient coke stove that heated the premises. It was rooted to the floor in the middle of the store. With a few lumps of coal and sticks of wood, the single blackened stove would emit shimmering waves of warmth that welcomed friends, neighbors and customers when they dropped by on a winter's day.

The stove was the social heart of the business. Every Monday, Irv recounts, like clockwork, the local salesman made his circuit of Cabbagetown shoestores. When he came to Walkin's, all would gather round the stove in eager anticipation to see and touch the newest styles he had to offer. Another memory is that the salesman would habitually spit on the stove top to watch it sizzle.

Friends and neighbors dropped by to chat with Morris and the family. Huddled in a tight circle about the stove, many stories were told about the old country and Talmudic discussions abounded as the stove's tiny flame grew higher and more intense.

Irv's imagination was stirred for hours on these occasions, stoked by the wonderfully vivid narratives told by the Pollack family, who owned the local sporting goods store, or the Ackermans who ran the paint shop down the road. Even the competition, Bill Lightman of Better Shoes was a friend often invited in.

Noon hour in the 1930s and '40s was reserved for Kaiman's Delicatessen at Queen and Sherbourne. Hungry folks from miles around would flock here because of the huge corned beef sandwiches served. Irv smacks his lips at the memory of it. "They prepared their meats in a special way — cooked in

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New York lawyer creates new life for himself in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

Most British Columbia law school graduates dream of having a large corner office overlooking the harbor or the mountains. But not Bob Friedland, who has been a lawyer since 1991.

His first office after being called to the bar was a renovated three-room trailer parked in the middle of a remote patch of land on an Indian reserve 100 kilometres west of Williams Lake, B.C., about seven hours by car north of Vancouver. There he opened the Nenqay Deni Yajelhtig Law Centre to provide free legal services to seven bands in the Anahan reserve. The centre, first of its kind, is funded by the provincial government.

His one-lawyer office served a large area geographically, "as big as Vancouver Island." In one year he had chalked up 160,000 kilometres by car to see his clients. "There was enough work for 10 lawyers," he told *The CJN*, "and the travelling was very wearing."

Operated by the Native Justice Council, it was a unique experience for Friedland and for British Columbia, and resulted in some important legal action for the Indians, said Friedland.

Cases ran from the "sublime to the ridiculous"— clients charged for phone calls they didn't make, to discrimination, land issues, car insurance claims, speed limits on the highway running through the reserve — and above all, alleged police brutality.

Friedland, 46, now a human rights lawyer in Victoria and newly-elected member of the Victoria city council, slugged it out with the highways ministry to get speed limit lowered from 90 kmh to between 50 kmh and 60 kmh. He feels his biggest success was to force a judicial inquiry into police brutality and how the B.C. justice system deals with natives.

Friedland moved to Victoria before the inquiry got under way. However, he drafted the terms of reference before he left and these were adopted by both the government and the native people.

Even though he had to chop wood to heat his office, Friedland said it was interesting and rewarding work. "Native people are getting a sense that the law can work for them — that they can achieve some goals through the legal process." His office computer was hooked into a database "and I had as much information available as any downtown Vancouver lawyer."

Bob Friedland

So what was a nice Jewish boy from New York City doing in the wilds of British Columbia.? After getting his BA from City University in New York, he headed west for a better way of life.

Wyoming looked good to him and he got his MA at the University of Wyoming, where he also taught English. Then he worked for the U.S. Department of Labor, investigating violations of labor in the state.

He then moved to the Federal Treasury Department, internal revenue division, investigating tax cheating. "Sort of a T-man," he explained.

But he was always attracted by what he perceived as a sense of community in Canada which didn't exist in the United States. His first wife's family was Canadian and he often had occasion to visit Alberta. Finally he decided to move to Edmonton and served as director of the Alberta Human Rights Commission in the southern part of the province.

After 20 years working for governments in semi-legal capacities he decided to take up law. He got his Canadian citizenship, attended and graduated from the University of Alberta Law School and articled in Vancouver, where he was called to the bar.

He says Alberta was a great place to live in during the '70s and early '80s under Premier Peter Lougheed. But things changed under Don Getty, he said, who was not as keen on the social services as Lougheed. He said he is quite distressed about the actions of the present Alberta government, even though he now lives in B.C.

Although he had always been progressively inclined, and his family had been politically inclined, he decided to become active in Canadian politics when John Turner became prime minister — a move which he perceived as a "turn to the right" for Canada.

Despite the fact he was a resident of Victoria for only a little over a year, his NDP connections won him a nomination and ultimately election to city council. And last November, he made news quickly. Somewhat unhappy with B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt, who he thinks has gone too far to appease the right, Friedland called for a phone-in vote on a leadership review, which has received some support.

At city hall he demanded an effort to employ visible minorities, and to appoint women to some of the top jobs — for example as city solicitor, a post which was open. He wants council to "send a message to city employers, who are being asked to participate in an employment equity program, that the city manager and mayor are willing to show leadership from the top down."

Later he called for council to replace the city police force with the RCMP because this, he said, would lower the cost of policing.

Does he miss New York? Well, he told *The CJN*, "I've been away from matzah ball soup for 20 years, and never went back." However, he promptly ordered the matzah ball soup on the Jewish Community Centre lunch menu and seemed to enjoy it. Anyways, he went on, the life he knew in New York is gone. "The area I grew up in, Brownsville, doesn't exist any more. The Dodgers are gone and the Giants are gone. Barbra Streisand and Woody Allen aren't in Flatbush now — so what's there to go back to?"

But Friedland is staying put, starting a new political career in a province where politics and politicians change as often as the weather. Victoria and maybe all of British Columbia will be hearing about this guy who says he has been "wandering in the wilderness."

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Mount of Olives plan angers organizations

A plan recently submitted to the subcommittee for planning and construction of the Jerusalem municipality, is raising a storm of controversy.

If approved, the plan, calling for the reclassification of extensive tracts of church land on the Mount of Olives, would permit construction and expansion, to provide more facilities for the pilgrims and tourists who flock there in ever greater numbers.

Though there is no question that such facilities are badly needed, opponents of the plan argue that the Mount of Olives, which runs parallel to the Temple Mount to the East, beyond the Kidron Valley, is the last green zone of Jerusalem. Its summit is 800 metres above sea level and its fabulous skyline is very much a part of the city's image.

But as is very often the case in Jerusalem, there is more to the controversy than meets the eye. Biblical associations with the Mount of Olives make it sacred to Jews, and its role during the last days of Jesus makes it sacred to Christians.

Nobody knows when or how the Mount of Olives came by its name, since in biblical times most of the hills surrounding Jerusalem were covered with olive trees. Perhaps the trees of that area were finer than others. Certainly some of the gnarled, centuries-old specimens are impressive.

Since the oldest Jewish cemetery in the world, dating back nearly 2,500 years, is situated there, and according to Halachah, burial is not permitted inside cities, the Mount of Olives must have been well outside city limits during biblical times.

Jewish tradition has it that the olive branch brought to Noah by the dove to show him the flood was over, came from the Mount of Olives; here too, centuries later, King David, fleeing his son Absalom, is said to have stopped to kneel and pray. After the destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem by the Romans, the Shechina, the Divine presence, was reported to have fled to the Mount of Olives, there to await the Day of Judgment: "And in that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. . ." (Zechariah)

And it was here that for a number of centuries after that destruction, Jews would assemble for the traditional procession of Hoshanah Rabah on the seventh and last day of the Sukkot festival, for they were forbidden — at times under pain of death — to enter the Temple Mount.

Being troubled times, it was no longer possible to observe all three yearly pilgrimages. Sukkot was the only one to be widely kept — perhaps because the booths set up in observance of the law at Sukkot provided accommodation for pilgrims from all over the world. Conquerors came and went and still the annual pilgrimage took place, becoming, by the end of the ninth century, the most important event of the Jewish year.

A festive procession made its way to the summit of the Mount of Olives and circled it seven times, in memory of the seven Hakafot (circling with the Torah) that were made around the altar in the great Temple.

This was a day of great rejoicing and celebration when announcements of special interest to the Jewish world were made.

On July 15, 1099, the Crusaders stormed the walls of Jerusalem. The massacre that followed remains unparalleled in the long and bloody history of the city. Moslems and Jews, for once living together in peace, were slaughtered indiscriminately. There was no Sukkot celebration on the Mount of Olives that year or the next. Only memories and a few songs and prayers specially written for the occasion remained.

The Mount is sacred to Christians as well. According to the Christian Bible, Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday from Bethphage on the Mount of Olives; it was in the garden of Gethsemane (from the Hebrew Gat Shmanim, the Olive Press) at the foot of the Mount, that he was arrested by Roman soldiers; and it was from the summit of the Mount that he ascended to heaven.

In the fourth century, a number of splendid churches were built to commemorate these events, notably the magnificent Basilica of the Ascension. But they were all destroyed by the Persian invaders in 614 CE, later to be rebuilt on a smaller scale. With the advent of the Crusaders in the late 11th century, new and more magnificent churches were built. But these too were largely destroyed in the late 12th century by the Islamic rulers of the city.

The Mount remained desolate for centuries. In the second part of the nineteenth century, renewed building of churches took place, the most conspicuous being the Russian church of Mary Magdalene, completed in 1888 and dedicated in the presence of Alexander III and his wife, Duchess Elisabeth. She was murdered in 1918 and a devoted monk recovered her body and brought the coffin, at great peril to himself, to Jerusalem. The duchess was laid to rest in 1921 in the church she had dedicated 33 years earlier.

Today there are a number of shrines on the Mount: the Church of the Ascension, the Church of Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the crypt of Gethsemane and the Basilica of the Agony (better known as the Church of All Nations).

The lack of parking space, proper roads, and facilities in this area, is not an issue that will be easily resolved.

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Shoe store closes

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large vats and then pickled. Ummm, no one made it that way." He recalls the lunch special at Kaiman's — "2 sandwiches for 25 cents, soda pop at 6 cents a bottle." The restaurant only seated about 30 people and was jammed full all the time and a lineup for tables streamed out the doorway.

Religion was celebrated at the area's only synagogue, B'nai Israel Hamirachim Congregation, built in 1918 on Berkeley Street, just north of Queen. The government expropriated the land in the early 1960s to make room for low-rent Ontario housing. But Irv remembers it as a large edifice which served about 500 congregants. It was an Orthodox shul, especially renowned for its ladies auxiliary which knitted clothing and prepared meals for Jewish children.

David Walkin was an original member of B'nai Israel, and one of the family's most treasured momentos is the certificate of lifetime membership that he purchased in 1918.

Asked if he had encountered racism during those times, Irv replies, "Yes, there has always been an undercurrent of anti-Semitism in this city. I recall a sign at Kew Beach that proclaimed 'No dogs or Jews allowed.' Of course, that did not deter the Walkin family. We would go to the beach on a summer day, picnic baskets in hand, and eat our sandwiches along with the other folks. We were never molested."

Cabbagetown has undergone many changes over the 75 years that Walkin Shoes operated there. Businesses of all sorts have come and gone. Century-old stores and manufacturing plants have been converted into parking lots, trendy boutiques or antique furniture shops. The area is now imbued with a more Bohemian flavor.

As well, the Jewish people who came here from all points in Europe, who settled down, started businesses, and raised families, have also nearly disappeared from the Cabbagetown scene.

"Now, I too must be saying goodbye," Irv concludes our interview. He locks the creaking door behind us. How many memories can be crushed into a single moment of silent reflection?

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Jewish journal joins information highway

TORONTO — Jewish Studies Judaica eJournal Publishing (JSJeJ) officially became the largest global provider of Jewish Studies services on the information superhighway this month.

The journal, which is edited and published out of Toronto, became the official sponsor of the New York State Educational Research Network's (NYSERNET) Israel Project Studies Gopher.

NYSERNET is a large educational organization in Troy, New York, which, among other activities, serves as a computer clearing house for most of the world's Jewish resources on the information superhighway — the Internet. Gopher is a term used to describe the international computer network software.

The non-profit JSJeJ has been publishing in Toronto since April 1993 in a joint venture with NYSERNET and the University of Illinois at Chicago History Department. It also maintains semi-official relations with the Canadian Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Studies Program at Purdue University in Indiana.

The journal, along with a print-journal abstracting service, is provided free of charge to anyone in the world with electronic mail capability.

Devoted to on-going research and current events in Jewish Studies, the JSJeJ now has one of the largest circulations for any electronic journal available in any discipline.

Despite its international editorial board, the JSJeJ's largest contingent is from Toronto — including Drs. Henry Abramson and Leslie Train, and York University doctoral candidate Mark Flumerfelt. The editor is Avi Hyman, a doctoral candidate at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The new Gopher service, which on a computer screen resembles a local library catalogue, provides users with direct links to world-wide library holdings, on-line texts and articles, information about Jewish Studies programs at universities around the world, and other useful resources, including information about grants, awards, and scholarships.

The journal's publishers began the new service as a place to store back issues of the JSJeJ, but demand led to an expansion of services. The new service also has direct links to other Jewish resources such as singles registries, Jewish Federation databanks, and discussion groups on everything from Halachah to music to newswire service from Israel.

Information on the Jewish Studies Judaica eJournal or its Gopher services can be easily acquired by sending an electronic mail letter to: jewstudies@israel.nysernet.org.

Grade 5 participants in the 1994 Morris Black Public Speaking Contest.

Hamilton students take part in public speaking contest

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Standing up before a crowd and making a speech is evidently a good deal more fun than sitting alone by a desk and writing an essay.

At least, that's what a lot of kids seem to think. How else to explain the growing popularity of the annual Morris Black Public Speaking Contest? Its predecessor, the Morris Black Essay Contest, all but faded for lack of interest.

The contest, named after the late Peterborough businessman whose son moved to the Hamilton area in the late 1970s, is now sponsored jointly with Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO public affairs and the Jewish Community Centre.

This year, a record 65 students took part, and what with parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives and friends, the JCC was jammed for the occasion, reported contest judge Dr. Rick Black.

The contest, which is open to all Hamilton area Jewish students in Grades 4 to 9 is a good Jewish cultural event for kids," said JCC executive director Neil Silvert.

Topics ranged from My Favorite Jewish Person or Famous Jews in History, to the Holocaust, Jewish education, politics of the Middle East and on how synagogues can keep young people interested.

"The kids were phenomenal," and judging, Black and Silvert agree, "was extremely difficult."

Prizes of $75, $50 and $25 were awarded for each grade. This year's winners included many ties.

For Grade 4, Mordechai Walfish and Sam Waserman took first; Daniel Ludwin and Dina Randor took second; and Erica Larry, Catherine Kates, Donna Lieberman took third.

Grade 5: Jessica Waserman, Jason Silvert, first; Hillary Schneider, Aryeh Westreich, second; Andrea Shragge, Daniel Majonis, third.

Grade 6: Aubrey Levy, Ari Black, first; Lara Hart, Laurie Fainer, Bryon Waxman, second; Reesa Barrs, Galya Randor, third.

Grade 7: Adrian Ludwin, first; Deena Schiff, second; Adam Waltman, third.

Grade 8: Leah Loewith, first; Lee Haripko, second.

Grade 9: Naomi Loewith and Mory Black tied for first place.

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BGU professor stresses link between religion, politics

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Stereotypes don't apply to David Newman. The Ben-Gurion University professor of political geography, currently spending a year in Calgary, grew up in London, England, the son of an Orthodox rabbi. He stopped wearing a kippah a few years ago — more for political than religious reasons, he says.

Newman recently received a major academic grant to undertake joint research with Palestinian geographers on possible boundaries for Israel and the West Bank.

Newman challenges the right-wing political views of many Orthodox Israelis. He also challenges the intertwining of religion and politics in Israel, a "pet topic" of his and the subject of his recent talk to a group of New Israel Fund supporters in Toronto.

The recent Hebron massacre serves as evidence that religion and politics are closely linked and must be defined within the context of each other, Newman said.

At the synagogue Newman attends in Metar, a small community north of Be'ersheva, posters were hung calling for demonstrations against the change of Israeli government. "I fully accept that I'm a minority within the religious community," said Newman, "but no one should feel uncomfortable at shul because something offends their perspective."

Newman made his concerns known to the local mayor, whom he described as a "religious personality," as well as to the rabbi ("right wing but a nice guy").

David Newman

"The mayor said I was quite right," recalls Newman. "[The shul] is a religious establishment getting public funds. It should not be having political statements. The rabbi took great offence to what he saw as local government intervention."

Newman noted that his children attended the religious school in Metar, from which they emerged with "very strong political messages imprinted on their minds."

The religious population in Israel is growing, Newman said. Religious olim represent a disproportionate percentage of immigration and 20 to 30 per cent of the Israeli population define themselves as religious, he said, although probably 40 to 50 per cent do not vote for religious parties.

In ultra-religious communities, noted Newman, the rabbi's views are not questioned. As the son of a rabbi, "I don't have that kind of hang-up," he said. "[In ultra-Orthodox communities,] if a rabbi says black is white, then black is white. This is one aspect of the general politicization in Israel...It becomes a very fundamentalistic message." The Hebron killing stemmed from "a very fundamentalist outlook," Newman said.

"I always argue that the two most powerful political leaders in Israel are probably Rabbi [Eliezer] Schach [leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party] and Rabbi Ovadia Yoseph [Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel]. Thirty thousand people vote the way they say. No Bibi Netanyahu commands that type of political power," said Newman.

The last 20 years have seen a few moderate religious groups in Israel, he noted. Oz V'Shalom, the "precursor of the religious peace movement, very clearly came out of academia, and even more, out of the European academic community," Newman said.

A lot of people, according to Newman, see no need for religious political parties even if they support their political agenda. "The problem with religious parties [which generally hold 12 to 18 seats in the Knesset] is you're saying to society that we're separate on many other issues."

"In Israel we're all very stereotyped," said Newman. "They don't know how to deal with people like myself who are religious but left wing."

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Educators debate need to link Jewish, secular studies

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Whether or not to bridge Jewish and secular studies in the Jewish day schools is an issue that has been addressed by educators of all denominations, says the director of Torah U'Mada Project of Yeshiva University.

"The assumption is that bridging is good and separation is bad, but this is not a universally accepted idea. For some educators, compartmentalization is fine," Rabbi Jacob Schacter said at the recent Mini-Caje, a professional development day for teachers in day schools and supplementary Hebrew schools, held under the auspices of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and the Centre of Jewish Studies, York University.

Rabbi Schacter said all educators should bring different pieces together in one system. "We want different pieces of our lives to live in harmony with each other but figuring out how to bring the two realms together is by no means a new issue. The problem has persisted decade after decade, and continues to persist, because deep down, many Jewish educators believe that compartmentalization represents a part of our tradition."

He said we pay a heavy price for not attempting to bridge secular and Jewish studies. "When subjects are not bridged, students see their worlds as being naturally exclusive and irrelevant to one another. If there is no model of integration, they are left with no clue of what one part of their studies had to do with the other. Bridging is a necessity in order to be successful in the 20th century."

Rabbi Schacter said schools could bridge secular and Jewish studies either by having courses team-taught or by integrating the entire curriculum.

"Stressing a school's community by offering such things as dances, clubs, choir and other programs, goes a long way in giving children the understanding that such Judaic and secular studies have something to say in the real world. Which ever way it is done, it is critically important for modern Jewish day schools to make the efforts to bridge. It is crucial in order to turn out good people."

Disabled athletes join the Games

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — For the first time, disabled athletes will participate as full-fledged members of their national teams and get the same medals and honors as other athletes at the Commonwealth Games being held here in August.

Amy Hart, spokeswoman for the Games, told *The CJN* more than 100 athletes with disabilities, representing 13 Commonwealth countries, will compete. Regulations governing events for athletes with a disability are the same as for other events, except in lawn bowls where bowlers will have coaches to provide verbal instructions about the placement of the bowls.

There are six events including men's 800-metre wheelchair race, men's wheelchair marathon, men's 100-metre freestyle swim, women's 100-metre freestyle swim, men's singles lawn bowls for visually impaired and women's singles lawn bowls for visually impaired.

Royal Bank of Canada is providing financial support for the athletes,

Anti-Semitism resurfaces as communism declines

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After the fall of repressive Communist regimes, deeply embedded anti-Semitism surfaced in many eastern European countries, whether or not there were any Jews among their populations, a former senior foreign affairs columnist for the *New York Times* told a York University audience recently.

Flora Lewis was speaking on The New Nationalism and the Rise of Anti-Semitism, one of two Leonard Wolinsky lectures given on the same afternoon. The other was presented by Mount Holyoke College historian Michael Burns, the author of a biography of Alfred Dreyfus.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the notorious Dreyfus Affair in France, which saw the only Jew on the General Staff of the French army convicted of treason in a trial contaminated by anti-Semitism.

Lewis said the lifting of the restraints of communism in Romania, where there are few Jews, and in Hungary, where there is a substantial Jewish population of 100,000, not only resulted in an increase in nationalism, but unleashed talk of Jewish conspiracies in both countries.

Istvan Csurka, a former leading member of the governing Hungarian Democratic Front, is a right-wing nationalist who is all but openly anti-Semitic, Lewis said. A playwright and journalist, he recently produced "a manifesto of new vintage Hungarian Nazi ideology."

Vocal opposition in Hungary

He urged, she said, that a Hungarian "volkisch" (the German word for national) economic policy be created. "He says, and I quote, 'We cannot adopt a non-volkisch policy just because the term volk sounds suspect in some ears.' That is a very clear innuendo of a Nazi policy."

Lewis noted that there is vocal opposition in Hungary to these ideas. (Csurka has since left the party to form his own.)

She disputed the notion that the revival of nationalism in eastern Europe is a knee-jerk reaction to the fall of communism. Rather, she said, as countries experience economic problems and societal tensions, there is the temptation to use nationalism with greater and greater "rabidness."

Dreyfus convicted of treason

Lewis took issue with what she called the widespread effort to interpret the strong showing by ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky in the recent Russian election as a general protest vote against rising crime and violence and the way in which economic reform is hurting ordinary people.

She warned that Zhirinovsky must be taken seriously, "not because he is likely to come to power — we don't know — but the time to stop him is before he represents an overwhelming menace. He sounds like a clown, like a kook; so did Hitler to a lot of reasonable people."

Lewis noted that Zhirinovsky had told a Swedish interviewer he liked being compared to Hitler because he felt Hitler was a model for a way to power.

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Captain Alfred Dreyfus was charged with, and subsequently convicted of treason after a hasty investigation that produced no hard evidence. After spending four years in the notorious French prison on Devil's Island, Dreyfus was retried because new evidence pointed to the guilt of another officer.

Dreyfus was, nevertheless, convicted again. Following a storm of protest led by the French novelist Emile Zola, he was pardoned because the government feared an international boycott of the upcoming World Fair in France.

Seven years later a new French government proclaimed his innocence, reinstated him into the army and awarded him the Legion of Honor.

Some Dreyfus supporters, as well as the highly assimilated Dreyfus family, had looked to France for protection, Burns said. Matthew Dreyfus thought his brother's ordeal was a judicial error. Others sided with Jewish nationalist Bernard Lazare, who blamed anti-Semitism and could no longer believe in the premise of the sanctuary of the state.

Dreyfus believed he had been wrongfully charged because he was Jewish. Burns recounted that during his first night in prison, Dreyfus shouted, "My only crime is to be born a Jew." However, throughout his ordeal and until the end of his life, Dreyfus's loyalty to France was unswerving.

"There was a profound difference between recognizing the existence of anti-Semitism in France, which Dreyfus did, and defining France as anti-Semitic, which Dreyfus refused to do," said Burns.

"This is only one of the many themes, tensions, debates that link the Dreyfus affair to our own time."

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Key to the Future's Ida Feiberg with a male candidate. [WZPS photo]

Matchmaker, matchmaker...

World Zionist Press Service

Russian aliyah is characterized not only by a preponderance of academics but by an extraordinary percentage of single women.

Russian-born piano teacher Ida Feiberg, who made aliyah from St. Petersburg in 1990 with her husband and three children, wanted to help these women fit into Israeli society.

She began introducing single Russian immigrant women, such as those she met daily in her Hebrew ulpan class, to established Israeli gentlemen.

Six years after first moonlighting as a matchmaker from her Holon apartment, Feiberg's venture, Key to the Future, has taken off into a highly successful cross-cultural dating service.

"At first, most women emphasized economic stability," said Feiberg. "But now that they're more established economically, personal attributes are more important.

"Being a matchmaker, though, I still check into the finances of my male clients — things like salary, where he lives, whether his parents are able to help him get established, etc."

The men Feiberg seeks for her women must also be polite and educated. "If I'm impressed with how he speaks, acts and looks, I register him. I generally don't work with unsophisticated men, but if someone is a blue-collar worker who loves to read, go to the theatre and listen to classical music, there's no problem."

She conducts initial interviews by phone and using her musical background, analyzes the appliant's voice, paying attention to intonations and manner of speech. If a caller passes the test, he or she is invited for a personal interview.

The service's first year resulted in only four marriages, says Feiberg. But with an increasing number of referrals and growing experience in choosing likely candidates, things began to pick up. Feiberg presently has some 500 women, ages 18 to 60, and 100 men, aged 24 to 68, on her books.

Computer firm owner Moshe, 32, met 22-year-old nursing student Irina through Feiberg: "I called other Russian-run agencies and advertised in the newspaper, but had no success. Ida's personal and direct approach appealed to me. She based her decisions on intuition, not on computers. It reminded me of the classic matchmaker."

After a five-month, whirlwind romance, Moshe and Irina were married.

Why, though, a Russian mate?

Moshe's decision grew out of positive experiences with Russian immigrants. "My father also has a lot of empathy for immigrants. He vividly remembers the difficulties he faced as a new immigrant from Poland. But I don't feel like I'm Irina's savior or guide," stressed Moshe. "She's far from helpless and can teach me a thing or two."

Feiberg agrees. "Many potential male partners are attracted by the fact that most Russians are educated and cultured. But many men also seek my services because they find Russian women to be more reserved and conservative and less assertive than Israeli women."

Russian immigrants Olga, a 52-year-old doctor, and her twentysomething daughter Larisa, asked Feiberg to help them meet suitable men. While Larisa hasn't had much luck, her mother is engaged to Rachamim, a 60-year-old Sabra of Yemennite origin.

"I've been divorced for many years," said Rachamim, an independently-employed technician. "I have been out with many Israeli women and I'm now finally ready for a partner to share my life with. I'm rather choosy and not an easy person to get along with. But Olga and I are very happy together. I'm a life-saver for her and she's a life-saver for me."

The registration fee for women is a nominal $80. A $300 registration fee for men serves to filter out low-income candidates. And, if the couple decide to marry, Feiberg receives a $1,000 matchmaker's fee. "I have an average of one wedding a month," she said.

A recent article on Key to the Future in an Atlanta newspaper precipitated a letter from an unattached American Jew requesting Feiberg's services in finding him a Russian bride. The request sparked her imagination. "Maybe one day I'll have an international matchmaking network which will link single Jews around the world," she smiled.

Greek artifacts found

Jerusalem Dateline

Recent archeological excavations carried out at the ancient port of Yavneh Yam or Jamnia, just south of Tel Aviv, have revived the age-old archeological question: just when did Greek culture begin to spread into ancient Israel and the rest of the Fertile Crescent?

It was once assumed that Greek culture became widespread with the conquest of the Middle East by Alexander the Great in 330 BCE. But every once in a while archeologists unearth pre-Hellenistic Greek artifacts, supporting a growing body of evidence that Greek culture had already established itself prior to the Age of Alexander.

The dig at Yavneh Yam — a site stretching back to the Bronze Age but almost untouched by archeological teams — was headed by Israeli archeologist Dr. Moshe Fischer.

Yavneh Yam, or Jamnia, is located on the Mediterranean Coast between the ancient ports of Jaffa and Ashdod. The settlement's natural harbor was used extensively, with underwater excavations revealing objects dating from the first half of the second millennium BCE to the Early Muslim Period (700-1100 CE). These finds include anchors, fishing equipment and a lead brazier used by Roman sailing vessels.

Students of the Department of Classical Studies at Tel Aviv University excavated earthenware imported from Rhodes or Pergamon and other Greek cities in the harbor area. The objects including Megarian bowls characteristic of the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE, when ancient Israel was still under Persian rule. Large wine amphoras with stamped handles common in Rhodes, Chios and Kos were also found. The vessels indicate the presence of a large Hellenized population in Jamnia.

One of the most impressive finds from this period was a statuette of a girl playing a harp. Among the other Greek findings at the site were ceramic jars and two types of oil lamps of clearly Greek origin or inspiration, and potsherds decorated with mythological figures in the red-figure style characteristic of the 5th and 4th centuries BCE.

The discovery of an almost whole jug of East Greek character dating back to the 7th century BCE points towards even earlier connections with the Greek world.

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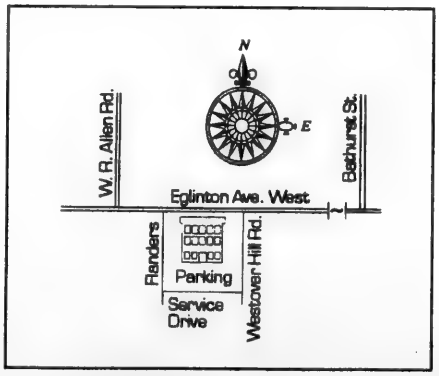

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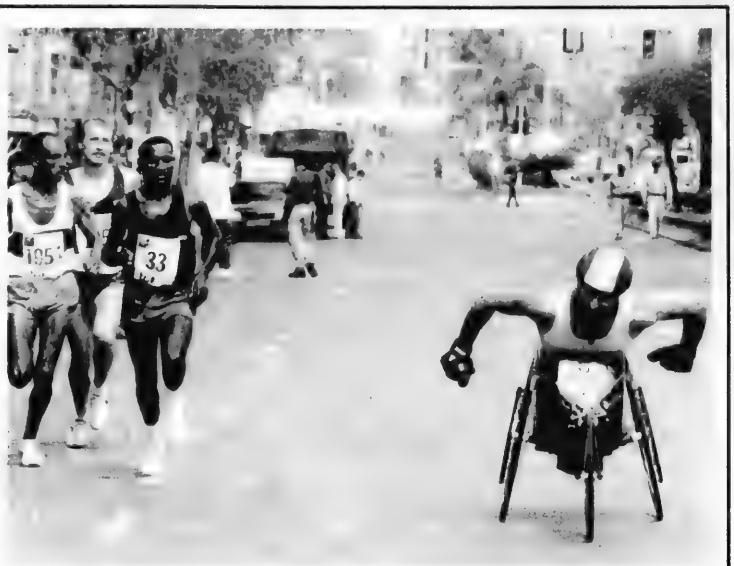

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A moment from the recent 14th annual Tel Aviv marathon. A competitor in a wheelchair overtakes three others — an Ethiopian, a Pole and an Ethiopian-Israeli. [IPPA photo]

Pollard decision shocks supporters

His fiancee Elaine Zeitz vows to keep up fight

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The voice of the normally steely Elaine Zeitz trembles as she chokes back tears.

Despite the haze of raw emotion in which she finds herself, Zeitz is clear in her belief that last week's refusal by U.S. President Bill Clinton to grant clemency to her fiance, imprisoned spy Jonathan Pollard, has "obvious" parallels to Passover — a "pharoah" who won't relent, despite years of pressure from the Jewish people.

The biblical Pharoah was eventually brought to his knees by the wrath of G-d; so too is Zeitz convinced that one day, justice will be done for Pollard, her betrothed for the past three years.

The Toronto-based Zeitz, who is also Canadian spokesperson for Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard was naturally shocked at Clinton's decision to deny Pollard commutation of his life sentence. But beyond that, the sudden White House announcement left her angry and bewildered.

For one thing, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), Clinton's decision came less than four hours after White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said the Justice Department's recommendation in the Pollard case had not yet been reviewed by the president.

Clinton explained his decision in a statement issued late last Wednesday afternoon. He noted that the former Navy analyst who spied for Israel had committed "one of the most serious crimes against our country — placing national security secrets of the United States in the hands of another country."

Clinton said his judgment reflected the recommendation of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and "the unanimous views of the law enforcement and national security agencies."

He said he based his decision "upon the grave nature" of Pollard's offence and "the considerable damage that his actions caused our nation."

For years, Jewish groups in the United States and Canada and around the world have pressed three successive U.S. administrations to review Pollard's life term, which they see as overly harsh.

Their argument has centred around the government's alleged reneging on a promise of leniency in return for a guilty plea, and the fact Pollard spied for an ally and was never charged with treason. Charges of dual loyalty came into play, as Pollard, a Jew, was said to be motivated by his concern for Israel. Anti-Semitism was always viewed as a factor.

In December, the White House sent up a trial balloon. Rumors were rampant that Clinton was considering a Christmas time pardon.

In his statement, the president said he had considered the argument that Pollard deserved a shorter prison sentence because he spied for a friendly nation.

"I nevertheless believe that the enormity of Mr. Pollard's crime, the harm his actions caused to our country and the need to deter every person who might even consider such actions, warrant his continued incarceration," the president said.

As far as Zeitz is concerned, Clinton's action was "a slap in the face" to the Jewish community, given that the president received 88 per cent of the Jewish vote; and to Israel, inasmuch as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin personally asked Clinton to grant clemency. "Rabin was set up," she stated.

The president acted in a "high-handed, arrogant, short-sighted, totally shocking" manner, she charged. "He's very good at lighting Chanukah candles, but when it comes to justice...

"His administration has been notorious for ignoring Jewish concerns. And now this totally undermines Israel. What kind of hope is there for the United States to be an honest broker in the Middle East? It has damaged the peace process."

In denying clemency, Clinton has also "ignored" pleas for leniency for Pollard from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), several Christian groups, law professors, virtually every rabbi in North America and members of Congress from both parties, Zeitz notes.

Zeitz finds it odd that Clinton reached a decision only hours after his aide announced he had not yet read the Attorney General's report on Pollard.

As for Pollard, he was "extremely disappointed ... very, very shocked" at Clinton's decision, said Zeitz, who speaks to her fiance every day and was scheduled to spend the last two days of Passover with him.

The White House announcement came in the wake of the arrest of Aldrich Ames, a former CIA employee charged with spying for the Soviet Union and later, Russia. Speculation that the administration was disinclined to show any leniency to a convicted spy at this time is a "smokescreen," Zeitz said, adding she feels, as do others, that some of the allegations against Pollard can be traced to Ames's activities.

Clinton's decision was "a punch in the stomach," remarked Helen Smolack, president of the Toronto Zionist Council, one of the leading pro-Pollard groups in Canada.

Jews everywhere "shouldn't acquiesce" to Clinton's decision, but keep up protests and press the president to reconsider, she added.

Pollard was arrested while trying to seek refuge in Washington's Israeli Embassy in November 1985. He was indicted by a grand jury on one count of passing secrets to an ally. He then agreed to a plea bargain: in return for leniency for himself and his then-wife and co-accused, Anne, he would forgo a public trial in favor of an in camera hearing.

In 1987, he was sentenced to life imprisonment and has spent his years in some of the toughest jails in the United States, mostly in solitary confinement.

Zeitz believes Pollard's chances for parole are "moot," since in Pollard's file is an influential letter from former U.S. secretary of defence Caspar Weinberger, recommending against parole.

According to one published report, Pollard will be eligible for parole in November 1995. However, under Justice Department guidelines, his release is unlikely until the year 2015.

All of Pollard's legal avenues have been exhausted.

His supporters in the United States say their new goal is to ensure that Pollard is released in November of next year.

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Finta will not be retried

But war crimes legislation is held to be constitutional

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish community activists and Justice Department officials agree that last week's Supreme Court decision in the Imre Finta case will make it harder to prosecute and convict those suspected of Nazi war crimes.

The 4-3 judgment released last week upholds the constitutionality of the legislation that permits the criminal prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Canada. But the High Court refused to order a new trial for former Hungarian gendarmerie captain Imre Finta.

Finta was charged with robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the round up and deportation of 8,617 Jews in the southern Hungarian city of Szeged in June 1944. His acquittal at trial was upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

"As a general statement, [the Supreme Court decision] simply makes it harder to prove these cases," said Chris Amerasinghe, the Justice Department lawyer who prosecuted Finta. "You have to prove more elements to a jury."

"The law as interpreted by the majority will cause problems," said David Matas, chair of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee. "It will be a lot harder to get a conviction."

"I think it's clear that the majority opinion sets a pretty high standard in terms of opening up defences that were questionable as to their applicability [before the decision]," said Jack Silverstone, general counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress.

It will be particularly difficult to get a conviction against "a functionary doing his duty in a non-violent way," Silverstone said. "But I don't think it would preclude a conviction of someone committing an outrageous and blatant offence, like shooting civilians."

Sabina Citron, vice-chair of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA), said the organization's membership is "devastated" by the decision. She said, however, the war crimes unit no longer has any excuse for "foot-dragging" when it comes to launching new prosecutions.

In its decision, the Supreme Court rejected defence lawyer Doug Christie's contention that Canadian courts did not have jurisdiction over crimes committed abroad more than 45 years ago or that the law was too vague.

But in examining the elements of the offence, the court imposed a "double criminality element," said Matas, who represented B'nai Brith as an intervener in the case. Not only must the Crown prove that suspects had the requisite intent to commit the crimes in question, they must also show they knew that what they were doing amounted to a violation of international law. Leaving that technical, legal element in the hands of the jury will make it very difficult to get a conviction, Matas said.

Writing for the minority, Justice Peter Cory said, "The approach taken in the courts below leads to the following incongruous result. War crimes and crimes against humanity were viewed as so heinous as to require a procedure so unmanageable as to make successful prosecution unlikely."

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Palestinians drifting away from peace

Arafat losing support

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The suspension of peace talks between the PLO and Israel had nothing to do with the Hebron massacre, but was symptomatic of a shift away from the peace process in the Palestinian camp, the opening session of Canadian Jewish Congress' 28th regional plenary was told recently.

PLO chair Yasser Arafat pulled out of the talks because he is losing support within the Palestinian community for the peace process, said Alexander Bligh, an adviser on Arab affairs to former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Recent elections among Palestinian legal associations, trade unions, university faculty, student groups and other organizations have returned an overwhelming number of Hamas members. This is a clear signal that support for the peace process is diminishing, he said.

Speaking before about 400 people at the Lipa Green Building, Bligh presented a generally pessimistic assessment of the chances for peace. Referring to a recent survey among Palestinians, he said the poll shows that 70 per cent support Hamas, Islamic Jihad or PLO factions that oppose peace with Israel.

Lack of support among his own constituency prompted Arafat to withdraw from peace talks, Bligh, a visiting professor at York University, continued. Furthermore, Israel is helping feed the fire of extremism by releasing 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, many of them condemned terrorists.

To the sound of some catcalls from the audience, Bligh called for "a policy of the iron fist" against all terrorists, whether Arab or Jewish.

Abraham Diskin, a consultant to both Labor and Likud governments, called for Israeli and Diaspora support of the peace process. "But at the same time, I really don't believe that this process will bring real peace to Israel," he said.

Arab terrorism will continue for the next 50 years, Diskin, a visiting scholar at Carleton University, predicted.

Alexander Bligh

The PLO agreed to talks with Israel "out of desperation" because of its disastrous backing of Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War and because of the collapse of its Soviet patron.

Bernard Reich

While repeating his concerns about Israel's Palestinian negotiating partner, he said it was "refreshing" to hear the PLO say they no longer wanted to eliminate Israel.

Despite his pessimism, he said he backed negotiations wholeheartedly if only to lead Israel to divest itself of authority over a large Arab population. No matter how liberally Israel may behave, it cannot have "millions of Arabs without citizenship living under de facto martial law," he said.

"Israel was established to be a Jewish, democratic state" and to accomplish that, it must separate itself from the large Arab population it controls, he added.

The U.S. perspective on the peace talks was presented by Bernard Reich, a professor of international politics at George Washington University. Reich, who has served as consultant to the U.S. State Department, suggested U.S. foreign policy on the Mideast was rudderless.

Abraham Diskin

The administration wants peace between Israel and its neighbors, an end to terrorism and to the Arab boycott of Israel, but it has no idea how to attain these goals, he said.

U.S. president Bill Clinton was elected on a domestic agenda and he knows peace in the Middle East will not necessarily ensure his re-election, he said.

He feels the United States overreacted to the Hebron massacre when it agreed not to veto a UN resolution that described Jerusalem in its preamble as "occupied" territory. That amounted to a change of the terms of the Sept. 13 Declaration of Principles, he said.

The administration has good intentions and is friendly to Israel but it is preoccupied with domestic crises and it "does not know how to get from square A to square B."

The panelists were introduced by plenary chair Joyce Eklove.

The regional plenary, whose motto is "Koach — from strength to strength," is part of the activities marking Congress' 75th anniversary.

Apathy, ignorance hurt community, says CJC president

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Apathy and ignorance are sapping the Canadian Jewish community of its strength, community leaders told a gathering of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, last week.

"We must convert alienation to action, passivity to pride," thundered national Congress president Irving Abella before 130 Congress members at the 28th regional plenary.

Abella was one of three speakers at an abbreviated luncheon plenary, along with Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and Prof. Gerald Tulchinsky of Queen's University. They could not take questions because the 90-minute session ran overtime.

Abella said it was the responsibility of the older generations to keep younger Jews affiliated with the community. He cited the high assimilation and intermarriage rates in the United States as a warning of what might happen in Canada if the Jewish community doesn't try harder to keep its young involved.

He said the young find their communities elsewhere — at school, the office, with like-minded friends — instead of identifying with the Jewish community. It is only "when Israel is threatened or the family gathers" that they acknowledge their Judaism, often with "pangs of guilt."

Rabbi Dratch said only through questioning will the younger generation learn to remain Jewish. He too put that burden of responsibility on the older members of the audience.

"We've lost the art of questioning. Many Jews don't care to ask [about why it is important to be Jewish]."

Referring to the Passover Haggadah, he said, "Remember, even worse than the wicked child is the child who doesn't know how to ask a question."

JEWISH LIFE ON CAMPUS

Participants in the forum The Pressure Cooker on Campus: How Do I Fit In (from left) are Tamara Howarth, Joanna Spinner, Josh Ganon and Pamela Scheininger. See story page 19. [Zephyr Studio photo]

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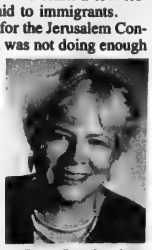
Mayor praises Israeli program

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Toronto Mayor June Rowlands has said the Canadian government could learn a few lessons from Israel in providing aid to immigrants.

Rowlands, in Israel last week for the Jerusalem Conference of Mayors, said Canada was not doing enough to service the estimated 30,000 to 40,000 immigrants arriving in Toronto every year.



June Rowlands

After her visit to a Jerusalem absorption centre, the mayor said she was impressed by the six-month intensive language instruction for all new immigrants and recommended the federal government in Canada adopt a similar program.

"There is an intensive effort to try to teach people the values and language of the country. By the time they complete this program they have a working knowledge of how to get around. This is something that we, in Canada, are not doing — and I think it is a great mistake," said Rowlands.

"Israeli authorities believe that in the long run it costs the state less money to provide a six-month orientation program to immigrants because it enables them to find jobs and integrate more quickly. It's an outstanding system."

Rowlands was one of 30 mayors from around the world to attend the Jerusalem Conference of Mayors, an annual event to explore topics of common interest. The Toronto mayor said she never thought of cancelling her trip despite warnings about the tense atmosphere in Israel following the Hebron massacre. "I feel safer here than in most North American cities," she said. "It is one of the safest place in the world."

Rowlands also told *The CJN* she supported a united Jerusalem under Israeli control. "Speaking not as mayor, but as a private person, I do not believe the city should be split or administered jointly. As we have seen with the case of Berlin, that sort of thing just doesn't work. I think Jerusalem should remain united as it is today," she said.

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Meeting with Reform Party leader Preston Manning (centre) are CJC Quebec region chair Manny Shacter (left) and CJC national president Irving Abella (right).

Reform Party, CJC leaders hold 'productive' meeting

Racism, immigration on the agenda

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Reform party leader Preston Manning and Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), met for the first time last week in Ottawa for what both agreed was a productive discussion on issues that concern the Jewish community.

After meeting with Manning, Abella said he was convinced that the Reform leader will not tolerate racism or anti-Semitism in the party.

"Mr. Manning is a very impressive man and I think his heart is in the right [place]," Abella said after the meeting. "We're concerned about some of the people in the Reform party, some of the things they've said and continue to say. But his indication was that he would be trying to keep these people under control and make sure they don't speak on behalf of the party."

Manning acknowledged the concern about racist elements in the Reform party.

"Congress is extremely concerned about racists and anti-Semitic people that try to infiltrate political parties, and particularly new ones," Manning told reporters, "and we've done a lot to prevent that happening to the Reform party."

Abella said he agreed to keep Manning informed of any racists or "trouble makers" in the party who come to the attention of Congress.

The CJC delegation, which included Abella; Eric Vernon, director of legislative analysis; and Manny Shacter, chair of CJC Quebec region, met with Manning to let him know about issues that are important to Congress and the Jewish community. They talked about immigration and multiculturalism, prosecution of Nazi war criminals, racism and the role of the Reform party in Quebec.

Abella told Manning that the Reform party's immigration and multiculturalism policies implied an intolerance for certain minority immigrants. Reform policy calls for immigrants to be selected on the basis of Canada's economic needs. But, Abella said Manning assured them that the party does not want to discriminate against any group; it simply wants immigration to be compatible with the current economic climate. And while Manning supports a cultural mosaic, he doesn't believe the government should spend money to preserve it.

"The concern was that there is really a subtext in this and you've got to be careful," Abella said later. "This is a country of immigrants, which hates immigration and [the Reform party] is playing up to that feeling. And [Manning] realized that."

Abella said he explained that hundreds of studies have concluded that immigrants benefit rather than drain the economy. Manning agreed to meet with representatives of CJC again within the next few months.

Abella said he was especially pleased with Manning's support on the question of prosecuting Nazi war criminals in Canada, a process Congress believes has been too slow. Although Manning was not well-informed about the issue from the point of view of the Jewish community, said Abella, once it was explained to him, he agreed to put pressure on the government by asking questions in the House about the prosecution of war criminals.

Manning also told the Congress delegation that his party wants to run candidates in Quebec and will be discussing that possibility at its October convention.

Asked whether the meeting dissolved any friction that may have existed between Congress and the Reform party, Abella said it was a good start.

Manning said the meeting enabled him to clear up any misperceptions Congress may have held about his party.

"Some of the public perceptions and ones that have been conveyed by some of our opponents are wrong. What I usually do in these circumstances is just say what our positions are and they usually seem different than what people have heard."

Rescued Jewish family sought

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Members of a Dutch non-Jewish family now in British Columbia are searching for the people they rescued in Holland during World War II.

Cornelia Colyn, 91, now lives in Port Alberni, B.C. Her daughter, Cori Aalhuizen, lives in Burnaby, a Vancouver suburb. Another daughter, Albertha Vos, still resides in Holland.

The Colyns hid Bart Roet in their home in Rynsburg until the end of World War II. Albertha Vos also smuggled 3-year-old Sarah Philipson to safety. Vos was 17 at the time.

The Colyns believe Bart, his brother Arie (who stayed with another family) and Philipson were able to get to Israel. They have asked the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for help in finding them.

"It would be so wonderful if after all these years my mother and sister could actually meet Sarah and Bart face to face," Aalhuizen told *The CJN*. "Who knows? I believe anything is possible."

Aalhuizen was 8 when the children were rescued.

The story of how residents of Rynsburg helped save Jews was first printed in a Dutch newspaper and is now in Yad Vashem's files. Fellow citizen Johannes Post was honored by Yad Vashem. He was caught, along with his two brothers. All three died in a Dutch prison.

Dr. Mordecai Paldiel of the Department for the Righteous at Yad Vashem is interested in learning more about the Colyns. "We have learned that your mother was instrumental in saving Jewish lives in Holland during the Second World War. . . We should like to have further details of your mother's wartime activities on behalf of Jewish persons," he wrote to Aalhuizen.

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre is hoping to honor Cornelia Colyn at the official opening of its Holocaust Education Centre on Nov. 7. Amsterdam mayor and former hidden child Ed van Thyn will open the centre.

Anybody with information about Bart Roet and Sarah Philipson should contact: Cori Aalhuizen, 7673 Newcombe St., Burnaby, B.C., V3N 3W1, or phone her at (604) 522-3651.

Canadian contingent to rabbinic forum

TORONTO — Twenty-one rabbis, from four continents — including eight rabbis from Canada — recently participated in the first Keren Hayesod Rabbinic Forum held in Jerusalem.

The purpose of the mission was to discuss ways of involving Keren Hayesod leadership in local community campaigns for Israel. (Keren Hayesod is the Israel-based fundraising arm of the Jewish Agency for Israel, serving Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora with the exception of the United States. In Canada, the Keren Hayesod works through local UJA/CJA/UIA offices.)

Julia Koschitzky of Toronto is the international chair of the World Board of Trustees of the Keren Hayesod.

Canada was represented at the forum by rabbis from the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Ottawa's Orthodox Congregation Machzikei Hadas and author of numerous books on contemporary Jewish issues, was elected president of the International Rabbinic Forum. "The greatest impact came upon hearing that the Jewish Agency has plans in place to bring 100,000 Jews a month to Israel should emergencies arise in the former Soviet Union," Rabbi Bulka stated. "The gathering culminated with a unanimous expression of resolve by all the rabbis to amalgamate their considerable recources to help Keren Hayesod/United Israel Appeal campaigns," he added.

Pledged support for Keren Hayesod

"Even though the majority of the rabbis on this mission were Othodox we all experienced a feeling of fellowship and unity," commented Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto's Temple Har Zion.

Other Canadian rabbis participating in the conference included: Rabbi Phillip Scheim and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Toronto and Rabbi Howard Joseph, Rabbi Ira Grussgott, Rabbi Mark Friedman and Rabbi Meyer Kizelnik of Montreal.

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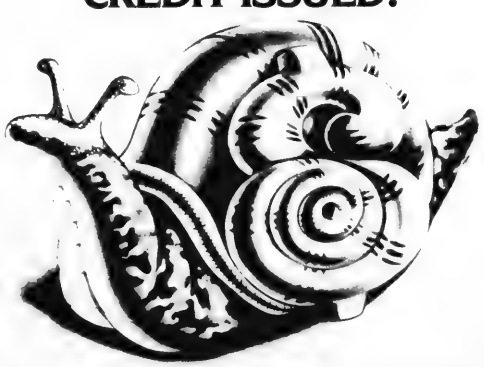

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Inequality still thriving in Canada, says Wilson

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From the cloistered halls of the legal profession to aboriginal reserves that resemble the Third World, Canada still has a long way to go to eradicate inequality, a former Supreme Court Justice and human rights advocate stated last week.

Madame Justice Bertha Wilson, who retired from Canada's highest court in January 1991 after nine years of service, said a Canadian Bar Association (CBA) task force she headed found "systemic" discrimination in the legal profession. "It was built into the very structures and institutions."

Intentional discrimination was also seen. The task force on women in the legal profession found a "male backlash at feminism," in which "feminism" was used as a pejorative term, she said.

Wilson was the keynote speaker at the recent 19th annual human rights awards dinner of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. She was recipient of a special award for "outstanding lifetime commitment and achievement in the protection and promotion of human rights."

The awards dinner coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

In an eloquent and succinct address, Wilson said she was "saddened at the barriers erected against able, dedicated women whose only disqualification was nothing other than their sex."

Turning to her participation in the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, she said she found "untold misery and appalling living conditions" in communities from coast to coast.

"Canada's first people live in Third World conditions in a first world country. This is condoned by indifference and inaction," she said. "At the root of our indifference is racism which leads us to view others as inferior and unworthy of our concern. We have deprived these people of their self-respect, pride, history, culture and traditions."

Bertha Wilson

Despite that, aboriginals have miraculously survived as a people, in large part out of a conviction that they had been put here by the creator to care for the earth.

Aboriginal people want self government to help them break loose from the dominant society whose values they do not share and to help them recapture their own identity as a proud people, she stated.

The media, she continued, have an "awesome responsibility" to promote sensitivity and human rights. They played a large role in influencing the CBA to change its position and agree to conduct a study of prejudice in its ranks, she said.

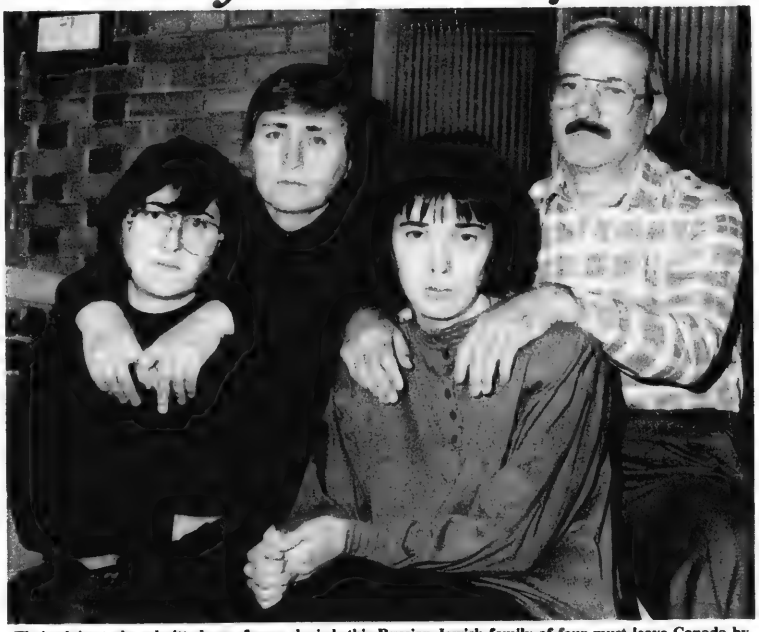
Earlier in the program, awards were presented in print, television, radio and advertising categories for work that addresses the issues of racism and discrimination.

The *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* captured top honors in the print category for articles on racism in schools. The *CBC Evening News* of Toronto won in the television medium for a series that investigated the far-right movement in Canada, while *CBC Radio News* earned an award for its program titled, Refugee Women.

Winners in the advertising category were PNMD/Publitel, Secretariat a la famille and Cineland, for a joint production that dealt with the importance of children.

Ontario lieutenant-governor Henry Jackman served as honorary patron of the awards dinner, which was attended by 350 community leaders and government representatives, including Ontario premier Bob Rae.

Russian Jewish family ordered to leave by May 26



Their claim to be admitted as refugees denied, this Russian Jewish family of four must leave Canada by May 26, Felix Gogniev, his ex-wife Dina Tsallaeva, and their daughters, Zalina Roth (married to a Canadian), and Tima. They came to Canada on visitors' visas three years ago. The Immigration and Refugee Board ruled in 1991 that they would not necessarily face persecution if returned to North Ossetia.

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A three-year quest for a safe haven has ended in misery for a Russian Jewish family of four who must leave Canada by May 26.

After hearing the decison of the Immigration Department adjudicator, daughter Tima Gogniev, 27, told *The CJN:* "So Canada is completing what another country started, that's how I feel at the bottom of my heart."

Her father, Felix Gogniev, told the adjudicator: "This is a matter of life and death for us."

Those who must leave are Gogniev, 56, an economist, his ex-wife, Dina Tsallaeva, their daughter Tima, and another daughter Zalina Roth, 25, even though she is married to Gera Roth, a Canadian citizen.

The plight of the Gognievs, who live in North York, arises from the decision by an Immigration and Refugee Board that they do not necessarily face persecution as Jews if they are returned to their native land of North Ossetia, in the former Soviet Union on the border of Georgia, where tribal warfare is rife.

Ruling they must leave Canada because they have overstayed their visitors' visas, Adjudicator Sylvanna Gratton said she has no power to overturn the Board's ruling and is bound by the Immigration Act. She will resume the inquiry April 26 to hear evidence as to whether the Gognievs should be put on a departure order, under which they could reapply from outside Canada, or whether she should issue a deportation order under which they need the permission of the Minister of Immigration to reapply.

At the outset, Gratton said she would not step down from the case because of the apprehension of bias, as contended by the Gognievs' counsel, Christine Kurawata. Kurawata argued that the adjudicator had shown bias against welfare recipients. Gratton said no reasonable person would interpret her off-the-cuff remarks in that way.

The Board's decision against the Gognievs' being allowed refugee status reviewed the alleged history of persecution of Jews in North Ossetia and the evidence claiming that both Mr. and Mrs. Gogniev had been tortured, but said the Gognievs had not proven their Jewish faith, and even if they were Jews, there was no certainty they would face discrimination.

The Board members, H.R Hanson and W. Bauer, held the hearing June 12, 1991, and gave their negative decision Aug. 13, 1991. Neither of these men is still on the Board. The Gognievs have not been able to present any evidence of the worsening situation in North Ossetia to any official government agency since the Board's decision.

The Jewish Immigrant Aid Society has appealed on behalf of the Gognievs without success. An appeal to the Immigration Department by the Gognievs to have the Board's decision overturned on humanitarian and compassionate grounds was denied.

Gratton ruled that all four are subject to expulsion because they have overstayed their visitors' visas. In addition, the parents are ineligible to be admitted to Canada on the grounds that they are still receiving welfare.

At one point, after giving her verdict, the adjudicator asked Gogniev if he understood the decision. "No person in his right mind would understand it," Gogniev replied. He attended the inquiry on crutches following knee surgery in February. Both daughters cried when they heard the decision.

The Gognievs are still hoping that some administrative tribunal will listen to their pleas. They are hoping the report from a review by Amnnesty International will arrive in time to be considered at the resumed inquiry.

Vince Greco, representing the Immigration Department, suggested the Gognievs check to see if they would be admitted by Israel. In reply to a question by counsel Kurata, Gogniev said he was sure his Jewish origin makes them eligible.

At the inquiry, job offers to Gogniev and Zalina were tabled, while Tsallaeva and Tima testified they also had prospects of work, Tsallaeva as a highly-qualified nurse and Tima as a dentist. They have been unable to take jobs, because their expired visitors' visas denied them employment rights.

Gogniev testified that though he has accepted $20,000 in welfare payments since his arrival in Canada, he contributed $80,000 in voluntary unpaid work for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

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NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

GLICK

Veteran accountant Sol Glick has asked me to research his name, although I suspect he needs no help from me.

Glick (gluck in German) means luck and was enthusiastically adopted by people who hoped it would bring good fortune, happiness and success.

A variation is Gluckstern (lucky star).

MATTHAU

I read with interest an interview in this paper with the distinguished actor Walter Matthau. He attributed the origin of his name to a shtetl in Russia called Mataschansky. Even that is a slight change from Matyushanski, which refers to the Lithuanian village of Matyushi, which is near the great cutlural centre of Vilna (Wilno).

KWINTER

Kwinter is a familiar name to Ontarions. Monte is a member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly and served as a cabinet minister in the Liberal government of David Peterson.

The name is also well-known for its meat products.

Kwint is the Jewish word for a particle or speck. It was affectionately given to a person of diminutive stature. It represented a size shorter than Klein. In French, it would probably be "le petit gars."

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Quebec City synagogue defaced with swastikas

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

QUEBEC CITY — This city's small Jewish community was shocked when its synagogue was recently painted with two swastikas and the word "whuns."

Joe Weiser, treasurer of Congregation Beth Israel Ohev Shalom, said the vandalism must have occurred overnight March 19-20. He discovered the defaced white door to the chapel on the Sunday morning. There was a large swastika on the door and a much smaller one on the plate with the congregation's name.

No other damage was found, although it appeared someone had tried to pry open the door with a knife, he said.

Jack Jedwab, community relations director of Canadian Jewish Congress, said "whuns" meant nothing to him, unless it was a misspelling of 'huns,' meaning vandals, sometimes used as an offensive term for Germans.

The Jewish cemetery in Ste. Foy was vandalized about three years ago, but Weiser said the congregation has not otherwise experienced any serious anti-Semitic incidents in recent memory. About 25 families belong to the congregation, the only synagogue in Quebec City.

The congregation has been in its present location for only about a year. It sold its synagogue on Cremazie Street a few years and rented space for a while before purchasing new premises, a house on Place de Merici, in a residential area.

Police asked for full investigation

Although the perpetrators were never found, Weiser thinks the attack on the cemetery was the work of drunken youths. He's not so sanguine about this incident.

He is worried that it may have been provoked by the Hebron mosque massacre or the film *Schindler's List*, which opened a few weeks ago in Quebec City. Police say they have no leads in this latest vandalism.

Jedwab said skinhead organizations exist in Quebec City, but it is too early to conclude who daubed the synagogue. He has asked the police to conduct a full investigation.

This incident is a chilling reminder to Weiser of 50 years ago when the night before the community centre on Cremazie was to be dedicated the place was firebombed and burned down.

"We are shocked and saddened that this could happen in a close community like ours," said Weiser, who is also B'nai Brith's spokesman in Quebec City.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada chair Stephen Scheinberg condemned the incident and called for "determined governmental action to confront racism and hate crimes.

"This act of vandalism is an assault on the Jewish community and an affront to all [Quebecers]."

Jedwab said the incident was particularly unfortunate because of the "important historic presence" of a Jewish community in Quebec City and the efforts that have been made in recent years in "sensitization around the Holocaust."

Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (at right), to be honored by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University June 16, with three of the key planners of the event. From left: Steve Cummings, Annie Adams and Sue Carol Isaacson.

Tel Aviv U to honor former prime minister

MONTREAL — Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will be honored by Tel Aviv University at a special convocation June 16.

University president Yoram Dinstein will confer an honorary doctorate at the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation.

Canadian Jewish Friends of Tel Aviv University will create the Brian Mulroney Institute of Canada-Israel Relations "in recognition of Mr. Mulroney's on-going and genuine support of the State of Israel, and his distinguished career."

Mulroney was prime minister from 1984 to 1993. Since his retirement from public life he has rejoined the Montreal law firm of Ogilvy Renault.

The committee to honor Mulroney is co-chaired by Jack and Steve Cummings, and the planning committee by Annie Adams and Sue Carol Isaacson.

Charles Bronfman is honorary chair of the tribute committee.

The Mulroney Institute will have as its "central objective the development of stronger links between Canada and Israel through broadened opportunities for teaching, research and study at the academic level."

Abella kicks off Congress' 75th anniversary celebrations

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A late winter snow blustered about the venerable Monument National Theatre last Wednesday evening.

Inside, however, the atmosphere was considerably more inviting.

Before about 200 invited guests, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Irving Abella kicked off the organization's 75th anniversary year with memories to warm the crowd and with a poignant affirmation of the "parliament of Canadian Jewry's" founding vision.

It is a vision, Abella noted on the same date (March 16) and at the same site as CJC's very first plenary assembly, that has adapted to the times but not veered from its fundamental commitment to be a unifying force for Canadian Jews.

The invited guests, who ranged from the rank and file to speaker Jean Dorion, president of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste (SSJB), toasted Congress with a little wine and much affection.

Abella, CJC's 13th president (Lyon Cohen was the first), noted its greatest strengths: "elasticity" and a "resolute and fiercely democratic spirit."

"There have been conflicting visions, but only one voice," said Abella, joined at the front of the theatre's Cafe des Artistes hall by former presidents Irwin Cotler (1980-83), Milton Harris ('83-'86), and Dorothy Reitman ('86-'89).

Congress, he said, "began as an organization *for* Canadian Jews.

"But it has become an organization *of* Canadian Jews."

Abella summoned up venerated names from the past, such as the late Saul Hayes and Sam Bronfman, who wielded control over Congress with a singlemindedness of purpose for 25 years.

But it was a past that Abella did not romanticize.

CJC's founding era may have been one of great dynamism and vitality for Canadian Jews, but, he added, it was also a period marked by "quotas, boycotts, and exclusionism" from the upper echelons of Canadian society.

This, thankfully, has changed. Canadian Jews, Abella said, now become chief justices (the late Bora Laskin) and principals of McGill University (Bernard Shapiro, this fall), where Jews were once subject to quotas.

Abella said Congress's founders "built better than they knew," instilling a sense of dignity, purpose, social activism and "Canadianism" within the nation's Jewry, as well as an abiding commitment to unity, Israel and human rights.

The two-hour reception at the Monument National was marked by a festive spirit as guests shared memories over wine and cheese and a CJC birthday cake, viewed an archival display, and took a tour of the freshly refurbished theatre, orginally built as a site for the SSJB.

Politicians attend event

Dorion, in fact, seemed to take advantage of the mood of rapprochement infecting the crowd and which has been so high on the Congress agenda in recent years.

Dorion drew a parallel between the struggle of French-Quebecers and Jews to preserve their respective identities.

He also said there has to be room in a pluralistic Quebec society to recognize the value of minorities establishing institutions (such as CJC) to "affirm their identitites."

Dorion also held out hope for the future, including, perhaps one day, a Jewish SSJB preident. "Why not?" he asked.

The guestlist feting CJC included Jewish and non-Jewish community leaders and prominent figures, present and erstwhile politicans, diplomats, and descendants of CJC's founders.

Politicans included MNA hopefuls Russell Copeman and Lawrence Bergman, former D'Arcy McGee MNA Herbert Marx and current MNA Robert Libman, Cote St. Luc Mayor Bernard Lang, former federal multiculturalism minister Gerry Weiner, former Outremont mayor Jerome Choquette, and Montreal city councillor Sam Boskey.

From the Franco-Quebecois community came such figures as Father Jacques Langlais and Richar LeHir, president of the Quebec Manufacturers Association.

Celebrants also included Israeli consul general Itzhak Levanon, Polish consul general Margorzata Dziedszydcka, Jon Eric Van der Bery, consul general for the Netherlands, Father John Walsh and Sativos Antypas, of the Hellenic Canadian Congress.

Among those from the Jewish community wishing Congress a mazel tov were Alan Gold, former Quebec Superior Court chief justice; Federation CJA's Harvey Wolfe, Diane Sasson, and Steven Drysdale; Elie Benchetrit, of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec; Eugene Reisman; and Manuel Batshaw.

The guests also included Milton Harris' wife, Ethel, whose father, Joseph Brody, was a Toronto delegate to the first Congress assembly; Ghita Caiserman, daughter of CJC's first general secretary, H.M. Caiserman; and Jack Wolofsky, the grandson of Hirsh Wolofsky, founder of the *Canadian Jewish Eagle*.

Also highlighting the evening were remarks by Montreal cultural communities official Joseph Biello, conveying congratulations on behalf of Mayor Jean Dore, and by Solomon Studenberg, representing the Laurentian Bank, which, as the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, also sponsored the inaugural CJC assembly in 1919.

Event chair Goldie Hershon and CJC Quebec regional officer Maryse Ohayon also referred to some of the letters of congratulations the organization received as the 75th anniversary got underway.

They included messages from the CJC regions, Charles Bronfman, Quebec Cultural Communities Minister John Ciaccia and Greville Janner, president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council.

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Sheikh Tamimi, Imam of the Hebron mosque, leads hundreds of Israeli Arabs in special prayers for those killed in the mosque massacre. [RNS/Reuters photo]

South African Jews eye future with mix of fear and faith

Less than 120,000 left in community

By SUZANNE BELLING
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — South African Jews face the country's first democratic elections on April 27 with a mixture of fear and faith in the future.

The fears among the approximately 100,000 members of the South African Jewish community primarily relate to the widespread increase in criminal violence, particularly in Johannesburg, where over half the country's Jews live.

The Jewish community here has also reacted with sharp concern to recent politically related violence and, to a lesser extent, to the economic uncertainty facing the country.

Only a few years ago, the Jewish community here numbered 120,000, but many have since emigrated and settled in such countries as Canada, Israel, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Were it not for the recent influx of several thousand Israelis, the community would be even smaller.

Jewish political and communal leaders interviewed acknowledge the fears but remain cautiously optimistic about the future.

"The Jewish community is currently 'holding its breath' to see if the historic election next month will produce a stable democracy," said South African Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris.

"Despite the violent African National Congress-Zulu conflict and the threat of white right-wing extremism, the two major parties — the ANC and the Nationalists — have negotiated an acceptable way" into the future, he said.

Rabbi Harris and spokespersons across the political and communal spectrum share the view that there is no such thing as a "Jewish vote" that will substantially affect the outcome of the elections.

But the president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, Gerald Leissner, said Jews are "likely to reflect the trends that would apply in the areas in which they live — urbanized communities which constitute the bulk of the Jewish community."

Leissner, who was the victim of an armed car hijacking outside his Johannesburg home a few weeks ago, mentioned crime as the primary issue facing voters.

"The issue that concerns almost all individuals is the level of crime, which is becoming almost endemic in many of the residential suburbs where the community lives. It is hoped that a new legitimate government will be more successful in enforcing law and order," he said.

Rabbi Harris and Leissner, as well as the chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, Abe Abrahamson, said the Jewish community will vote center to left-of-center — with the likelihood that many will support the ruling National Party.

They also indicated there will be strong support for the left-of-center Democratic Party, which has some 10 percent of the seats in the present Parliament, and limited Jewish support for Nelson Mandela's ANC.

The shared opinion of those interviewed is that the far-left Pan African Congress and the far-right Conservative Party will probably receive hardly any Jewish votes.

Abrahamson reported an increase in inquiries about making aliyah, much of which is largely due to the unsettled climate here.

Abrahamson, a cabinet minister in the former Rhodesia — now Zimbabwe — moved to South Africa for family and business reasons several years after Zimbabwe achieved independence in 1980.

The South African Zionist Federation is "putting a greater effort into aliyah work," he said, but he feels it is too soon to draw generalizations.

"We should not overreact. Jews have their own antennae, which are part of their historical experience and part of their genes," he said.

"We will have to get over the hurdle. There is a whole new world opening with the elections. There will be plenty of opportunity and plenty of problems, both for the individual and for the country as a whole. But where aren't there problems?" he said.

Ronnie Kasrils, former intelligence chief of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto weSizwe, and one of two Jews in the top 10 of the list of ANC national parliamentary candidates, said that "it is the black vote that will bring the ANC to power."

The ANC does have the support and empathy of quite a number of whites, he said, "but this does not translate into votes."

He attributes the nervousness of the white community to both fears and racism.

"Most whites in South Africa still have racial prejudices. They still have fears, although the situation has changed in practice," Kasrils said.

He believes that when whites have an opportunity to see the record of the ANC, they will become more open-minded.

But he expressed bitter disappointment with the Jewish community.

"Most Jews are right-wing and not very tolerant," Kasrils said. "They are not really moving with the times. I haven't seen a positive or welcoming response, except from a few and I can count them on the fingers of my two hands.

"The Jews here are totally self-involved and narrow and don't appreciate the aspirations of all the people of South Africa," he said.

Lester Fuchs, a member of Parliament whose Democratic Party has more Jews on its election lists than any other party, said he was well aware of the nervousness of South Africans as the elections approach. But he added that he found on the campaign trail a "prevailing enthusiasm among voters and in the Jewish community in particular.

"Jews can appreciate what freedom and liberation mean to people who have been deprived and discriminated against," said Fuchs.

He said he was perturbed by the ongoing violence and by the release of many prisoners following a widespread amnesty.

"Law and order, as we know it, have all but broken down. One of the contributing factors is that the National Party and the ANC have colluded to empty our jails. This includes murderers and common criminals," he said.

He voiced hope that the situation would improve drastically after the election and that the police under the new government would have the confidence and support of the general population.

Fuchs believes that despite current emigration trends, the Jewish community on the whole will opt to stay and contribute to making South Africa a peaceful and democratic country.

"The role of the Jewish community is very important in this regard. Jews can, as in the past, play a role out of all proportion to their numbers," he said.

"Jews make up three-tenths of 1 per cent of the general population of South Africa, yet the contribution they have made has been enormous — economically, in the arts, medicine, sport, culture and welfare," he said.

"This goes to show that it is not the size of a community or the size of a political party which counts, but rather its determination to make things succeed."

Issy Pinshaw, a member of Parliament representing the National Party said the Jewish community has an important stake in the outcome of current constitutional developments as well as in the impending election.

"As part of the broader community, the Jews here are going through a period of uncertainty with regard to the elections and the formation of a new government. They share the extreme concern about the prevailing violence and crime," he said.

He believes one of the major causes of the violence is political, "as there is a power struggle, especially within the black communities and between the two major predominantly black political parties — the ANC and Inkatha," which is led by Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He added that the situation will likely stabilize after the election.

"South Africa cannot afford continued violence, as it hampers business confidence and foreign investment, which are two essential elements in the socioeconomic development of the country," he said.

Pinshaw said Jews have a valuable role to play in building the new South Africa.

"In the past they have been pioneers in the political, social and economic development of this country," he said. "It is significant that they are represented in most of the major political parties contesting the elections."

Johannesburg Jews talk to the PLO

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — Leaders of the Jewish community here have held their first-ever meeting with a representative of the PLO.

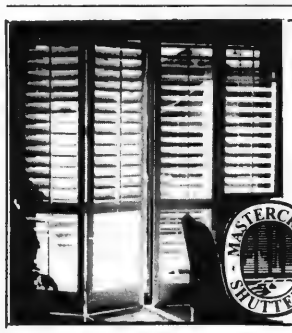
The meeting was held this week with the PLO ambassador to Zimbabwe, Ali Halimeh. Among the Jewish leaders in attendance were South Africa's Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris, leaders of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and representatives of the South African Zionist Federation.

Informative meeting

The meeting was described by both sides as "informative and useful."

Mervyn Smith, national chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said the meeting should be seen in the same light as similar contacts with PLO officials by Jewish leaders in Europe and the United States that have been made since the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord last September in Washington.

Halimeh is a brother-in-law of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.



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No way to predict Hebron attack: Barak

The five man commission investigating the Hebron massacre is seen at the opening of the hearing in the Supreme Court of Jerusalem. Seated (from left) is Open University President Menahem Ya'ari, Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, Nazareth District Court Judge Ahmed el-Rahman Zuabi and former chief of the general staff Moshe Levy. [Israel photo]

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — There was no way to predict the Hebron massacre, Army Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak last week told the Shamgar Commission investigating the incident.

"It was like a bolt from the blue," he said.

And the Army never had standing orders not to shoot at Jewish settlers, he added, contradicting earlier testimony.

But Barak criticized the soldiers on duty at the Cave of the Patriarchs the day of the massacre. Had standing orders been carried out, "this might have prevented or severely restricted the scope of the crime," he said.

"A massacre is a massacre is a massacre," he said, "and even the most stringent security cannot always foil a determined lunatic who is willing to die."

The hall in the Supreme Court was packed to overflowing with spectators as Barak testified. Numerous young people, as well as families with children on vacation, sat riveted to their seats.

Barak divided his hour-long statement into two sections: a description of the background of the IDF deployment in the Hebron region and the rationale behind the army's open-fire orders.

Occasionally banging on the table as he emphasized the moral dilemma soldiers face, Barak spoke of the rise in the number of incidents in the territories, particularly in the period since the self-rule accord was signed last autumn.

He described how soldiers are shunted from one incident to another, "day after day, night after night." In conditions such as these, "when they have sometimes had hardly more than two hours' sleep, they have to exercise judgment about whether or not to open fire."

The orders are approved by the military and civilian legal echelons, he said, but the soldier knows that he might have to face trial for his actions and he has to weigh all the factors on the spot.

Turning to the question of arming settlers, Barak said experience has shown that "it is reasonable to believe that a Palestinian who is armed is out to kill one of his brethren or a Jew. A settler needs his gun to defend himself."

But, he added, "it is absurd" to believe that soldiers could testify they had been ordered never to shoot Jews (as happened during last week's hearings). "They must have misinterpreted this at briefings," he said. "It is not common sense to believe that a soldier would hide while a settler shot innocent Palestinian children walking to school. The soldier has to stop such a crime by all rational means. Our aim is to prevent losses on both sides."

Barak said soldiers were allowed to shoot at an Israeli who was endangering anyone's life.

"In no case is there, nor can there be, an army order which says it is forbidden to shoot at a settler even if he is shooting at others or at you. The opposite is true."

Asked by Judge Ahmed Zu'abi, the sole Arab commission member, whether he accepted responsibility for everything in the army, Barak replied: "As chief of staff, I am generally responsible. This, however, does not diminish the responsibility of the local commander."

Zu'abi then asked, "If extremists on both sides want to stop the peace process, why give arms to known Jewish extremists?"

Barak said arming settlers was the only way to protect them, because the army alone could not do the job. However, he added, "As I said earlier, if the site had been properly guarded, perhaps we could have prevented the tragedy."

Barak denied, in response to another question from Zu'abi, that the IDF treats Jews and Arabs by different standards.

"When I compare our performance with what I saw in a French commando unit 30 years ago," Barak said, "and with all the pain I feel for both sides, I don't think we have to be too ashamed."

Hebron settlers called a security nightmare

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — While Israeli and Palestinian officials focused last week on the security situation in Hebron as part of their efforts to restart the peace talks, the subject dominated Israeli internal politics, as well.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has recently criticized the presence of Israeli settlers in Hebron as an impediment to the peace process, told a Labor Party caucus meeting last week that the settlers' presence there was a security nightmare.

Rabin told the caucus he was horrified at the thought that between 100,000 and 120,000 Palestinians in Hebron have been kept under a virtual non-stop curfew since the Feb. 25 massacre there in order to ensure the security of some 415 Jews who live in the town.

The idea of moving the Hebron settlers from four enclaves into one, or of removing them entirely from the West Bank town, has been much discussed since the attack by a Jewish settler.

"You will have more support from the Israeli public than the media would have you believe, should you decide to evacuate the Jewish settlers from Hebron," Knesset Member Yael Dayan told Rabin during the meeting.

But Rabin replied that it was security concerns, not public opinion polls, that would determine what the government decided to do about Hebron.

During the meeting, Rabin was asked whether he believed the PLO and its chairman, Yasser Arafat, could be trusted to carry out their commitments.

"We have no Palestinian partners other than the PLO and Arafat," Rabin replied.

Hebron was also the topic being discussed at the Knesset.

The Knesset had been called into session by special request of the opposition parties. It provided the stage for an impassioned rebuttal from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres against Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu's charge that the government had been guilty of "a blood libel" against the entire settlement movement in general and the Hebron settlers in particular.

Labor was using the Hebron massacre to slur an entire section of the Israeli nation, Netanyahu claimed.

Peres replied that the massacre had created a blood libel against the entire Jewish people.

Peres described the Hebron massacre as the most heinous act committed by a Jew in the entire history of the Jewish people, adding that it had brought "shame and disgrace" upon the State of Israel.

HAMAS THREATEN SUICIDE ATTACKS

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Meridor questions ban on extremists

Prefers taking all legal precautions

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A former Israeli justice minister says he's "not sure" the country's cabinet did the right thing earlier this month by banning the extremist Kach and Kahane Chai organizations.

Although he feels members of both groups are "awful people and what they say is awful," Dan Meridor wonders whether outlawing them and branding them terrorist organizations was the right thing to do.

Meridor, who served as Israel's justice minister and highly visible spokesman in the Likud cabinet of Yitzhak Shamir from 1988 to 1992, says a better approach would have been simply to allow police to clamp down on extreme rightist and fanatical groups.

"I'm not sure that banning them is very effective or the right thing to do. What should be done is to sit on them and take all legal precautions according to due process, such as [preventing] incitement to racism," Meridor told *The CJN* in an interview last week.

Dan Meridor

The former minister, now a Likud MK, was in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal on behalf of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Meridor helped drum up support for the Canadian associates' effort to set up a program of deferred giving and to provide scholarships for Ethiopian immigrant students.

Meridor, 46, was blunt in his assessment of Kach and Kahane Chai: "I don't like them and they don't like me." As an MK and later justice minister, he was pivotal in drafting the laws that branded Kach as racist and later banned its founder, Rabbi Meir Kahane, from seeking re-election in 1988.

"I was high on their hate list," Meridor said. "I was very active against Kahane and I was threatened by them."

But he finds it "somewhat strange" that the evidence used by the current Labor government to ban Kach and Kahane Chai did not come to light until after last month's Hebron massacre by Kach follower Baruch Goldstein.

And he fears that outlawing the groups will simply push them underground.

Had he been in charge, he would have asked for "strong evidence" that the Jewish far right poses "a clear and present danger," to borrow an American term.

And Meridor also fears that by banning Kach and Kahane Chai, Israel has moved closer to banning ideas.

"We have to be very careful," he warned, "not to cross the line on banning ideas, even as abhorrent as these."

Asked his view on several recent Israeli policies, Meridor said it is not his habit to criticize the government while he's abroad, at least "not too harshly."

'I don't like them, and they don't like me ... I was threatened by them.'

He called the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "the wrong but legitimate government of Israel. They are the democratically elected government and what they do binds all of us, even if they are mistaken."

For one thing, he feels it's wrong for the government to keep offering concessions to Yasser Arafat as a way of enticing the PLO leader back to negotiations.

"That only strengthens Arafat's hand," Meridor said.

Rabin, he said, "is in a catch" for promising peace. "The government is in a bind. All of Labor's eggs are in the peace process basket."

If Labor doesn't deliver peace with the Palestinians by 1996, Likud will be voted back in, he said. So what it comes down to is, "Who's more afraid of Likud?" — Rabin or Arafat?

"I'm afraid that's the major issue. Rabin is in a hurry because he fears Likud and Arafat also fears Likud."

One reason for that, he offered, is because Arafat knows Likud would renegotiate the self-rule accord signed in Washington last autumn.

Meridor said polls show a "majority" of Israelis still wants peace but at the same time, a majority also fears the results of peace.

Meridor also weighed in on the creation of a Palestinian police force in the territories, saying it's "not smart or justified" to think such a force would protect Jews. "If this is the case, we're in trouble."

The former minister had praise for Canada, whose Charter of Rights and Freedoms he used as the basis for two Israeli laws on human rights and freedom of profession.

Canada's charter will continue to be used as a model for Israel, he said.

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Rabin asks the Pope to help get peace talks back on track

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VATICAN CITY — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin used his meeting earlier this month with Pope John Paul II to ask the pontiff to use the Vatican's influence with the PLO and the Arab states and get the Middle East peace process back on track.

Rabin's request during the March 17 Vatican visit marked a remarkable turnabout in relations between Jerusalem and the Holy See, which until January had no formal relations. Israel has long been wary of the Vatican's pro-Palestinian leanings.

Rabin told a news conference after the meeting that he had not asked the Pope to initiate any specific diplomatic moves. But he said he believed the Vatican "can have a moral influence on many countries and many people" and thus put pressure on the Arabs to resume the negotiations.

Rabin also said that Israel would consider in principle the withdrawal of troops from the Golan Heights if Israel's security was assured, and said his government was considering further measures against both Jewish and Arab extremists in the wake of the Hebron mosque massacre.

Rabin, en route back to Israel from Washington, met for half an hour with the Pope at the Vatican — a meeting Rabin had requested. It was the first such visit by an Israeli government head since the Vatican and Israel signed an agreement Dec. 30 that paved the way for full diplomatic relations.

"Rabin informed the Holy Father about his talks in Washington and explained everything that was said there," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls said after the meeting.

"But the main topic was to boost the role of the Holy See in the peace process in the present circumstances," he said.

No concrete initiatives were discussed, Navarro said.

"It has to be studied, but everything is open," he said. "Certainly the Holy See's relations with the Arab countries could help."

Rabin's meeting with the Pope coincided with a visit of the Vatican Foreign Minister, Monsignor Jean-Louis Tauran, to Tunisia and Libya, during which he met with senior PLO officials as well as local leaders.

Navarro said the timing of Tauran's trip was purely coincidental.

"I would not say that this is a new initiative of the Holy See, but the development of policy begun earlier. Tauran has traveled earlier in various Arab countries."

Invited to visit Israel

Navarro, who characterized Rabin's meeting with the Pope as "very cordial," said "the firm conviction was expressed by both parties about the necessity of doing whatever possible to further the peace process in the Middle East, in spite of the recent regrettable incidents and also the difficulty posed by those who in every way want to thwart it or make it fall."

He said Rabin "recognized and underlined the positive role that the Holy See is now playing in emphasizing the fundamental values of peace, justice and human rights, and the peaceful coexistence among peoples.

"In this sense, Mr. Rabin hoped that the Holy See's role in the peace process would have a greater relevance in the future," he said.

At the meeting, Rabin renewed Israel's invitation for the Pope to visit Israel. No specific dates were mentioned, but a Vatican spokesman said John Paul accepted the invitation "with the sincere hope that circumstances will permit him to make this desired visit."

N.Y. bombing linked to embassy attack

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BANGKOK — A suspect in last year's bombing of the World Trade Center in Manhattan is now being linked to an attempted bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

The would-be suicide attack, which experts reportedly say could have caused damage over a half-mile radius, was averted March 11 when the driver of a bomb-filled truck ran into a motorcyclist.

The driver fled the scene of the traffic accident, which was less than a half-mile from the Israeli Embassy in the Thai capital.

Not until a week later was the close call discovered, when police found a ton of explosives hidden in a water tank on the back of the truck.

Also found in the water tank was the body of a Thai driver who had delivered the rented truck to the perpetrators.

According to *The Nation*, a local English-language daily in Bangkok, a high-ranking local police source identified one of the terrorists as "Ramzi Yousef, one of three terrorists who remain at large after allegedly carrying out the bomb attack on the World Trade Center on Feb. 26 last year."

Security had already been ordered increased around the Embassy and the Bangkok synagogue, in the wake of last month's massacre of Palestinians in Hebron.

The bomb found in the truck was made of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, diesel oil and C-4 explosives — a mixture similar to that used in the World Trade Center bombing.

Thai police found 25 sacks of ammonium nitrate on March 18 in an abandoned house, which the landlord said had been rented to a group of Arab men.

Police lifted fingerprints from the house, which they said would be useful in identifying the terrorists.

At least four people were involved in assembling the bomb, according to the police, who added it was likely that some Thais were involved since it would have been difficult for foreigners to obtain all the bomb's ingredients without local help.

Bangkok's Metropolitan Police commissioner, Chaisit Kanchanakit, said he met with Israeli Embassy officials last Monday and that they had agreed to send anti-terrorism experts to help in the investigation.

Members of an American anti-terrorist unit reportedly will also assist in the investigation.

Suspicion is currently focused on the Islamic Jihad and several other fundamentalist groups opposed to any regional peace initiatives with Israel.

In 1992, members of a fundamentalist group detonated a bomb in front of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires. Twenty people were killed instantly and 240 were wounded in the incident.

The explosives used in that attack were of the same type found in the truck in Bangkok, according to local news reports.

No retrial for Finta

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Amerasinghe said the High Court also permitted the inclusion of hearsay evidence — in the Finta case, statements made in 1947 by survivors that suggested other gendarmerie officers were in charge of the Szeged confinement area.

But the court was silent on permitting similar hearsay evidence that favored the Crown case, he said.

Matas said the outcome of the Finta case is particularly disappointing since it was "as good a case as you could hope to get. There were lots of documents, witnesses; no defence was called and Finta had lost two libel cases [One was brought by the CHRA.] Finta was a test case," both with regard to the law and on the question of whether a certain set of facts could be proved.

Amerasinghe agreed. "It was a pretty strong case. . . The decision doesn't make prosecutions easier."

Congress, while applauding the decision upholding the validity of the law, urged federal prosecutors to consider other legal avenues. "If there is no evidence for a criminal prosecution, [the unit should] go for denaturalization," said Congress president Irving Abella.

"The decision has demonstrated how difficult it is to resort to the criminal trial option, which must now be abandoned in most cases in favor of denaturalization and deportation," said Marvin Kurz, a spokesperson for B'nai Brith.

He suggested such proceedings be instituted against Finta immediately.

'Denaturalization route would be preferable,' says Silverstone

"Based on three failed criminal cases (Finta, Michael Pawlawski and Stephen Reistetter) and one success in denaturalization and deportation (Jacob Luitjens), it would seem that the denaturalization route would be preferable, based on precedents," Silverstone said.

Abella said a Congress delegation is scheduled to meet with Justice Minister Allan Rock in the near future and they will urge him "to pick up the pace and to try denaturalization and deportation procedures and to let the Canadian people know what they are planning to do."

Pollard supporters angry

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"We're going to continue this campaign," Pollard's father, Morris Pollard, told JTA.

A request for parole, based mainly on the argument that Pollard has served enough time, may win wider support, according to some leaders in the United States.

In the meantime, some Pollard supporters, who believed they might have had one last chance to make their case to the White House, were percolating with anger last week.

"We had been assured that the president's decision would be considered carefully following the Justice Department's recommendation and that we would be permitted to meet directly with White House officials to discuss the matter," said Ted Boutros, one of Pollard's lawyers.

"We were denied that opportunity," he said.

While Clinton's decision caps months of waiting, for Zeitz, it has served only to intensify the campaign for Pollard.

"It has made me angrier and has given us a political edge. We'll have to work that much harder, be more active, more vocal. We'll pull out all the stops.

"Jonathan and I both believe Hashem is involved. In my heart, I believe justice will be done."

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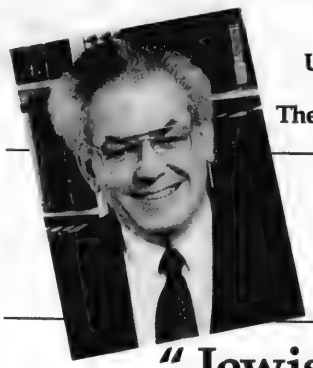

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The News in Brief

CIC Responds to UN Resolution

OTTAWA — In response to this month's United Nations Security Council resolution criticizing the Hebron massacre, Daniel Pekarsy, national chairman of the the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) last week reaffirmed his organization's long-standing conviction that Jerusalem is the "undivided, eternal capital" of Israel.

The preamble to UN Security Council resolution 904 referred to "territories occupied by Israel in June 1967, including Jerusalem."

American Jewish leaders denounced the wording of the preamble and issued a stinging rebuke to their own government for failing to veto the resolution.

According to Pekarsky, there is a consensus within the Canadian Jewish community for continuing Israeli sovereignty over a unified Jerusalem. "Any reference in the UN resolution to the contrary is both counter-productive and inconsistent with historical reality."

Despite "strong" objections to certain passages in the preamble, the CIC "endorses the resolution's reaffirmation of support for the peace process."

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Dalai Lama Visits

JERUSALEM — The Dalai Lama, spiritual head and exiled ruler of Tibet's 6 million Buddhists, was in Israel this month as a guest of the Society for the Preservation of Nature in Israel, which hosted an international ecological conference in Eilat.

Israel refused to tender an official invitation to the Nobel Peace Prize laureate in order to avoid angering China, with which Jerusalem seeks to strengthen relations.

The Dalai Lama paid a visit to the Western Wall, where he was reportedly jeered by Orthodox Jews.

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Strike Over, But...

JERUSALEM — A strike lasting more than 70 days has won Israel's university teachers raises of more than 70 per cent.

The salary increases will be paid out over several years, under the settlement reached last week.

Haifa's Technion planned to resume classes last Wednesday, but teaching at the other institutions of higher learning will only begin after Passover.

Students, rather than rejoicing, burned tires and scuffled with the police in Tel Aviv.

The angry students fear that when classes resume, they will have to pay the price for their enforced 73-day vacation, which cost them almost a full semester of studies.

They are asking for passing marks for the courses that were mostly not held.

They are also seeking financial compensation for the extra rent and lost summer jobs resulting from having to remain at their desks deep into the summer to compensate for lost time.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein has promised that the students will be consulted as the universities plan the best way of putting the strike's damage behind them.

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Wallenberg Memorial Dedication

NEW YORK — The dedication of the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Park, created in memory of the World War II Swedish hero, will be held in Budapest on July 3 under the auspices of the Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture.

As part of the dedication, a 50-year memorial remembrance service commemorating the 600,000 Hungarian Jews who died in the Holocaust will take place at the Dohany Synagogue in Budapest.

The Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture was founded in 1986 to memorialize Hungarian Jews killed in the Holocaust, to promote the revival of Jewish life in Hungary and to help the 80,000 Jews who remain in the country.

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Editor's Sentencing Put Off

PRAGUE — Formal sentencing of the editor of the Czech anti-Semitic weekly *Politika* was postponed recently after the defendant's attorney alleged that the judge was biased against his client.

In January, a judge sentenced editor Josef Tomas to five years' probation. The judge also imposed a three-year ban on the publication of *Politika*.

Earlier this month, Tomas appealed the sentence and his lawyer filed a complaint alleging bias against the judge. The complaint will have to be heard by another court.

In December 1992, Tomas was forced to interrupt publication of *Politika* after he was criticized for publishing a "partial list of Jews and Jewish half-breeds in contemporary Czech culture."

No Funds in Birobidjan

NEW YORK — Although coal deposits lie within easy reach, the Jewish Autonomous Region of Birobidjan has no money to develop them, according to Tass, the Russian news agency.

There are an estimated 30 million tons of coal, which have already been prospected, in the area of Ushumunsk — enough to satisfy the region's needs for 30 years, Tass reported.

However, Tass said, the regional administration is out of funds to exploit the coal.

Money to develop the coal deposits had been expected from local commercial banks, none of which allocated the needed funds because profits would only be yielded in three to four years.

Birobidjan, established by the Soviets on March 28, 1928, as a Jewish region, is in the extreme east of Russia, just north of the border with China.

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Voluntary School Prayer Promoted

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups fighting against excessive government involvement in U.S. public schools lost a battle in Congress last week with the passage of an amendment promoting voluntary school prayer.

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas), would withhold federal funds from schools that prohibit voluntary prayer by students. It was passed by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming 345-64 margin.

Critics of the measure — including the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League — claim it has little effect because schools have always allowed students to pray voluntarily.

They say the amendment only complicates matters by threatening administrators with the loss of crucial federal funds.

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Latinos Get Israeli Envoy

LOS ANGELES — The Latino community in the United States, which has been growing steadily in demographic and political strength, now has its own Israeli envoy.

He is Avraham Setton, who recently visited southern Florida and Los Angeles to inform his new constituency about the Middle East peace process and to meet with Hispanic leaders and the Spanish-language media.

In part, said Setton, he hopes that the Latino community in the U.S. will serve as a bridge for Israel to the countries of Latin America.

But the community is of considerable importance in its own right, he added. Latinos, mainly from Mexico, Central America, Cuba and Puerto Rico, now make up nine per cent of the U.S. population, or roughly 22.5 million people. The percentage is expected to rise to 13 per cent by the beginning of the next century.

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Security Guard Shot Dead

JERUSALEM — An immigrant security guard shot near the Damascus Gate to Jerusalem's Old City while walking to work died of his wounds last week.

Victor Lashtsover, a guard at the Income Tax Authority offices near Herod's Gate, was walking to work when a terrorist shot him in the head from close range, then stole his pistol.

No arrests had been made by last Friday.

Lashtsover, 45, immigrated three years ago from Russia with his wife and three children.

The Syrian-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command claimed responsibility for the attack in a call to the Associated Press in Jerusalem.

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Vatican Envoy Meets Arafat

ROME — The Vatican's foreign minister, Monsignor Jean-Louis Tauran, held a "profitable" meeting with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat during a trip to Tunisia and Libya last week that coincided with Pope John Paul II's meeting at the Vatican with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. (see story, p. 8)

The trip also led to the establishment of a commission on the problems and activities of the Roman Catholic Church in Libya.

Besides his meeting with Arafat in Tunis, Tauran met with the Tunisian president and, in Tripoli, with Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi.

The trip "confirms the intention of the Vatican to tighten relations with the Arab world at a pace equal to its diplomatic recognition of Israel, and it emphasizes the growing role of the Vatican in the Middle East peace process," the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* said.

The Vatican and Israel signed an agreement Dec. 30 that is expected to lead to full diplomatic relations this year. The Vatican established diplomatic relations with Jordan on March 3.

The Vatican has no diplomatic links with Libya.

Front Line

West Bank settlers feel frustrated, alienated

By RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN

An Open Letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

I compose these lines with tears, tears of sadness for my unfortunate Arab cousins, guiltless of wrong-doing, who were mercilessly slaughtered in Hebron, and tears of frustration for my Israeli brethren, staunch pioneers, who live in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, in astonishment and uncertainty.

I am a settler, one of the rabbis of Yehuda & Shomron. I am a proud citizen of the state of Israel, who made aliyah from the United States a little more than 10 years ago, and who was privileged to help found the city of Efrat in Gush Ezion, Judea. I try to be an observant Jew, one who lives G-d's Torah, believes in its values, and identifies with its festivals. But the Festival of Purim was transformed for me this year from a day of feasting and rejoicing to a day of fasting and mourning, from a day of joy and merriment to a day of weeping and sadness. Instead of participating in a Purim seudah with my family and students. I felt compelled to visit Wadi Nis, our closest Arab village neighbor, to express condolences, to strengthen friendship, and to admit my shame.

What has become of us? Our Jewish tradition includes the Book of Jonah, read in the synagogue every Yom Kippur during the most climactic moments of sanctity, wherein the Almighty teaches a reluctant prophet how much He cares about every human being, even our enemy Assyria, because they too are descendants of Adam, because they too are created in the divine image. The Jerusalem Talmud records that the 100 sounds of sighings and sobbings that emit from the shofar on Rosh Hashanah correspond to the hundred wailings of the mother of Sisera (Yasser Arafat before the Declaration of Principles at Oslo) while waiting-in-vain-for her son's return from the battle; this for the sake of imbuing our consciousness with the universal pain of a mother bereft of her beloved son. The Midrash records how the Holy One, blessed be He, quieted the angels in the midst of their song of praise at the time of the splitting of the Red Sea, with a rebuke: "My children (the Egyptians) are drowning in the sea, and you are reciting praises?" And Maimonides, probably the greatest religio-legal jurist in Jewish history and our most universally accepted decisor, established the law for every generation:

"Anyone who kills a human being (nefesh ben adam) transgresses the negative commandment 'thou shalt not murder' " (Midrash Torah, Laws of Murder and Saving Lives, Chapter 1, Law 1).

The city of Efrat in Gush Etzion. [Patricia Rucker photo]

With the tragic slaughter in Hebron on Purim day by a dedicated doctor gone mad, formerly accepted norms of conduct have been completely reversed. I remember a story which came out of the Shoah concerning a Nazi obersturmfuhrer who forced the rabbi and two judges of a small town to dig their own graves. The rabbi received permission to recite a final prayer before he was to be shot and he declared in Hebrew and German: "Blessed art thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has not made me a Gentile." "But how can you say such a thing, schweinhundt?" thundered the Nazi. "It is only because you are not an Aryan that you are about to be killed."

Answered the rabbi: "It is now my fate to live in a period when the world is divided in half, between those who murder and those who are being murdered. Our Holy Torah commands: 'Thou shalt not murder;' I would prefer to be murdered rather than to be the murderer."

And now . . .

But Mr. Prime Minister, I am also deeply disappointed, and disappointed in you specifically. And since I respect you, and am grateful for everything you have done in the past for the state of Israel in general and for Efrat in particular, explaining the source of my disappointment may prove salutary. I settled Efrat with the approbation and encouragement of the government of Israel. I thought then, and I think now, that I am making a significant contribution to the state of Israel both by populating our historic homeland and by protecting Jerusalem. From the beginning we developed relations — social, business and even fraternal — with our Arab neighbors, including supplying them with water and medical facilities. Our inhabitants are heterogeneous in that they are new olim as well as Sabras, but in the main are all national — religious, dedicated to the state of Israel and the Israeli Defence Forces (with a high percentage of army officers), and committed to the ideals of Zionism without a trace of cynicism. In short, most residents of Gush-Dan would consider us "moderates."

Nevertheless, especially since the Declaration of Principles at Oslo, we feel frustrated, alienated and isolated — almost under siege. Suddenly we are no longer citizens but we have become mitnahlim (cry-babies, propellers) — and this despite the fact that we didn't leave our settlements during the intifada. Much the opposite; in Efrat our population has doubled, and then doubled once again, during the past six years.

The fact that there is a difference of opinion between you, Mr. Prime Minister, and a majority of the settlers concerning the peace process — that is certainly legitimate. But we are nevertheless in the front lines of fire; we are absorbing the majority of the sacrifice of terrorism (which stepped up considerably since the Oslo agreement); we are hearing from the army chief of staff that our security is likely to become more problematic after our soldiers are transferred from Gaza and Jericho; but from you, Mr. Prime Minister, we hear not a word.

Yasser Arafat loudly defines his red lines: the removal of settlements, Jerusalem as the capital city of a Palestinian state; but we have yet to hear the red lines of our prime minister. How long can you expect ordinary citizens to live and function in a nebulous atmosphere of uncertainty and danger, without hearing what their prime minister expects of them, without knowing what to expect for their future.

Mr. Prime Minister, I understood that you were insulted by the shameful slogans like "Rabin the traitor" which emanated from the Yesha demonstrations. I myself and many like me publicly denunciated such irresponsible language.

But as prime minister, you must rise above these petty issues. I want to believe that Baruch Goldstein acted out of insanity, and I truly believe that he represents a small lunatic fringe of the residents of Judea and Samaria. One of the tasks of the prime minister — perhaps the most important of his numerous and onerous burdens — is to bring to his side the majority of the populace, and especially that portion of the populace known to be most committed to Zionist ideals. He must unite, and not divide the nation; and along with his legitimate condemnation of the wanton murder of innocent Arabs, he must point out to the world at large that 33 innocent Israeli citizens were murdered by Arab terrorists since that fateful handshake on the White House lawn, to say nothing of the recent history of 14 Jews murdered on a bus outside of Jerusalem, 21 Jewish students massacred in Ma'alot, and 22 Jewish congregants gunned down in an Istanbul synagogue. And he must ask the agonizing question: where was the condemnation of the Arab leadership of such ongoing acts of terrorism? Can we ever hope for even a semblance of peace in the Middle East if our moral revulsion is not matched by similar expressions of remorse by the Arab populace and leadership.

I beseech you, Mr. Prime Minister, to work on behalf of the unity of the nation before it is too late. If counteractions to the Hebron tragedy continue to escalate, and we descend, G-d forbid to civil war, everyone shall have lost the struggle. Most of us yearn for peace, and believe that it is possible to maintain the values of religious Zionism and peace with our neighbors at the same time, despite the differences between us. We do not ask to be partners in your decision making; we need, however, to be told your objectives. Please help to heal, rather than exacerbate the breach in the nation. Only with honest communication and mutual understanding is there hope that we not only survive, but that we prevail.

With respect and admiration,
Shlomo Riskin
Chief Rabbi, city of Efrat

Shimon Peres sets out his views on peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Shimon Peres, the foreign minister of Israel, played a crucial, behind-the-scenes role in the arduous negotiations which climaxed with the signing of a Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO on Sept. 13, 1993.

With the stroke of a pen, two bitter enemies forged a historic rapprochement which may yet lead to an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, despite Baruch Goldstein's Feb. 25 murderous rampage.

That Peres, a former hardliner, was a party to such a potentially revolutionary accord would have been inconceivable just a few short years ago. In keeping with Labor party dogma, Peres had vehemently opposed talks with the PLO on the grounds that it was a terrorist organization.

But, as he writes in *The New Middle East* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $36), times change and, with them, policies. "We cannot allow the past to shape immutable concepts that negate our ability to build new roads."

In *The New Middle East*, which was published several months after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's astonishing handshake with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Peres lays out his observations of the peace process, explains why Israel dropped its objections to negotiating with the PLO and warns of the dangers facing the Middle East.

With the 1991 Madrid peace conference as his starting point, Peres says it soon became evident that the PLO leadership in Tunis, rather than the Palestinian delegation from the territories, was (pulling) "the strings."

As he puts it succinctly: "... it turned out that those who determined the course of the talks did not participate in them, whereas those who participated in the talks had no say in the course of the negotiations."

So Israel, he writes, had no alternative but to turn to the PLO. "I knew that if we did not make direct contact with... Arafat, the negotiations would remain at a standstill."

And there was another factor to consider, he

Shimon Peres

notes. Hamas, the PLO's Islamic fundamentalist rival which rejects Israel's very existence, was hardly an alternative.

Lest he be accused of having broken an election campaign promise not to deal with the PLO, Peres says that the previous Likud government, if only inadvertently, launched the process that resulted in direct Israeli contact with the PLO.

Peres contends that Israel had no logical reason to delay talks with the PLO, given the mounting terrorism and the demographic disparties between Arabs and Jews which, he declares, would have invited the kind of ethnic conflict that destroyed Yugoslavia.

And in an aside, Peres maintains that Israel and the Palestinians could have saved themselves "six years of intifada and the loss of so much human life" had Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud prime minister, "not undermined the (peace) agreement I had worked out with King Hussein of Jordan" in 1987.

Peres has no doubts that the resolution of the Palestinian question is of paramount importance. "I believe that without progress in solving the Palestinian problem, we will not resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict."

However, Peres makes it crystal clear that Israel cannot, and will not, accept the Palestinians' claim of the "right to return" to their former homes in what was Palestine. To do so would "wipe out the national character of the State of Israel, making the Jewish majority into a minority."

Not immodest, Peres takes credit for coming up with the "Gaza First" idea, which jelled into the plan for interim Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

It was never in Israel's national interest to occupy Gaza, Peres writes. "There was no historical sense in our policing Gaza, where every Israeli soldier who defended himself against a knife-wielding or rock-throwing Palestinian was blamed in the world press for violating human rights. It was a hopeless task and no good could come of it."

Besides, he adds, he was generally uncomfortable with the notion of Israel lording it over the Palestinians.

"By its very nature, the military government is oppressive... It is the very antithesis of the... democratic values set down in Israel's Declaration of Independence, in our basic laws, our political culture, and in our social-world view." Israel, he elaborates, "has no short-or long-term interest in ruling the Palestinians."

What emerges unambiguously from *The New Middle East* is that warfare is anathema to Peres. "Instead of investing in building and developing the region, the arms race, military buildups (and) wars... bleed the region of its main resources."

In Peres' view, economic development is of the utmost importance if tensions in the area are to be defused. With it, Islamic fundamentalism can be checked.

Fundamentalism, Peres states, threatens the stability of the social order in Arab countries. He maintains that fundamentalism is derived neither from the Arab-Israeli imbroglio nor from the ongoing peace process — but from an inherent resistance to modernism.

In this respect, Peres is only partially correct. Fierce opposition to Israel is surely an inalterable raison d'etre of the Islamic movement.

Peres fingers the Islamic regime in Iran for fanning the flames of fundamentalism. And he warns that the Middle East could be thrown into turmoil were Iran to acquire nuclear weapons.

Indeed, Peres is of the opinion that the "nuclear threat" is the central issue of the Arab-Israeli dispute today.

Like many thinkers, Peres believes that the concept of "strategic depth" has little meaning in this age of ground-to-ground missiles and nuclear capability. Which explains, to some degree, why he favors territorial compromise in the search for a comprehensive Middle East peace agreement.

In common with the late Anwar al-Sadat of Egypt, Peres argues that peace is conditional on breaking "the psychological barrier" between Israelis and Arabs.

"The two sides must learn to see each other as people — to understand each other's desires and doubts, hopes and fears. This is not an easy task, but it is essential for harmony and security."

Rightly so, Peres does not underestimate the importance of water in the region. Water shortages, he points out, exacerbate existing problems. He suggests that a co-operative regional body would do much to ensure more equitable planning and allocation of scarce resources.

Not surprisingly, Peres is a booster of tourism. "Peace and tourism go hand-in-hand," he muses. But in order to develop the tourist industry, the Middle East needs calm and tranquility, or peace.

And in *The New Middle East*, peace is the mantra that he promotes tirelessly.

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Muted victory

The current trial of Paul Touvier can probably best be described as a muted victory over the ghost of fascism.

Touvier is the first French citizen to be tried for crimes against humanity committed during the Holocaust, and therefore, the proceedings in Versailles are of historic significance. The former head of intelligence for the pro-Nazi French police, the Milice, in the collaborationist Vichy regime, he is accused of ordering the deaths of seven Jews in 1944.

After World War II, the French government branded Touvier a war criminal and incarcerated him. Somehow, Touvier escaped, and was sheltered by reactionary priests of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1972, President Georges Pompidou inexplicably pardoned Touvier. Shortly afterward, Jewish and veteran groups accused him of crimes against humanity, an act not covered by his pardon. Once again, Touvier disappeared, only to be found, and then arrested, in 1989.

It is only fitting that time has finally caught up with Touvier, who is 78 and suffering from prostate cancer. He may yet spend the rest of his days in prison, which would not be an unjust outcome of his trial. Yet, as observers have pointed out, Touvier was but a minor cog in Vichy France — a "miserable secondary figure," to quote prominent historian Henri Amouroux.

By contrast, such influential Vichy France figures as Maurice Papon, Jean Leguay and Rene Bousquet have not even faced a judge and jury. Papon, 83, was the secretary-general of the regional prefecture in Bordeaux, and carried out deportations of Jews. In the wake of the German occupation, he was indicted for crimes against humanity, yet was rehabilitated. In the 1970s, incredibly enough, he was a cabinet minister. Thanks to cynical legal manoeuvres, Papon has avoided a trial, and it appears that he will never be brought to justice.

Leguay, who was indicted for the first mass roundup of Jews in 1942, died of natural causes five years ago. Bousquet, Vichy's chief police official from 1942 to 1944, was charged with the deportation of 2,000 Jewish children. He was assasinated in 1993.

Ideally, justice would have been served even better had Papon, Bousquet and Leguay answered for their crimes. But since this is not to be, Touvier has been designated as the convenient lightning rod of retribution for a dark chapter in French history. Nevertheless, his trial may implicate others whose hands are anything but clean.

Controlling archives

In July the American State Department will officially turn over control of the Berlin Document Centre (BDC) to authorities in Bonn.

Gerald Posner, writing in the *New Yorker* (March 14), indicates that the BDC is the most complete archival record of the Nazi party from its beginning to 1945.

Among the curiosae found in the Centre is the dossier on Amon Goth, the brutal SS commandant from Plaszow whose demonic character was caught in Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*. (Schindler's file is also in the BDC.)

Since 1945, when the Americans found this valuable record of Nazi infamy, the American government has retained control of the documents and access to them. Materials from the BDC have regularly been used by scholars, historians and justice officials for research or legal purposes.

In October 1993, the U.S. State Department agreed, after years of prompting by German government officials, to transfer control of and access to the BDC to Bonn.

Posner's reference to this agreement is the first public notice that this transfer has been agreed to. No discussion regarding this momentous decision occurred in the American Congress or in any other legislative body — including that of Israel.

German and American authorities have tried to assuage anxieties by pointing out that microfilming of each of the 75 million pages is now taking place and that the microfilms will be available to scholars in the United States.

Critics have noted, however, that the time lapse between the transfer of the archives to German authorities and the availability of microfilm could take several years. Moreover, microfilms cannot reproduce color-coded German documents and faded carbon copies.

German law, moreover, is much more protective of personal and family rights, and this protection has already had an impact on researchers who have applied to examine documents from the Nazi period and who have been refused that permission.

Germany's desire to close the books on the Nazi period will be facilitated when the BDC comes under their control completely. As Simon Wiesenthal has said: "The document centre is very important — those papers simply don't allow people to lie in later years. Those documents are holy matter."

ARMS DEVELOPMENT DEAL SIGNED

Francois Leotard (right), the French Minister of Defence, shakes hands with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at a working meeting in the offices of the Ministry of Defence in Tel Aviv. Leotard was in Israel to reach an agreement over co-operation between the countries in the field of arms development. [Israel photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

JEWS IN WEST BANK

I take issue with the letter by Mel Shipman, chair, Canadian Friends of Peace Now, saying that Israel must choose between settlements and peace. In supporting such a point of view, Mr. Shipman is consistent with the attitude and posture of Arab governments since the creation of the State of Israel, namely the uprooting of Jews and their expulsion for the basic reason that they were Jews.

The suggestion is blatant racism and suggests that Jews have no right to live anywhere but in Israel. I expect that Mr. Shipman would be outraged and rightly so if Israel were to announce the expulsion of its Arab citizens.

When a Palestinian State is eventually established whether it be independent or in confederation with Jordan the Jewish settlers will have to make a decision about their citizenship but surely if we are told the new Palestinian entity will be democratic it should permit as citizens, Jews, Christians and others who freely elect to live there.

Once a Palestinian government commits itself to the protection of all citizens within its borders then there will be no need for the settlers to be armed and surrounded by barbed wire. To suggest a West Bank and Gaza without Jews would be tantamount to creating another Saudi Arabia where Judaism is forbidden and Jews are not even permitted to visit. Hopefully, that is not what Mr. Shipman and his colleagues propose and what the peace talks are all about.

Bert Raphael
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RIGHTS OF HEBRON JEWS

Settlements or peace. So says Mel Shipman, the chair of Canadian Friends of Peace Now. I am no chair, nor a president, but ardently want peace NOW. The question is HOW?

Young people like Mr. Shipman and his supporters don't know history. I well recall 1938 when I saw the late unlamented Right Honorable Neville Chamberlain hold up a signed paper announcing PEACE NOW. After all, he had made a deal and had the signature of the legally elected chancellor of a great nation.

The prime minister of Israel has the signature (or was it just the word?) of the "president" of Palestine, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

My reading of history taught me that Palestine was a country of about 45,000 square miles and ceased to exist in 1948 when its 14th and last conqueror, the British Empire, ended the Mandate it had held from the League of Nations. The United Nations created succesor states: Israel on a sliver, and Transjordan, which Britain had established illegally in 1922 contrary to the League Mandate, on about 35,000 square miles.

So how could there be a "president" of a non-existing country? Yet his letterhead shows the Palestine of 1922, before Britain carved it up into the new Mandate and the new land, Transjordan. Of course, everyone knows about the murderous terrorism of the chairman and members and supporters of the PLO.

Because a so-called "religious" Jew is so mentally deranged over slaughter of Jews by our new friends, the PLO, that he murders in cold blood Muslim worshippers at prayer is no reason for all Jews to feel guilty. We abhor such killings just as we do the murder of anyone, including the killings of Jews by Arabs.

There is no reason for Jews to feel guilty about living in Hebron or these so-called "settlements." Jews lived in Hebron and owned it legally 2,000 years ago and it was Israel's first capital before the Arab nation existed. If Jews cannot have the right to live in their own ancient land, what right have Jews to live in Canada or United States or anywhere else in the world? Because of hatred, must Jews be forced off land the Bible records was legally purchased by earlier Jews, and there are no records of it having been sold to Arabs.

It is time Arabs gave up hate and if they insist on their right to live in Israel, let them end stone-throwing and murders and live in peace with all neighbors.

Charles Anthony
Toronto

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PROSTATE AND BREAST CANCER

Re: PSA and mammograms.

These issues were capably discussed by Erica Meyer Rauzin in her column (Feb. 17), and by Dr. David Saul in his comments (March 3).

By now, most authorities agree that routine mammography can be life-saving. In my practice, I was delighted to note that 1993 was a good year. No patients experienced metastic breast cancer, because their early cancers were diagnosed and removed in 1988-1992.

PSA (prostatic specific antigen) blood testing for men, as a screening test for prostatic cancer, is more controversial.

It should, as a rule, be ordered by the patient's family physician, during the annual health exam, at the time of rectal and prostate examination. This applies to men aged 40 to 70.

A positive PSA can mean other things besides cancer. If above a certain number, it leads to X-rays and consultation, as well as confused advice about treatment. One 70-year-old cancer patient saw three prominent urologists. Each advocated a different treatment: do nothing (watchful waiting); have radiation; or have a major operation - total removal of the prostate. As happens frequently in family practice, he came to me to "break the tie." We agreed on the first option. For advanced cancer, chemical castration by drugs, or castration by surgery, is indicated.

PSA is meaningless by itself. Your at-risk male readers must have a digital prostate exam yearly. This is how most prostate cancers are discovered.

Late stage prostate and breast cancer have many similar characteristics, so preventive medicine is crucial. Disasters are avoidable in these cancers.

Dr. David Rapoport
Toronto

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ETHNIC CLEANSING

Peace Now has finally come out of the closet. Mel Shipman (*The CJN* March 10) advocates Ethnic Cleansing or Transfer of Jews for the sake of "peace." I wonder if he would also evacuate Ramla and Lod (former Arab towns — now Jewish settlements) for the sake of "peace"?

(Dr.) Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

Opinion

The fifth question at seder: when do we eat?

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Whenever spring comes into view, Pesach comes on its heels and elicits in me a tremendous surge of hope. At the same time I start worrying when I compare the state of the world, and of the Jewish people in particular, with the euphoria which constitutes the aura of Pesach.

That is the way it has been this year, as it has been for so long. To be sure, Jews are freer today than they have been in a long time. Trouble spots like those we find in Syria are relatively few, and generally Jews are today able to follow the dictates of their religion.

But here my worry begins. With greater freedom comes also the freedom to forsake the faith — if not in name, then all too often in practice. Of course we would not want anything except total freedom, but there is little question that for a people like us, freedom has its price, and the price is the temptation to neglect our priceless heritage.

Pesach seems to reflect this problem. There was a time when Jewish women were engaged in turning the house upside down for Pesach; then the Pesach cleaning became spring cleaning; but even that is in a number of households I know postponed till summer.

Seder is still the outstanding family occasion, but how much religious content did your celebration have? In all too many homes it has become a glorified "family time" — like Thanksgiving in the United States, or Christmas for gentiles. We have no Santa Claus, though in some homes I know, the prophet Elijah will appear at the door in full desert uniform.

Rabbi Plaut

No question: Sedarim are wonderful occasions for getting families and friends together, but the problem is the same as with Friday nights. There too we have "family night" — but how much of it is Shabbat? Is there any sense of holiness, sacredness, specialness? And so with Pesach. Where is the real content of the evening beyond the meal and the gathering? Of course, the children still ask the four kashes (questions), but the more frequent question raised by all present is: When do we eat? Whoever conducts the seder is urged to make it short and faster. We rehearse the story of the Exodus and what happened in the centuries before without really identifying with it. That world seems so far away.

Sometimes I am afraid that even those who would never absent themselves for seder and perhaps have never missed one in their entire lives will still be quite unable to say what really is in the Haggadah. They may remember a few songs like *Dayenu*, or the story of the little kid sold by its owner for two zunim.

What else? Try it out on your family, now that the sedarim are past.

They should always be more than just reading from a book. The Haggadah is the hinge on which the festival turns, but its function is to open a door for discussion and contemplation. Why else would the sages have spent all night observing the holiday, so that their disciples had to remind them that time for morning prayer had come?

When was the last time that you talked about God's role in history? How do you picture God's incursion into our lives?

After all, the liberation from Egypt was more than being relieved of the yoke of the Pharaoh, it was a journey with a destination. Sinai spelled the meaning of the Exodus. Freedom without limitation becomes empty and meaningless; only when it is connected with obligation and purpose is it true liberty.

Enough of the sermon. Enjoy the rest of the week to the fullest.

Chag Somayach!

Rooting for the Rebbe

By YURI YANOVER

A close friend of mine, who was once editor of *Yated Ne'eman*, the major voice of Israel's ultra-Orthodox non-chassidic community, called this week to ask about the Lubavitcher Rebbe's medical condition. He has been calling to inquire about events behind the scene in Brooklyn's Crown Heights ever since news of the book I co-authored on those issues, *Dancing and Crying*, first leaked to the Israeli media.

My friend, mind you, had been hand-picked for his job by Rabbi Eliezer Shach, perhaps the most staunch adversary of the Lubavitch ideology and of its leader of more than four decades, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Like so many callers this week, my friend wanted to know if the worst was near. I answered what I knew then: things were tough. The rebbe's 92-year-old arteries are progressively blocked. Despite the marked improvement in his medical treatment, as compared to the medical neglect and malpractice of 1992-93, there was no known way of preventing more strokes as long as the arteries remained as they were.

On the other hand, I reminded him, the press has been scheduling this man's funeral for some time now, and he is refusing to show up. I cautioned my friend not to buy tickets for that final event — just yet.

We then discussed the bizarre, if not awe-inspiring fact that the rebbe had sustained his stroke on the 27th of the Jewish month of Adar, the same date as his 1992 stroke. The idea that the rebbe's stroke happened precisely when the old moon was diminished from our night sky might generate some mystical contemplation, even by men and women who normally don't engage in the stuff.

Following that, my friend and I discussed the enormous blows the rebbe had sustained in the past two years (not counting his heart attack of late 1977): two strokes in the first week of March 1992; gall bladder surgery in June 1992; the criminal neglect of his rehabilitation, including the prevention of physiotherapy; several months of horrifying flare-ups of neurogenic pain; medical neglect that brought him to the brink of death on several occasions, most recently last November when receiving the wrong medication lowered his serum-sodium levels well below the critical red line; a series of seizures that caused him temporary losses of consciousness; and finally, last week's massive stroke.

We agreed that such harsh, relentless assaults on their bodies would have made younger men collapse long ago. But this man seems to absorb and contain each new attack, like a warrior of mythical proportions.

"I have no doubt now," said my friend finally, "he is the Mashiach."

I couldn't believe my ears. My friend comes from a long and prestigious line of Misnagdim, the Lithuanian enemies of the chassidic movement. His forefathers turned Lubavitch Chassidim into the czar's secret police. He himself was once part of the very instrument of war against Lubavitch inside the ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods of Bnei Brak and Jerusalem. His recognizing Schneerson as Mashiach was tantamount to Nixon recognizing Ho Chi Minh, Farrakhan recognizing Abe Foxman, the Oscars committee recognizing Steven Spielberg.

A great deal of that has been going around, at least among religious Jews. Slowly, perhaps even reluctantly, many of us are refreshing our notions of this seemingly indestructible Jewish leader. We're not clear what it is we're expecting him to do for us. We don't have a very mature and complex idea of what redemption and salvation might look and feel like. We're not even sure we could survive in a world where the wolf lies with the lamb and other such zoologically astonishing feats take place.

But we're beginning to root for the man Schneerson. All of a sudden, he is representing, albeit vaguely, the hopes of many of us for a better and more benign future. And we desperately want him to live.

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Now is the time to think about Israeli MiAs

By RABBI AVI WEISS

From the struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry, we know that progress is possible only when world attention is captured and succesfully focused on resolving the issues at hand.

But first a spark must be struck to ignite the world's conscience — a voice must be raised at the grassroots level.

And to that voice another must be added ... and another, until the call for justice cannot be ignored.

For prisoners of Zion in the former Soviet Union like Natan Scharansky, Yosef Mendelevich, and Silva Zalmanson, the grassroots cry for justice meant freedom.

And today, for the families of Tzvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz and Zachary Baumel, the three Israeli soldiers captured in 1982, and Ron Arad, the Air Force navigator shot down in 1986, the same voices united once again may be the last hope for their sons.

Because the rest of the world has turned its back.

The ordeal of Terry Anderson and the other Western hostages garnered constant media scrutiny. And major organizations throughout the world — from the United Nations to the American government — raised a hue and cry until their release was secured.

But forsaken were four Israeli heroes who remained behind. Forgotten was the agony their families continue to endure.

These Israeli MiAs are Jewish hostages. The enemy holds them as pawns to trade, to wheel and deal, to extract political concessions, not even telling their closest relatives whether they are alive or dead.

How then can justice be won for these hostages? And who shall lead the struggle to secure their freedom?

The UN? Despite the UN's avowed commitment to help resolve the case, it has done nothing.

Washington? Israel facilitated the release of American hostages by freeing hundreds of Islamic fundamentalists. America owes Israel. But to date the U.S. government has made no serious effort to turn up the diplomatic heat on the Israelis' captors.

Israel? The Jewish state is doing what it can, but can't do it alone.

Justice, it seems, like in the struggle for freedom for the Soviet prisoners of Zion depends on you . . . on me . . . and on individuals like us.

We must remember that four men who risked everything for Israel's security are captives who can only be freed through our efforts.

We must demand that Washington and the international community do all that is necessary to determine the whereabouts of the MiAs and secure their release.

The holiday of Passover is approaching. Passover means life ...Passover means liberty ... Passover means freedom, redemption, dignity ... the pursuit of justice.

During this Passover season we should all begin wearing blue ribbons and display large blue ribbons on the bulletin boards of synagogues, schools and community centres.

The blue ribbon will remind all who wear it ... and who see it ... that we will not be silent until these men are free.

And as we sit at our seder tables this year, we should consider setting aside a fourth matzo and reciting this prayer:

"This is the matzo of oppression inflicted on Israeli prisoners held hostage by Arab terrorist groups, Ron Arad, Tzvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz and Zachary Baumel. We hold them dear and shall strive with all of our might to lead them from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light. We pledge our utmost to bring them to the day of deliverance."

And when we declare, "Next year in Jerusalem," the assembled ought to pray that the Israeli MiAs, the Jewish hostages, will soon, safely, be brought home to Israel where their families wait for them with great longing and pain.

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'Let them eat anything but cake'

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

As if preparing for Passover wasn't enough work, as if making seders for the multitudes didn't provide sufficient challenge, the holiday then delivers its final whammy: if, for a week, one cannot eat wheat, corn, rice, and all that, what exactly can one eat?

The work that goes into preparing the house for the holiday, into cooking seder, and into planning our celebrations leaves me too pooped to ponder additional culinary creativity. During the holiday week that follows the seders, I am not the only Jewish housewife in America who says, "let'em eat anything but cake."

This is no week to ask a Jewish woman to cook. Ingredients are limited, the big surge is over, the seder was a success and now we just want to nibble leftover chicken and forget about it until it's time to prepare the end-of-Passover meals and put the kitchen back to normal. This is fine for the grown-ups — my husband even likes matzah for breakfast, lunch and dinner — but the kids won't have it.

In the Pesach week homestretch, one cry echoes throughout the land, from household to household: "Mommy, there's nothing to eat!"

Needless to say, the response, "Have some matzah with charoset," is not satisfactory. You see, as the week of Passover unfolds, children go through a fast metamorphopsis from "I want to help make charoset" to "The charoset is great. Gimme more, please" to "Oh, okay, more charoset" to "Yuk, I don't like this stuff any more. I'm giving mine to the baby."

Erica Meyer Rauzin

This worked when the baby was two; now that the baby is four, it doesn't work any more. The baby is no help. He won't eat charoset. He'll paint with it, paste his hair to his head with it, and drop wads of it to the dog (who loves Passover because she gets ground meat all week but who does not eat fruits and nuts, ever, in any guise).

The baby eats cheerios or macaroni and cheese as a steady diet, snacks on rawhide puppy treats, crayons and, oddly enough, anchovies, but won't even give charoset a chance, at least not as a food. He's perfectly willing to regard it as a modeling compound, but that's another matter.

Meanwhile, the search for exactly what one can eat during Passover continues. I know I can bribe my daughters with tuna salad and persuasion. They are old enough to participate in the seder and they do understand, to an extent, that willingness to eat special foods and give up old favorites for a week is part of personalizing the experiences in the Exodus story. They are accustomed to the discipline of keeping kosher, so this isn't an entirely new concept.

I also hope they understand that once Passover is over, I will expect them to eat absolutely anything I put in front of them. No matter what, as long as it has starch in it. Imagine having just an initial few days or so when they're thrilled just to have a peanut butter sandwich or a bowl of popcorn.

I also know that when Passover ends, I will be left with voracious children, an empty kitchen, and an immense vat of charoset. Someone is going to have to eat it. The kids won't. The dog won't. I'm dieting, again, myself.

"Oh, Honey, I packed you a lunch."

Features

Palestine the way it was

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The winds of change swept over Palestine in the 19th century, and ultimately, this somnolent Ottoman outpost was torn from its medieval moorings. So writes Sherman Lieber in his fascinating, insightful book, *Mystics and Missionaries: The Jews in Palestine, 1799-1840* (University of Utah Press, $45 U.S.)

Lieber's graceful narrative, supported by thorough research, is framed by two foreign invasions — Napoleon's in 1799 and Mehmet Ali's in 1831 — which marked the start of the modern era in Palestine.

Napoleon's brief incursion, the first meeting of East and West in the Holy Land since the Crusades, shattered its isolation, while the nine-year occupation by Mehmet Ali — the pasha of Egypt — introduced a kind of stability Palestine had not previously known.

Prior to these historic events, Palestine was a hopelessly backward domain of the Turkish Empire, with a population of about 275,000 which had hardly grown since the 16th century.

On the eve of Napoleon's sudden appearance, Palestine was a wild, lawless, largely rural society ruled by corrupt, capricious autocrats and intimidated by roaming brigands. Its economy was primitive, with pitifully few roads or public services. Such was the parlous state of affairs that there was not one certified doctor or hospital to care for the sick.

Apart from Muslims, Palestine was home to some 25,000 Christians and about 5,000 Jews, the majority of whom lived in Jerusalem, Hebron, Safed and Tiberias, away from the malarial coastal plain. Virtually all the Jews were of Sephardi origin.

Capricious autocrats ruled wild backwater

Jews and Christians were protected, albeit tolerated minorities (dhimmis). In exchange for various payments tendered to the Muslim authorities, they were free to worship and organize themselves in self-governing communities called millets. However, their lives were circumscribed by legal restrictions and social disabilities.

Dhimmis were forbidden to build new places of worship or repair existing ones. They could not ride horses or bear arms. They were banned from buying property. They were enjoined to wear distinctive clothing. On the streets of Jerusalem, Muslims mocked Jews and robbed them. A Jew buying from a Muslim dared not bargain for fear of being beaten. "What the Jew has to endure... is not to be told," reported the British vice-consul as late as 1839.

The Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem, 1818.

Mehmet Ali grafted law and order upon the body politic of Palestine and greatly liberalized the legal rights and social status of minorities. They continued to pay the poll tax symbolizing their inferior status, but arbitrary tributes and severe one-time taxes were abolished. Jews were granted free access to the Western Wall and allowed to repair their synagogues. In civil court cases, minorities were granted status equal to that of Muslims.

Lieber claims that the heretofore dormant Jewish population climbed precipitously during this period. Jewish immigrants came to study Torah, joining a colony of Polish chassidic Jews who had arrived in Safed in 1777. Some were lured by commercial opportunities. Above all, the reason for the newcomers' arrival was a wave of anti-Semitism which affected Jews from Central Europe and the Balkans to North Africa.

Little did they know what awaited them in Palestine. On Jan. 1, 1837, Safed and Tiberias were struck by massive earthquakes which killed thousands and destroyed homes and synagogues. By a cataclysmic stroke of nature the number of Jews in Palestine plummeted by 25 percent, dropping from 9,800 to 7,400. In one frightful moment, seven years of unprecedented population growth was abruptly erased.

As if to test the resolve of the Jews, the earthquakes were followed by a terrible drought, a cholera epidemic and a famine.

Shortly afterward, Sir Moses Montefiore, the British philanthropist, landed in Palestine to conduct a survey of the Jewish community. He discovered that the percentage of Ashkenazi Jews had risen significantly; that nearly all Jews were poor (most depended on overseas charity, or haluka); that half to three-quarters of the males engaged in religious occupations; that hardly any Jews farmed the land; that two-thirds of the Jewish population was under the age of 40; that the death rate among Jewish children under 10 was uncommonly high.

Sanitary conditions, of course, were deplorable. Sewage and garbage disposal was nonexistent. There was a shortage of clean drinking water. People were crowded into congested quarters, with little light, fresh air or ventillation. Not surprisingly, sicknesses and diseases were prevalent.

Before he left Palestine, Montefiore devised a plan to make Jews there economically independent. He was the first person to try to reshape Jews into a productive group able to earn their own livelihood. His proposals never bore fruit, but future settlers, especially Zionists from Eastern Europe, were influenced by his ideas.

Jews depended on overseas charity

Christian missionaries, notably from Britain, converged on Palestine throughout the 19th century. In Lieber's judgment, they failed miserably. Social pressure and community harassment dissuaded nearly all potential converts.

Mehmet Ali's progessive policies encouraged European pilgrims, explorers and travellers to visit Palestine. But travel was less than a pleasure in a country where distances were measured by days rather than hours. "A man, to enjoy travelling in the East, must have a frame of iron," commented a Jewish observer in 1856.

Nevertheless, foreigners were seized by a compulsion to see the Holy Land. Sensing a market, publishers cashed in, churning out upwards of 2,000 travel books between 1800 to 1879. Lieber says that these scribes, conjuring up a mythic world of "biblical nostalgia and fantasy," created "a Levantine mystique" which passed as truth.

Neither conversant in Arabic nor Hebrew, these writers neglected the "human geography" of Palestine. Their guides were riddled with errors and misleading information and informed by a cocksure feeling of superiority about their national tradition, European culture and Christian religion.

Many decades would elapse before the whole truth about Palestine and its people would emerge.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nearly 50 years ago, a band of intrepid inmates in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp lashed out at their tormentors and struck a blow for liberty.

In October 1944, with the ovens of Auschwitz-Birkenau hungrily consuming their hapless victims, members of the underground set off separate explosions which damaged three crematoria and rendered one inoperable for several weeks.

The action, part of a pattern of resistance to Nazi tyranny throughout German-occupied Europe, forced the Germans to cut back the number of transports to this infamous death factory. As a result, many thousands of Jews were probably spared.

Indirectly, they owe their lives to Felix Opatowski, a retired Toronto businessman and member of the underground who smuggled the dynamite into the camp.

Opatowski, 69, downplays his role. "I was just a little pawn in their hands," he said, referring to the resourceful and courageous men and women who conceived, planned and carried out the strike.

While it is true that Opatowski was merely a courier, the operation would not have been possible without his assistance.

A native of Lodz, Poland, Opatowski arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau in the winter of 1943. "I don't exactly remember the date. But it was cold. I was freezing." Before being taken there, he had been a street cleaner in the Lodz ghetto and a slave laborer in a work camp in Posen. Opatowski's parents, as well as his younger brother, Romek, perished in the Holocaust.

In Auschwitz-Birkenau, a major Nazi killing centre, Opatowski was one of the relatively fortunate ones. The kapo to whom he was assigned, a German Communist named Manfred, was not a blood-thirsty killer, nor a sexual predator.

Auschwitz mission

Under Manfred's supervision, Opatowski was put to work in the so-called neutral zone, the heavily-guarded area between the outer perimeter and the electrified fence. There, he and his fellow workers cleared away debris, snow and corpses (would-be escapees).

The work could be gruesome, but at least it enabled him to survive. He subsisted on two daily meals — bread and ersatz coffee in the morning and watery soup at night.

Opatowski, whose left arm is stamped with a telltale Nazi number (143425), joined the underground early in 1944, just around the time he was given a new job in the Buna camp in Monowitz, a short distance from Auschwitz-Birkenau. There, along with a construction crew, he helped build a German factory.

In Monowitz, Opatowski met Primo Levi, an Italian Jew who would become an internationally-recognized novelist after World War II. "He was an extraordinary human being. If someone was hungry, he would give away his soup."

Monowitz was also the meeting point where Opatowski regularly received packages of dynamite from a British prisoner-of-war who was supplied by the Polish underground. If Opatowski had been caught, the Nazis would have executed him without mercy.

Three months after Opatowski's dynamite shattered the crematoria, he and thousands of others were sent on a "death march" to the Slovakian city of Bratislava in sub-zero weather. He barely survived this brutal trek.

Before the war ended, Opatowksi experienced the horrors of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, where he toiled in a rock quarry.

Liberated by the U.S. military on May 15, 1945, he subsequently found employment in an American army canteen. He and his wife, whom he met in Austria, immigrated to Canada in April 1949. In Toronto, Opatowski ran a pool hall and then a coin-operated laundry business.

In 1972, he revisited Auschwitz-Birkenau. The visit left him numb. Last July, he returned in the company of his wife, Miriam, and his daughter, Esther, with an Israel Bonds delegation.

He wants to go back in 1995, for a third and last time, on the 50th anniversary of Auschwitz-Birkenau's liberation. But, having submitted to prostate cancer surgery recently, he isn't sure whether he will make the trip again.

Jewish law and ecology

By DR. MEIR TAMARI
Jerusalem Post Feature Service

Any economic activity represents potential damage to the environmental welfare of others, involving the pollution of air and water, excessive noise or esthetic disfigurement.

If natural resources were unlimited, the polluting activities could simply be conducted far from human habitation. But since this is not possible, the ecological cost has to be considered. Furthermore, society has to determine who is to bear the cost of such damage in order to offset the economic benefits derived from the activity against the ecological loss.

Jewish law rules categorically that a person who causes damages to his neighbor's body, or property, has to pay for them; damage to the air, water, scenery or privacy is no different. Not only must the party causing ecological damage pay compensation, but a whole network of rabbinic legislation exists which is aimed at preventing such damage.

A mishna provides: "It is necessary to remove [from the town] permanent threshing floors [because of the harmful effect of the chaff], the carcasses [a form of refuse yard], the tanners [because of the stench] and the brick kilns [because of the smoke]." All the codifiers, Maimonides, Ya'acov ben Asher, Yoseph Caro, ruled in accordance with this and the further requirement that the industrial zones had to be so situated that the natural forces of water and wind would not be able to bring the resultant harmful effects to the town.

Modern authorities have ruled that in those cases where relocation or suitable zoning is not feasible, one is obligated to install all the necessary equipment to prevent the damage. Naturally the cost of relocation or damage prevention falls on the owner causing the damage.

It may well be that economic considerations make it more profitable to cause the damage and then pay the claims rather than to install scrubbers or other precautions, or to relocate the plant. Though the sufferers may be indifferent, morality cannot be, since over and above the financial aspect, there is immorality connected with using one's economic wealth to damage others. Not surprisingly, Maimonides rules that it is forbidden to cause damage even on the assumption that payment will be made later.

Despite the clear-cut responsibilities placed on the entrepreneur and on the rabbinic authorities to prevent ecological damage and to enforce compensation, there is no place for the nuisance factor whose purpose is to prevent economic activity on grounds of frivolous or petty charges of injury. Those acts which are part of normal business activity, even those which cause slight disturbance, have to be condoned, if only as part of a "live and let live" attitude.

In addition to the financial and moral prohibitions against causing ecological damage, we find special legal consideration provided. Foul smells or excessive noise caused by an industrial process do not require a *'hazakah'* a proprietory right earned after a long period without objection by the injured party.

A clear demarcation is made in Jewish thought between development at the cost of discomfort or esthetic loss and that achieved at a cost to human health. In 16th-century Turkey, Rabbi Shlomo Cohen ruled that since the textile industry was essential to the livelihood of the town, it was incumbent on the neighbors to suffer the damage caused by dyeing vats — similar to smoke and odors.

Halacha would protect the right of a person to do on his own property that which is essential to his livelihood, provided it cannot be done elsewhere. A later authority, however, was quick to point out that the concession of Rabbi Cohen was only the result of the abnormal conditions of the Jewish exile which prevented them from forcing polluting industries to operate in special zones as provided for in the Mishna.

However, with regard to serious damage to the human body, there could be no compromise. Economic activity cannot be permitted to inflict physical injury on others or damage their health. In the same way, a person may not endanger his health or life in order to earn a livelihood. This may well mean that in an economy run on Jewish moral principles, certain industries would be unfeasible if it is technically impossible to prevent serious or permanent disability and disease. Examples which come to mind are coal-mining, asbestos production and perhaps certain types of nuclear-related plants.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Passover seder is the oldest continually celebrated ritual meal in the Western World. And the Haggadah has been reprinted more often and in more places than any other Jewish classic work. It has also been the most frequently illustrated work. Over 3,500 extant editions have been catalogued thus far, and unkown editions continually come to light. These editions vary in text, format, commentaries, translations, illustrations and typefaces.

Yosef Yerushalmi in his monumental work *Haggadah and History* indicates that there is hardly a city or town in the world "where a Hebrew press once functioned which has not produced at least one Haggadah. It has been translated into almost every language spoken by Jews throughout their global dispersion."

The first full rendering of what is basically our present Haggadah was included in the prayerbook edited by the Babylonian scholar — Rabbi Amram ben Sheshnah in the ninth century BCE. He introduced rabbinical midrash and commentary on the Haggadah, against the wishes of the Karaites who were active at the time and who opposed any interpretation of biblical passages.

Saadya, in the 10th century, and Maimonides in the 12th century, simply included the Haggadah as part of their larger collection of prayers. It was only in the 13th century that the Haggadah emerged as a separate book.

The origins of the printed Haggadah remain obscure. What is believed to be the first extant copy has been ascribed to the Hebrew press in Guadalajara, Spain in 1482. Other printed Haggadot soon followed in Italy and Turkey. But it was not until the 19th century that it became customary for every participant in the seder to hold his or her own copy.

The flood of Haggadot in the 20th century resulted in over 1,100 editions in the first six decades alone.

The recent upsurge of interest in illuminated Haggadot, stimulated by technical advancements in printing, has made possible the publication of splendid reproductions at reasonable prices. A rich harvest of magnificent editions is now available. One of the most beautiful among these is the Birds' Head Haggadah. It dates from about 1300 and is the oldest illuminated Haggadah so far known, at least as far as the Ashkenazi type is concerned. One of its most striking features is the large eagle-beaked faces imposed on human figures, presumably because endowing human bodies with birds' heads was one way in which medieval Jewish artists sought to circumvent the prohibition against the making of images. The males in the pictures wear — on their birds' heads — the conical "Jew's hat" introduced by the Lateran Council of 1215, and the female birds wear the hair nets and jewelled pins which were stylish at the time.

Another famous illuminated volume of medieval origin is the Prague Haggadah (1527), containing the earliest wood-cut illustrations. Still another is the Kaufmann Haggadah, reprinted from a manuscript located in the Hungarian Academy of Science in Budapest. Scholars date its manuscript back to mid-14th century Spain.

The best known of medieval facsimiles is the Sarajevo Haggadah, considered "the most famous of Hebrew illuminated manuscripts." Like its Hungarian counterpart, the Sarajevo Haggadah originated in the early part of the second half of the 14th century, probably in Spain. Remarkably, it only surfaced into the public domain in 1894, when it was sold to a Sarajevo museum by a Jewish child who had found it among his late father's possessions.

Modern Haggadot have been illustrated by a number of prominent artists, and special editions have also been produced by groups interested in feminism, leftist politics, zionism, ecumenism and gay rights. During and after World War II, the Israeli Kibbutzim produced many distinctive Haggadot, most of them extolling the virtues of working the soil.

The Haggadah is beloved, not only for its familiar contents, but also for the memories it evokes of happy family gatherings through the years.

Lubavitchers pray for the Rebbe

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Lubavitch Chassidim in Crown Heights revved up their Mitzvah tanks last week to celebrate their rebbe's 92nd birthday.

But instead of following their usual route across the city from the Brooklyn Bridge, this year the converted trailers were scheduled to embark from Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan, where Rabbi Menachem Schneerson lies in critical condition following the massive stroke he suffered on March 10.

Supporters of the rebbe were using his birthday, which falls on the 11th of Nissan according to the Hebrew calendar, to encourage what one Lubavitch leader called "introspection and action."

From varying points on the Lubavitch political spectrum, news conferences, media alerts and legislation herald the coming of the Messiah or, alternatively, the need to perform mitzvot, to help bring about the rebbe's recovery.

At a news conference at the hospital last week, Lubavitch spokesman Rabbi Yehudah Krinsky faced clusters of microphones and television cameras to set forth a birthday plea.

"Start with one act of kindness, to one other person, and soon these individual acts will multiply into a world truly transformed," he said.

This message was echoed in a full-page advertisement taken out by a Lubavitch organization in last Monday's *New York Times*, where — beneath a life-size portrait of the rebbe — readers were asked to give the ailing leader "the gift he really wants."

"Give charity, study Torah, say a prayer, think about your purpose in life, be a source of inspiration to others," the ad implored.

At the movement's Chabad outreach centers around the world, followers have been holding special services to pray for the rebbe's recovery.

In Washington, American Friends of Lubavitch hosted a reception on Capitol Hill and a dinner at a hotel on March 15 for a "U.S. Congressional Tribute to Education."

But even the birthday celebrations highlighted the split between those in the movement who have vociferously promoted Schneerson as the Messiah, and others closer to the rebbe himself, who emphasize the need for Jewish outreach and religious observance.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, leader of the International Campaign to Bring the Messiah, gathered supporters outside Beth Israel last Tuesday to be at "the doorstep of the great revelation."

Others continued the silent prayer and devotion which has been going on since the rebbe's condition became critical.

But at Lubavitch outposts around the world, supporters say they know the rebbe's condition is extremely serious and that it will take an extraordinary measure to pull him through.

"Everyone is waiting for a miracle," said Donna Katz, who works at the Chabad Center in Pittsburgh. "We're ready for it."

PARTNERSHIP OF FAITH

Three clerics of differing faiths spoke about how their respective faiths view love and how such love can render healing in a world aching from violence at a New York church service. It was prompted by the Hebron massacre and the attack on Chassidic students in New York. Seen from left is Imam Talib Abdur Rashid of New York's Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood; the Rev. Arthur Caliandro of Marble Collegiate Church; and Rabbi Peter Rubinstein of New York's Central Synagogue. [RNS photo]

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Organizations and People

Glass ceiling hinders Jewish women: study

By MARILYN SILVERSTEIN
Philidelphia Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA — Remember that infamous glass ceiling that prevents women from reaching the highest positions in business and industry?

It also applies to Jewish women, according to a new report on the position of female Jewish communal professionals in Philadelphia.

The 30-page report, *Status of Women in Jewish Organizations*, commissioned by the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), was published recently.

Written by Nancy Isserman, coordinator of Temple University's Centre for American Jewish History, and Lisa Hostein, news editor of the *Exponent*, the study documents a dearth of women in top-level executive positions in the Jewish communal world.

Among its most striking findings:

— In Philadelphia, the fourth largest Jewish community in the nation, only one woman serves as executive director of a major Jewish communal agency.

— Only 11 other women are at the helm of their organizations: five serving as executive directors of synagogues, five heading up small agencies, and one associated with a women's organization.

— One notch below the top, many women are filling secondary and tertiary executive positions within the city's Jewish agencies and organizations.

In the view of Murray Friedman, mid-Atlantic regional director of AJC, the report shows that "there still appears to be a way to go before women take their place as full partners in Jewish communal life.

"We're attempting to strengthen Jewish life today," he said. "This report underlines one aspect of Jewish life that needs strengthening as well."

AJC has already presented the report to the top levels of Jewish professional and lay leadership at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and its constituent and beneficiary agencies, Friedman said.

He said the goal is to sensitize them to the issue, to keep "the predominantly male leadership"aware of the concerns, and to begin a discussion of this within the Jewish community.

"This is not simply a study that will be shelved and forgotten," he predicted. "We've caught a current that is there."

One of those paying attention is Dr. Ernest Kahn, associate executive vice president of the Federation.

"How does the field deal with integrating women into its leadership?" Kahn asked during a recent interview. "I think Federation, like other Jewish organizations, needs to be alert to this issue."

The AJC report is significant, Kahn said, because it deals with a subject that has to be of continuing concern to Jewish communal leadership.

"We are now at a kind of take-off point," he said. "There are a lot of women who have moved to the second position in a lot of Jewish organizations. The critical question now becomes, as the older leadership retires, who will move into the number one professional spots?"

Initiated in the fall of 1992, *Status of Women in Jewish Organizations* reflects the results of a survey of the top three levels of executive — male and female — at 52 Jewish organizations in Philadelphia, as well as of 41 synagogue-based rabbis.

In all, there were 94 respondents, according to Isserman.

"This is one of the very few in-depth studies of professional executive women in the Jewish communal world," she said during a recent interview at AJC offices.

She was surprised the report dispels certain stereotypes about women in the workplace, Isserman said — such stereotypes as: Women get pregnant and leave their jobs; women won't move for their jobs; and women don't work as much as men.

On the contrary, she said, the study shows that women work the same hours as men. And only 16 per cent of the women in the study reported that they had taken maternity leave.

The survey also found that 50 per cent of the women respondents had moved for work-related reasons. Of those, 50 percent had moved to advance their careers. The top reason women turned down promotions was that they were not interested in the job.

Status of Women in Jewish Organizations recommends that Jewish agencies create a mentor system for women Jewish communal professionals, develop workshops for lay leaders on the role of women in executive positions, and encourage women's participation in national training programs that emphasize executive skills.

"The cadre of professionals is there," Isserman said. "The community needs to develop these resources — to use these women who are there — and not waste their potential.

"It's a situation that needs to be addressed and worked on...then I believe there's potential for change."

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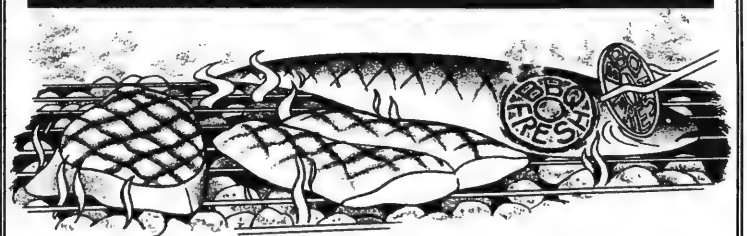

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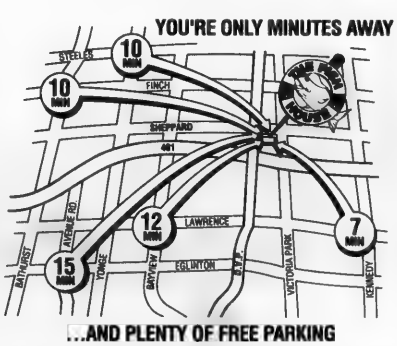

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Participants in the forum Ethnicity and Politics (from left) are MPs Joseph Volpe, Barry Campbell and Sarkis Assadourian. (Zephyr Studio photo)

Minorities bringing different perspectives to Parliament

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The recent controversy over the House of Commons' morning prayer illustrates the "monumental" changes that have taken place in Canada, a forum at Canadian Jewish Congress' 28th regional plenary was told recently.

The prayer, which referred to Jesus, had not changed in more than 100 years, said Liberal MP Barry Campbell. It was altered so that it would not offend anyone and would include everyone. "The old prayer excluded me," while the new prayer "reflects the Canada of today," the Jewish parliamentarian said.

Forty per cent of Canadians today do not fit traditional definitions of who is a Canadian, said Joe Volpe, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence. Clearly, the previous definitions (which focused on those of French and English stock) were "wanting," he said.

With the immigration of other peoples, Canada is benefiting from the human resources immigrants bring with them, Volpe told the forum.

Furthermore, members of minority groups expect a "sense of comfort" from their MPs and a willingness to champion issues they feel passionately about, he said.

Even though members of Parliament may not be of the same background as their constituents, if they are doing their job properly they should understand the importance of certain issues to those groups and press for them.

Speaking on the topic Ethnicity and Politics, Volpe said that in years past, people played down their ethnic or religious background, but now minority group MPs are coming to grips with it politically.

MPs from minorities are able to inject a "new energy" and bring a different perspective to key issues confronting Canadians, he said. This sort of participation leads to both economic and social growth and a new dynamism in Canadian politics.

In his address, Campbell suggested it is appropriate to ask questions as Passover nears. He posed several, including whether he, a third generation Canadian Jew with an anglicized name, was "a Jewish MP or an MP who happens to be Jewish."

He also wondered whether the paucity of Jewish MPs and MPPs, as compared to the U.S. Congress, is a sign of apathy in the community or arises from the absence of encouragement for young people. And he asked, "As a community, what is your expectation of an MP who shares your heritage?"

Campbell said Jews and other minority MPs bring a unique perspective to issues that confront Canadians. Furthermore, MPs from minority groups can explain to their fellow MPs the importance certain issues have for their constituents. They also serve as role models to other minorities who may not yet be as deeply involved in politics.

A broad involvement in politics can "show our children they can do anything in this country," he said.

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Three Jewish groups launch anti-racism initiatives

TORONTO — Three Jewish organizations are among the 84 community groups to receive 1993-94 provincial grants for anti-racism initiatives from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, it was announced recently.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) Ontario, and the London Jewish Federation received $7,000, $15,000 and $18,000 respectively from the Anti-Racism Project Funding Program, which is managed by the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat of the Ministry of Citizenship.

"This funding will support those on the front lines in their work to eliminate racism," said Minister of Citizenship Elaine Ziemba. "The Ontario government is proud to be their partner in this endeavor." The grants totalled $1,117,800.

Ziemba made the announcement at an annual rally held at Nathan Philips Square to commemorate March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The rally was organized by the Anti-Racism Response Network of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

The CJC's grant was put towards their recent regional plenary, which included forums on Hate Groups in Ontario and Ethnicity and Politics.

BBC's project is an anti-racist symposium to be held this fall for the Human Rights Youth League, a program begun last June. The Youth League's mandate is to develop constructive, non-violent strategies to combat racism and anti-Semitism in Toronto.

The London Jewish Federation is working with local educators on programs about anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. They are also planning a youth workshop on stereotyping and responding to racism to be held in the near future.

The London Jewish Federation played a leading role in establishing Londoners to End Racism, a grass roots group that was formed last year to provide support, media monitoring and occasional programming about racism.

"Racism is the antithesis of everything Ontarians stand for," said Ziemba.

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MPs discuss role of minorities

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The third panel speaker, Liberal Sarkis Assadourian, MP for Don Valley North, said when he first came to Canada from his native Syria, he thought MP stood for military police. He said he and other Armenians appreciated the efforts of the Liberal Party to promote multiculturalism but soon got to thinking that if the ethnic vote helped elect MPs, "why not run myself?"

He said "an ethnic [political] base is the best base you can have," since most supporters are committed and will stand up for their representative.

As Canada's sole Armenian MP, he receives calls from as far as Montreal and St. Catharines from Armenians who feel he can represent their interests, he said.

Assadourian said that when he was campaigning, flyers were distributed in the riding urging electors to vote for someone else, since he would bring Armenian issues to the House.

"Why not?" he asked. "You have to be yourself. . . and in some cases, stand up and fight."

Campbell said the public often underestimates the impact a single MP can have in raising issues with caucus colleagues. And while some issues, such as bringing war criminals to justice, may appear to be of special concern to one group, they cut across ethnic lines and are of concern to all Canadians.

Jewish life thriving on smaller campuses

By AMY SATTIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish student life is alive and well and living at smaller universities.

That was the message from four Jewish university leaders at a recent panel session on The Pressure Cooker on Campus: How Do I Fit In?, part of the 28th regional plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress held here last week.

"You shouldn't fear sending your children, grandchildren, friends or students to [smaller campuses like] the University of Waterloo. They'll be well taken care of," said Joanna Spinner, a first-year electrical engineering student at Waterloo and immediate past-president of the 60-strong Jewish Students' Association there.

Spinner, who estimated there are 200 Jewish students at Waterloo each term, spoke glowingly of the tolerance at Waterloo. Laughter rippled through the overflow crowd — national Congress president Irving Abella was seated in the hallway — as she described putting up a mezuzah in the dormitory room she shared with a born-again Christian of Filipino and East Indian descent.

Fellow panelists Tamara Howarth of Queen's University in Kingston, and Pamela Scheininger of the University of Toronto also described more of a melting pot than a pressure cooker.

Only Josh Ganon, the Israeli founder and president of the 40-member Jewish Students Society (JSS) at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, said he was troubled by overt racism on his campus. He ripped down over 50 anti-Semitic pamphlets posted around Lakehead last month. He is concerned that the JSS, to which almost every Jewish student on campus belongs, will flounder once he graduates this year.

Howarth, a fourth-year political science student and co-president of Queen's Hillel, said she was concerned that orientation week activities had been scheduled during Rosh Hashanah this year, but went on to paint a healthy picture of Jewish life on campus.

She said 500 people turned out to hear Holocaust survivor Solomon Perel, whose story was told in the film *Europa, Europa*, and whose $3,000 speaking fee was paid for by money raised through Hillel bake sales. Another 150 joined in Israel Day activities.

Howarth said approximately 120 of the 400 Jewish students at Queen's belong to Hillel, and 40 regularly show up for Shabbat dinners and movie nights.

"Please encourage people to go to every university in Canada, not just the ones with big Jewish populations," she said.

With an estimated 3,000 students, the University of Toronto has one of the biggest Jewish student populations in the country. But Jewish Students' Union president Scheininger said her mailing list has only 400 names and 100 active members. She said it was important for parents to encourage students to maintain their Jewish identity while at university.

"Talk to them before they go away."

A lively question period followed in which many of the 22-member audience debated whose responsibility it was to foster Jewish pride amongst university students. Nisa Krongold-Schectman, a recent Queen's graduate, was one of the younger participants. She suggested community-subsidized trips to Israel may be one way to keep Jewish students affiliated.

"Many students seem to identify with Israel but not with Judiasm," she said.

The hour-long session also sparked talk of a joint Canadian Zionist Federation-United Israel Appeal Israel trip and a Congress-published handbook to Jewish student life across the country.

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Organizations and People

Political columnist sees secure future for Canada

Quebecers will reject sovereignty

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Canada will not break up in this century, even if the Parti Quebecois wins the next Quebec election; but if the PQ comes to power it will almost certainly mean a constitutional referendum, predicted Andrew Cohen, a political columnist for the *Financial Post* and author of a book on the Meech Lake Accord.

At the last referendum, Quebecers were asked to vote on sovereignty association, Cohen said at the 28th regional plenary of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, but this time the PQ will have to ask Quebecers if they are in favor of independence. "My sense is that, if that question is asked, it will be rejected by Quebecers."

Joining Cohen at the Lipa Green Building for the panel discussion on What the Future Holds for Canada were University of Toronto Professor Michael Bliss and Mary Jo Leddy, a recipient of the Ida Nudel Award for Human Rights known for her work with refugees. Rabbi Dow Marmur was the moderator.

Cohen said in the event of a referendum, Quebecers will be asked to consider their share of the national debt, the redrawing of national boundaries that might cause them to lose northern territory, the disposition of federal assets in Quebec, the renegotiation of international treaties and the claims of aboriginal people. "I think when faced with those questions Quebecers will realize that independence is a high price to pay so Jacques Parizeau (the leader of the Parti Quebecois) can address the United Nations from Quebec's seat in the General Assembly."

Cohen is not convinced the Parti Quebecois can win the election in Quebec later this year; polls currently indicate that the Liberals and the Parti Quebecois are running neck and neck. He pointed out that Daniel Johnson, premier of Quebec and leader of the provincial Liberals, is running on a platform that is unequivocally federalist.

If the Liberals do win, Cohen said, discussion of constitutional reforms will be buried for some time and the country can turn to other issues, including economic recovery, deficit reduction, immigration and the changing nature of our society, the future of our social system and the remaking of our foreign policy to accommodate life after the Cold War.

He does not see nationalists in Quebec disappearing altogether and believes there will always be a loud and articulate minority favoring separation.

Acknowledging that most predictions of the future turn out to be wrong, Michael Bliss said the world may be poised on the brink of what he called the Asian century, adding that in the next 30 years wealth creation in Asian countries may dwarf the industrial revolution. "North America will prosper mightily as we service the Asian boom. Canada, and especially Western Canada, because of our strong Pacific presence, is very well-situated to participate in the shift of the world economy towards an Asian focus."

He stressed that, based on the past, technological change will continue to enrich us and increase the opportunities we have in our personal lives. "The information superhighway is a kind of vague concept and it's clearly going to have more curves and more potholes than people are talking about. And undoubtedly, governments will try to overpolice it and in Canada slow traffic down to five miles an hour, but it is obviously the real thing. What the people are doing with silicon chips is going to change the way everything happens."

Mary Jo Leddy, who preferred to talk about the present, urged the Jewish community to take on moral leadership on the issue of racism. "Your community is very strong morally, you are established here in this country, you are the group that has such a vivid sense of pain and prejudice. You can give such leadership at a time when it is so sorely needed."

Leddy said she sees no end to the current recession, which is creating a climate where there is the potential for a great deal of racism.

She reported that refugees she meets know they are being made the scapegoats for a difficult economic situation and they often tell her of racially motivated incidents of violence. "Racism in our culture is not just some kind of spontaneous act of hatred. It's well entrenched in our systems. I think we're beginning to see some of the evidence of that in the Canadian military."

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Vaughan ward boundaries opposed

Creates a 'Jewish ghetto,' Green charges

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has approved boundary changes in the City of Vaughan, and Councillor Bernie Green says they have created a Jewish "ghetto" in the city's east end.

The population of the new southeastern ward created by the changes is between 80 and 85 per cent Jewish, Green says, adding that it will be thought of on city council as "the Jewish ward."

"I'm not happy. I'm quite upset," Green said of this month's OMB ruling, which created a ward for each of the five local councillors and attempted to evenly distribute the population among them.

Green, the sole Jewish member of Vaughan council, says the changes have gerrymandered his ward along ethnic lines and will make it "very difficult" for a Jewish candidate to seek election in any other district.

The changes are effective immediately and will be in place for this November's municipal elections, said city clerk John Leach.

The OMB ruling comes after years of protracted debate over boundary changes in Vaughan.

Under the old system, Ward 1 had one councillor and Wards 2 and 3 had two each, with the mayor and two regional councillors elected at large.

Green and Coun. Mario Racco will represent Ward 3 until the next election.

Under the new configuration, Wards 2 and 3 have been split into two smaller wards. The city's northernmost area is now Ward 1, the eastern part of Woodbridge is Ward 2 and the western area Ward 3; western Thornhill/Concord is the new Ward 4, while the eastern section is Ward 5.

A year ago, Green voiced opposition to splitting his ward, as did ratepayers in Thornhill and Concord. But when the rejigging looked certain, he reluctantly supported a council proposal that Ward 3 be split along Bathurst Street, believing that would still leave a sizeable Jewish population to the west.

The OMB ruling, however, has split Ward 3 along New Westminster Drive, meaning that thousands more Jewish residents will be in the new eastern ward than if the ward had been divided at Bathurst, Green contends.

The new Ward 5 is bounded by Clark Avenue, south along New Westminster to Steeles Avenue, north along Yonge Street to Highway 7, west to Bathurst and south to Clark. It has a population of 25,200.

Bernie Green

The ward encompasses almost all of Thornhill's Jewish residents, including those in Spring Farm, members of Chabad Lubavitch of Thornhill, and several Jewish day schools and synagogues, Green says.

"They've taken a multicultural ward and splintered off the Jews into one area," he told *The CJN*. "That could lead to feelings of isolation [among Jewish residents]. I don't think it's a good thing at all."

Green says it's "more than likely" he will run in the ward this November, and if re-elected, "I'd do my best to ensure the Jewish population won't feel isolated."

Vaughan's acting mayor, Michael Di Biase, told *The CJN* he's "very disappointed" by the changes.

"But I don't like to use the word ghetto," he added. "We're all Canadians."

Di Biase said he too supported splitting Ward 3 along Bathurst. He said New Westminster is not a major artery.

On the plus side, Di Biase said there is still a large Jewish population outside Ward 5, clustered mainly north of Clark and west of Bathurst, around the Promenade Shopping Centre.

Anti-racism day

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The international anti-racism day was celebrated here March 21 with anti-racist and anti-fascist events throughout the province.

Anti-fascism film festivals, presented by the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, of which Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region is a member, were held in both Vancouver and Victoria.

In Victoria the newly-organized Capital Regional District Race Relations Council held a reception at city hall with the province's multicultural minister, Moe Sihota, as special guest. The Jewish Community Centre of Victoria is represented on the council.

"Our government is committed to improving human relations and eliminating racism through specific anti-racism initiatives, human rights legislation, employment equity, promotion of multiculturalism and support for community programs," said Sihota.

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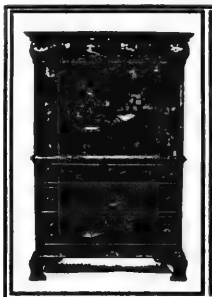

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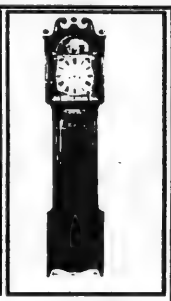

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Jewish artists band together for Holocaust remembrance

Glick, Kowarsky prepare script

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — To honor the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and to acknowledge the unspeakable tales of those who survived the Shoah, an illustrious list of artists will portray survival and moral resistance in an evening of remembrance.

On Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. a Holocaust memorial program will be presented, entitled Cultural Reflections on the Holocaust: A Memorial in Music, Poetry and Art.

Paul Kowarsky

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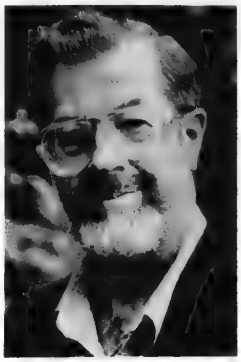

Srul Irving Glick

are going on the last road]," says Srul Irving Glick, composer-in-residence of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, who along with Beth Tzedec's Cantor Paul Kowarsky, have compiled a special script for this program.

Glick, one of Canada's most prolific and acclaimed composers, has received numerous awards, especially for his vocal and choral music.

Kowarsky's tenor voice and interpretations of traditional cantorial liturgy have brought him the highest recognition of his peers. He also performs as a concert artist and has composed many liturgical works which are sung throughout the world. He is known as an exponent of authentic and traditional music for the synagogue.

Cantor Louis Danto, who will also perform at the service has long inspired audiences in Canada and abroad. Danto is an international star, with a repertoire in Italian, Russian and French opera, as well as in Yiddish and cantorial music.

The Beth Tzedec and Beth Tikvah Choirs will be conducted by Gordon Kushner and Glick.

Four Canadian personalities will narrate the program, performers Marilyn Lightstone, Vivian Reis and Walter Soles, and Yiddishist Gerry Kane. They will read in Yiddish and English from poets Rachel Korn, Peretz Miransky, Simcha Simchovitch, Leon Kacerginski, Yitchak Katznelson, Abraham Sufskever and Morton Manila.

Marilyn Lightstone

As a child, prize-winning Canadian actress Reis performed in the Yiddish theatre. Lightstone has received numerous awards.

Also featured at the Yom Hashoah memorial evening are soprano Tracy Atin, cellist Coenraad Bloemendal, pianists Nadia Adler and Francine Kay, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl and dancer-choreographer Shula Saltzman. The performers will interpret music by composers Ernest Block, Paul Ben Haim, Helen Greenberg, Israel Alter, Glick and Kushner, as well as anonymous melodies from the Shoah.

The program, presented under the auspices of the Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, is free and open to the community.

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NCJW project to teach breast self-examination

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A pilot project initiated by National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Toronto section, is planned to expand to other Canadian cities within the year.

Taking Charge By Taking Care is a project designed to teach women of all ages, from teenagers to seniors, the correct method of breast self-examination.

Toronto has three breast screening centres funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health for women 50 and older. The NCJW program was proposed by a Council member who had discovered she had breast cancer after visiting one of the provincial centres.

On April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NCJW will have its fourth Taking Charge By Taking Care session since the program was inaugurated last May.

"It's very non-threatening," NCJW Toronto section president Gita Arnold told *The CJN* about the atmosphere at each session. The sessions are held either on Sunday during the day or on a weekday evening.

For each session, four areas are set up for private 15-minute teaching appointments with trained nurse examiners at NCJW's Bathurst Street building. (Appointments may be booked by calling NCJW Toronto section.)

Women can relax over a cup of coffee and some baked goods while they watch the Ontario Breast Screening Program's video on early detection. Literature provided by the provincial program will also be available. There is no charge for the service.

Previous sessions have attracted women from as far away as Oakville and Bowmanville, and at least three women discovered breast changes and sought medical treatment as a result of participating in the program.

"If [breast self-examination] becomes a way of life, [women] will be able to tell if there's a change and will be able to seek medical treatment quickly," said Arnold. "It's really preventive medicine."

According to literature from the Ontario screening program, breast cancer is the leading cause of premature death of all cancers in women. Many women under the age of 50 have breast cancer, noted Arnold, although the risk increases with age.

A 30-year-old woman faces a one in 5,000 chance of developing breast cancer within the year, according to Dr. Judith Weinroth, medical coordinator of the provincial program's Toronto Centre. If you look at the risk over the next 10 years for the same 30-year-old woman, the odds are one in 238, she said, citing recent Canadian statistics. (The breast cancer rate in Canada is second behind the American rate, she noted.)

The chances that a 50-year-old woman will contract breast cancer within the year are one in 555; within 10 years, one in 50, said Weinroth.

"We really feel that this is a very important project," stressed Arnold. She noted that the project is not difficult to organize, but that each session costs between $2,000 and $2,500 to run (costs include building maintenance, refreshments and payment for the nurses). Organizers would welcome a donation of cots, Arnold said.

Representatives from other NCJW sections who will be in town for a national meeting will visit Council House on April 10 to learn how to set up similar programs in their own communities.

For further information or to book an appointment, call NCJW at 416-633-5100. A final session before the summer has been scheduled for June 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.

REENA SEDER

Over 400 Reena Foundation clients, family and friends celebrated Passover at the foundation's annual pre-Pesach seders, held earlier this month at Beth David and Beth Sholom synagogues. Rabbi Joseph Kelman, founding chair of Reena, welcomed those in attendance. Guests took part in the recitation of blessings, singing, reading the Haggadah and finding the afikomen. [Photo by Mel Romain]

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Organizations and People

Yiddish conference reaches out to Kiev

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's Yiddishists are looking to Kiev for cultural support.

Among the resolutions passed at the recent annual conference of the Winnipeg Committee for Yiddish, was one calling for the Israel-based World Committee for Yiddish to try to arrange for some members of Winnipeg's Yiddish-speaking community to attend the World Committee session in Kiev in August.

"Yiddish has been lost in Poland," said Noach Witman, the Winnipeg committee's executive secretary. "In the former Soviet Union however, there are still two million Jews. They have preserved the language. There are meetings and cultural evenings going on in every town and city there. We feel the Kiev meeting may help us with our activities in Winnipeg."

Not that the Winnipeg committee has been inactive. Far from it, according to Witman, who reports that the committee held ten successful cultural afternoons or evenings, including two concerts, tributes to Peretz Miransky and Nachman Shemen (Toronto Yiddish writers who passed away last year) and a Sholom Aleichem evening. The community is blessed with a Yiddish choir, the Yiddish-speaking H. Leivick B'nai Brith Lodge and Witman's weekly radio show, his bi-weekly television show and his weekly column in *The Jewish Post and News*.

Seventy-five people attended the day-long conference at the Bnay Abraham Synagogue. They passed a number of other resolutions, in particular a call for all Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education elementary classes to offer some Yiddish language instruction; a yasher koach to the Holocaust Memorial Committee for planning a primarily Yiddish-language program during Holocuast Awareness Week; recognition of the H. Leivick Lodge, the Stay Young seniors choir and the Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre, for organizing monthly Yiddish programs; and a call for Yiddish-language television programming in Israel.

"We have had a lot of letters and appeals from Yiddishists in Israel for support," Witman said. "It hurts us that programming is available in German, French and even Spanish but that Yiddish in Israel is considered a strange language."

Conference to unite youth, seniors

TORONTO — A conference celebrating the International Year of the Family will provide an opportunity for young people and seniors to talk together and learn about each other in a variety of workshops.

Entitled, Talk To Me: An Intergenerational Exploration of Family Values in the 90s, the conference will take place at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., on Thursday, April 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are 60 years of age or over, or a student in high school, community college or university, this is an opportunity to get to know what the other generation thinks in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

The keynote address will be given by Robert G. S. Couchman, co-chair of the Canada Committee for the International Year of the Family.

The cost is $10 for seniors and students, including a full kosher (under COR supervision) lunch and refreshments. Registration is in advance.

For further information, call Judi Egelnick or Sheila Zane, at (416) 225-2112.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO SECURE COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTINGS CALL FRAN ALGENBLICK AT JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (416) 635-5600 OR FAX 631-5715

DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
APRIL					
Wed	6	"Back to the Future: Recapturing Judaism for the Next Generation" with Susan Jackson	Adath Israel Sisterhood	8:00 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Thurs	7	Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah	Canadian Society for Yad Vashem & Beth Tzedec Cong.	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sat	9	Yom Hashoah Remembrance Weekend with Prof. Stephen Berk	Beth Tzedec Congregation	10:00 am	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	10	Yom Hashoah Community Commemoration Service	Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFED)	2:00 pm 2:30 pm	Earl Bales Park Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Cong.
Mon	11	"Winning at Parenting" with Barbara Coloroso	BJE/JWF/UJA Women's Campaign	7:30 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Mon	11	Cantorial Concert	Temple Har Zion	8:00 pm	Temple Har Zion
Wed	13	Yom Hazikaron Observance followed by Israeli Trade Fair	Beth Tzedec Congregation	6:15 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Wed	13	Yom Ha'atsmaut Concert with Yoel Sharabi	Canadian Zionist Federation	8:00 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Thurs	14	All Day Yom Ha'atsmaut Celebration	Canadian Zionist Federation	12 Noon	JCC - North 'Y' Branch
Mon	18	Lecture: Rabbi David Hartman	Canadian Friends of The Shalom Hartman Institute	8:00 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Tues	19	Moshe Arens: "Middle East Peace - An Impossible Dream?"	Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Thurs	21	Spring Sale	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	9:00 am	Baycrest Centre - Main Floor
Mon	25	8th Annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Dinner	Beth Tzedec Congregation Men's Club	6:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Tues	26	Dinner Draw	Ner Israel Yeshiva	8:00 pm	Torah Emeth Synagogue
Thurs	28	Concert Event of the Year	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation - Youth	8:00 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
Thurs Apr. 28-May 5		Toronto Jewish Film Festival	Toronto Jewish Film Festival	8:00 pm	Bloor Cinema
MAY					
Sun	1	Community Conference	Jewish Immigrant Aid Services	8:30 am	The Lipa Green Building
Sun	1	44th Annual Spring Bazaar	B'nai Brith Women of Canada	10:00 am	St. Lawrence Market
Sun	1	Shalom Carnival	Hamekomon/Jewish Life	10:30 am	Steeles West Market
Sun	1	Tom Keneally, author of "Schindler's List"	Jewish National Fund, New Leadership	7:00 pm	Pantages Theatre
Mon	2	Dinner	Canadian Friends of Haifa University	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Tues	3	Gala Extravaganza	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Thurs	5	Social & Political Annual Program	Jewish Women's Federation	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sat	7	Gala Fundraiser	Leo Baeck Day School	7:30 pm	Downtown Holiday Inn
Sun	8	Baycrest Challenge	Baycrest Centre	9:00 am	Baycest Centre
Mon	9	Auxiliary Gala	Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary	6:30 pm	North York Recital Hall
Mon	9	Rikudiyah-Children's Israeli Dance Festival	Jewish Community Centre, North "Y" Branch	7:00 pm	York University
Mon	9	Yom Yerushalayim Concert	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation	8:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Cong.
Mon	9	Sam & Sarah Kerzner Memorial Lecture	Eitz Chaim Day School	8:00 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Tues	10	JF&CS Annual Meeting	Jewish Family & Child Service	8:00 pm	The Lipa Green Building
Wed-Thurs	11-12	Spring Conference '94	Women's League for Conservative Judaism	5:00 pm	Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Thurs	12	40th Anniversary Evening	Bikur Cholim	8:00 pm	Baycrest Terrace
Sun	15	Annual Spring Concert	Toronto Jewish Folk Choir	2:30 pm	Bickford Centre-777 Bloor St. W.
Thurs	19	"Investments in Israel"	JFED & Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce	5:30 pm	Inn on the Park
Thurs	19	Community Forum	Jewish Family & Child Service	6:00 pm	The Lipa Green Building
Mon	23	9th Craft and Gift Sale	Na'amat Toronto, Beersheba Club	11:00 am	Bayview Village Mall
Wed	25	"Business in Israel"	JFED & Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce	5:30 pm	Sheraton Centre
Wed	25	Salute to 100th Anniversary of Broadway	Beth Tzedec Congregation	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Thurs	26	Fundraiser: Malton & Hamilton	Bialik Hebrew Day School	7:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Thurs	26	Community Forum	Jewish Family & Child Service	7:30 pm	The Lipa Green Building
Sun	29	Community March for Israel	United Jewish Appeal	9:00 am	From Promenade Mall to JCC North 'Y'
Sun	29	Dance/Casino Night	Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, Young Leadership	6:30 pm	Saloon Restaurant-901 King St. W.
Mon	30	Dinner Honouring Marvelle Koffler	Weizmann Women for Science	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Tues	31	Gala Dinner Honouring Judy & Leslie Dan	Aish Hatorah	6:00 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
JUNE					
Wed	1	10th Annual Golf Tournament	Canadian Technion Society	11:30 am	Lyon Head Golf Course
Sun	5	State of Israel Bonds Gala Evening	State of Israel Bonds, New Leadership	8:00 pm	TBA
Tues	7	Annual Award Night Honouring Irving Ungerman	Beth Sholom Brotherhood	6:00 pm	Beth Sholom Synagogue
Thurs	9	Annual General Meeting & Installation	Baycrest Centre, Men's Service Group	7:30 pm	Baycrest Centre
Thurs	9	Siyum-Closing Program	JCC Institute for Jewish Learning	7:45 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Mon	20	Luncheon	State of Israel Bonds	12 Noon	Sheraton Centre
Mon	20	Blue Jays Fundraising Event	Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto	6:00 pm	Toronto Skydome
Tues	21	10th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner	Jewish Community Centre, North "Y"	6:00 pm	Inn on the Park
Tues	21	Annual Meeting	Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto	7:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Wed	22	Annual Dinner and Dance	Reena	6:00 pm	Regal Constellation Hotel
Thurs	23	Fundraising Golf Tournament	Canadian Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital	12:30 pm	Kleinberg Golf & Country Club

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Winnipeg organizations seek unifying structure

WJCC extends 50 invitations

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — On March 6, 100 representatives of Winnipeg Jewish organizations met at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre for a day-long retreat, held under the auspices of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, to discuss the community's governing structure.

"Our goal was to have input from as many community organizations as possible as to the challenges and strengths of the community," said Lorraine Bentley, the WJCC's director of planning.

"We were trying to develop some vision as to how the community views its future governance and ideas about dealing with the challenges and overcoming perceived weaknesses."

The WJCC extended invitations to every Jewish organization in the city, about 50 in all. Participants were divided into small working groups and asked to deal with issues such as leadership development, Jewish continuity and survival in Winnipeg, the role of the WJCC in planning and fundraising, and how to encourage the entire community to participate.

The results of their deliberations became a full plenary session led by Maxyne Finkelstein, director of community planning and allocations for Federation CJA in Montreal, with input from Shelley Maerov, executive director of Canadian Council of Jewish Federations.

"We came away with a general consensus that there is a need for more involvement by community organizations at council," Bentley said. "This was just the beginning of the process. We have presented a report on the retreat to the WJCC in which we recommend the process of consultation be continued. We are planning to hold some open forums to try to encourage input from people who are not part of the organized community and we will be holding meetings with major contributors and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to discuss financial aspects."

Women's studies group readies for second session

TORONTO — The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Studies will be starting its second session on April 20 with an expanded list of courses.

The first semester, held during the winter, was even more successful than the organizers, Chana Weisberg and Goldie Plotkin, had hoped, with nearly 80 women participating.

Four courses will be offered in the spring term, with classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings, April 20 to June 6, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On Mondays, Weisberg will continue her course on Feminine Spirituality. A class on medical ethics will follow, where leading Jewish experts in the field will discuss such sensitive issues as euthanasia, abortion, transplants and surrogate motherhood.

On Wednesdays, Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, professor of philosophy at Humber College, will lead a class on the mystical dimension of Judaism. Ruchama Alter will then explore the teachings of the prophets.

Women may register for one or more of the courses.

Classes are held at Shaarei Tefilla Congregation, which, under the leadership of Rabbi Moshe Stern, is co-sponsoring the institute.

Plotkin and Weisberg explain that "the criteria for each course is that it be taught on a deep, scholarly and professional level by an expert in its field, and that the knowledge taught should add relevance and meaning to enhance the lives of today's women."

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Organizations and People

What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date; however, due to the upcoming holiday schedule, Wednesday, March 30 was the deadline for the April 14 issue. Thursday April 7 will be the deadline for the April 21 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is (416) 422-2331; fax, (416) 424-1886.

Thursday, March 31

WELLSPRING

Join with others interested in exploring and discussing their personal experiences with cancer from a spiritual perspective with facilitator, **Rabbi Abraham Feffer**, Chaplain, The Toronto Hospital, Wellesley Hospital and chaplaincy services, Jewish Family & Child Service, 2-3:30 p.m., Wellspring, 81 Wellesley St. E. For information call 961-1928.

Sunday, April 3

STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS

Jewish Storytelling Arts is having its monthly gathering 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. For information call 699-8914.

Monday, April 4

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Heather Kassel will review *Schindler's List*, 7 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Beth Tzedec Sisterhood. Cost, $5 includes refreshments. To reserve, call the synagogue office, 781-3511. Everyone welcome.

COUNTRY SHUL

Physician, **Dr. Michael Kerzner** will discuss A Matter of Life and Death — Jewish Medical Ethics and Euthanasia, 8 p.m., The Country Shul, northeast corner of Bathurst and Carrville. For more information call **Lisa Marcus**, (905) 764-0832 or **Marcy Cuttler, (905) 770-3339.**

Tuesday, April 5

TANACH STUDY GROUP

Rabbi Pinchas Tessler will lead the Tanach Study group, Book of Kings II, Chapter 9, 8:15 p.m., Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

IS PEACE ATTAINABLE?

Social action committee, Temple Sinai and the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada present Is Peace Attainable?, perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, featuring **Dr. Lawrence Hart**, chair, Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada, central region and **Rashad Saleh**, chair, Palestine House, 7:30 p.m. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Admission free. For information call (416) 633-6224 or (416) 487-4161.

Wednesday, April 6

GARDENING TIPS

Leadership Development Group, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care invites the public to an informal evening with **Tim Tanz**, gardening and decor editor of *Flare Magazine* who will talk about Gardening Tips and Trends, 8 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Tickets, $12, include refreshments. For reservations call **Miriam**, 789-7071.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

This year's Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Adath Israel Sisterhood and the Rosalynd Smith Memorial Fund, features **Susan Jackson**, director of Community Services and Youth Activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region who will talk about Back to the Future: Recapturing Judaism for the Next Generation, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Community is welcome. For more information call 635-5340.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Dr. Anthony Levitt, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, will discuss Medication for Depression; Guidelines for Use and Side Effects, 8 p.m., 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224ABC (2nd floor). No charge, everyone welcome. For information about support groups call Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 486-8046.

ART OF JEWISH LIVING

Continuing education, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is beginning a series of programs focusing on The Art of Jewish Living. The first program, Interacting with the Synagogue, the Home and the Jewish Community features **Rabbi Joseph Kelman.** Refreshments will be served. For information call 633-3838.

Thursday, April 7

YOM HASHOAH

Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association invites the community to a commemoration of Yom Hashoah, 7:30 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr., Willowdale. Call 782-2711 for more information.

TALK TO ME

A conference to promote dialogue between young people and older adults will be held, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. This is an opportunity for adults over 60 years of age and students in high school, college or university to meet the other generation in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Keynote speaker is **Robert G.J. Couchman**, co-chair, Canada Committee for the International Year of the Family. Registration necessary. Seniors and students, $10; others, $25. Lunch included. For information call **Judi Egelnick** or **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

READ AND RESPOND

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Kolel Adult Education Centre will talk about Released into Service, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Jewish Students' Union, 604 Spadina Ave., south of Harbord. Read and Respond is a discussion group of adult Jewish and Christian students, staff, alumni, residents, workers and worshippers in and around University of Toronto. For more information call **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, 923-9861.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Israel Youth Program Centre offers a wide variety of programs in Israel for youth ages 15-24 including kibbutz experiences, extensive touring, and a Gadna program. For information or applications call the Centre at 398-6931.

VENDORS WANTED

Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. seeks vendors for its spring craft and boutique sale, Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call **Bunnie Gross**, 633-9691 or **Carol Modlin**, 663-4290.

AT OHR SOMAYACH

Women's Studies Program is offering brunch-time shiurim in April. Monday classes, 10-11:30 a.m., beginning April 11, feature **Rabbi Mordechai Cohen**. The Tuesday series, 9:30-10:15 a.m. beginning April 5, is led by **Henya Breitowitz**. Wednesday classes, 10-11:30 a.m. feature **Chava Leah Becher**. Thursday classes, 10-11:30 a.m. beginning April 7, **are taught by Rabbi Mordechai Becher**. Classes are at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W. There is no admission fee.

Brunch-time lectures in Forest Hill will take place Mondays, 10-11 a.m. beginning April 11 and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. beginning April 14. Sessions taught by **Rena Schochet** will be held, at 29 Gilgorm Road. There is no fee.

Ohr Somayach Forest Hill, 29 Gilgorm Road, is beginning an evening Torah series of lectures by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz,** Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. No admission fee.

Women's Studies Program, Thornhill is starting a lecture series, Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 p.m. beginning April 5. Seminars are conducted by **Dr. Shoshana Zolty**. Course fee is $35 for six-week series. Scholarships provided. To register for this course or for more information on above lectures call (905) 886-5730.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto's spring kosher cooking courses commence Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., with a class on hot or cold Shabbat and summer dishes. Mediterranean cooking is featured May 10; international salads and desserts on May 24 and low fat high fibre recipes featuring a nutritionist on May 31. The fee is $15 per class, or $10 for youth under 16, payable by post-dated cheque dated the day of class. Classes have a limited enrolment so send a separate cheque for each class and registrant to Cynthia Gasner, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ontario, M2R 3V2, as soon as possible.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 6 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

AIDS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A weekly Tuesday evening bereavement group for those who have lost someone to AIDS is being organized through the AIDS committee of Holy Blossom Temple. Call the confidential AIDS information line for future information, 789-1187.

HOLOCAUST COMMITTEE AND JF&CS

A six-week series beginning April 18, for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor is offered by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family & Child Service. Topics include parenting styles, relationships with parents, children and in-laws, and improving communication. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883 or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for details.

CJC MEETING

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair, Gerda Frieberg, responds to a question at a public meeting in Belleville. Looking on is Don Grant of Trenton, a member of the Sons of Jacob Congregation, who helped organize the event. Frieberg, who was also in Thunder Bay, gave public addresses, spoke at synagogues and met communal leaders and local media in both cities. She was accompanied by Susan Jackson, CJC regional director of Community Services.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is now taking registration for beginner, intermediate and advanced summer conversational Hebrew classes for adults and teenagers, running Tuesdays, May 31 to August 30, 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers and the promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lesson for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call 787-0197.

LIVING WITH CHILDREN

Public health nurses, North York Public Health Department, invite parents of children 0-12 months to join parenting sessions, Tuesdays, April 5-May 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Yorkwoods Public School, 25 Yorkwoods Gate or Thursdays, April 7-May 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Grandravine Recreation Centre, 24 Grandravine Dr. Topics include adjusting to parenthood, how babies grow, feeding and choosing toys. Sessions are free. To register call 395-7600.

CRAFT AND GIFT SALE

Artisans, crafts people and unique gift vendors wanted for a craft and gift sale being held at Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard and Bayview Ave, Monday, May 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada. No admittance charge to public. For information call the office, 636-5425 or **Malka Mirsky**, 633-6538, evenings.

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

A Canada Safety Council Certificate will be given to participants who complete the babysitter's training course, for ages 12 and up, offered Sundays, April 10 and 17, 1:15-4:45 p.m., Gallanough Public Library. Bring an infant-size doll or stuffed toy. Registration fee, $15. Pre-register by calling (905) 881-2828.

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Ontario government is recognizing seniors who have made significant contributions to their communities during their senior years with the Ontario Senior Achievement Awards, to be presented June 7. Award nominees must be 65 or older, residents of Ontario and have made contributions in such fields as arts, community service, education, fitness or volunteerism. Deadline for nominations is April 15. Forms are available by writing Ministry of Citizenship, Office of Seniors' Issues, 76 College St., 6th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1N3 or by calling 327-2422 within Toronto or 1-800-267-7329, toll free, outside Toronto.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The following courses will be starting shortly: April 4, 7:30 p.m., Psychology From a Jewish Point of View with **John Lawrence Miller**; April 5, 8 p.m., The Joys of Text with **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**; April 5, 8 p.m., Dig We Must: The Bible and Jewish History in Light of Archaeological Findings; April 7, 7 p.m., The Book of Job with **Rachel Turkienicz**. All courses take place at the North Y branch, JCC. For information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

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lowing groups beginning April 4: Single Parent Challenge; For Women Only, which explores self-esteem, strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships; Living with Teens. For information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

AFTERNOON STORYTIME

Preschoolers ages 3-5 and a caregiver enjoy fun activities of stories, songs, films, puppets and games, Wednesdays, April 13-May 18, 2-2:45 p.m., Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St. Register at branch with proof of child's age.

DENNIS WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education is soliciting applications for the fifth Waldman Scholarship, to be awarded in June to a student graduating from a Jewish high school program who is going on to a university or yeshivah or to a student graduating from a public high school who intends to pursue a course of Jewish study. Applications, due by April 29 are available at many schools or through Solursh, Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. For information call **Dr. N. Waldman**, 635-9765.

AEROBATHON

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JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto encourages friends and members to attend a lecture by Californian, **Dr. Michael Klapper**, director of the Institute for Advancement of Nutrition Education, Monday, April 11, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto. Sponsored by TVA and SEETA.

For more information call 416-324-9995.

MIRACLES ON ICE

The first annual Miracles on Ice Public Skate fundraiser in support of Children's Miracle Network, benefiting the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, takes place Thursday, April 7, 5-9 p.m., Maple Leaf Gardens. Hockey legend **Frank Mahovlich** will sign autographs and skate along with registered participants. Cost in advance is $5 per person or $15 for a family; $10 per person and $20 per family the day of event. Pre-register and pick up pledge forms at any Household sales office or call 261-1818. Pledge forms also available at participating Black's stores.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. presents Dual Travelogue with **Stanley Witkin**, Monday, April 11, and music appreciation with pianist **Mildred Bennett**, Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Reservations are being taken for Western Canada trip, Catskills and day trips. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

L.Z.A. Senior Citizens Club is planning various trips including a Stage West show in June, a week in the Catskills at the Raleigh Hotel in July and a day trip to Stratford in the fall. The Cultural Group meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m. On Tuesday, April 5 **Jay Lipsey** will introduce a discussion on Jewish philosophers. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre is sponsoring an eight-week nutrition counselling and weight reduction program featuring weekly group sessions, supervision by a dietitian and individual counselling for men and women over age 55. Cost for Wagman Centre members is $30 per session; non-members, $40 per session. For information call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., 15 Hove St., (B'nai Brith Building). For Yom Hashoah April 7, there will be a movie *Escape from Sobibor*. April 14, for memorial day for Israeli soldiers, the movie *Promises to Keep* will be shown. On April 17, 7 p.m. there will be a party for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Tickets, $7 members, $8 non-members. For tickets and information call 661-4689 or (905) 771-0250.

Funtime Seniors invites you to join them on a seven-day trip to Cape Cod, leaving May 15. Includes meals, entertainment, tours and more. A day away to the Skyline Hotel, Wednesday, April 27, for a Viva Las Vegas stage show and a day at Stage West, Wednesday, May 11 are also planned. For information call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Sunrise is going on a trip to Puerto Plata, May 7-11. For reservations call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

The Aging Network, 89.5 FM presents songs from the golden era of Broadway and Hollywood musicals, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon.

Young at Heart Seniors is planning a trip to the Catskills in August. For information call **Helen** or **Doreen**, 635-6343.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club still has a few seats available for the Atlantic City trip, April 18. Saturday night dances in the clubhouse are 7-10 p.m. A variety show will be held at the community centre, April 12, 1 p.m. Members, $1, non-members, $2. On April 26 a trip is planned to Niagara-on-the-Lake; $20 includes transportation and kosher chicken lunch. A trip to Port Dalhousie on May 24 includes transportation and kosher chicken lunch for $23. A trip is planned to the Catskills, Monday, July 25 to Sunday, July 31. Board of Education courses resume week of April 10. For information on all trips and activities call 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Seniors' Access Institute, George Brown College, presents spring daytime courses for seniors including reading workshop, various art courses, computer literacy and law in society. For information call the Seniors Program Office, (416) 956-7310.

Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations is asking seniors to send stories from their memory bank of hardships caused by the lack of health insurance. These stories from the past will provoke discussion and stimulate federal election campaign questions. Send stories to **Helen Heeney**, Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, RR3, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 6H3.

Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, presents Health Matters, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. On April 5 will be The Magic of a Positive Attitude. For information call 395-7600.

City of North York, Public Health Department is having a series on menopause, Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge Street, lower level, committee room 2. April 6 will be Understanding Menopause.

Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre, is planning a trip to Eastern Canada, June 26-July 8. Highlights include Quebec City, Charlottetown, Halifax, Cabot Trail, Bay of Fundy, Jewish history of St. John, St. Andrews, Vermont. Trip includes deluxe and super deluxe hotels, 12 breakfasts, 7 dinners, gratuities, insurance. Price, $1,681. For information call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Senior Adult Services, in co-operation with North York Board of Education offers courses in ballroom dancing, beginners and intermediate bridge, knitting and crocheting, line dancing, beginners and advanced Tai Chi and yoga. Pre-registration at front desk week of April 5. Courses free to seniors over age 60, living in Metro Toronto. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Duplicate Bridge with instructor **Larry Cara**, Sundays, April 10-June 19, 6:45-9 p.m. Fee per evening: members, $3.50; non-members, $5. Co-sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Senior Adult Services, Jewish Community Centre. Location for April 10, JCC; location for April 17, Bernard Betel Centre. For information call Larry Cara (905) 881-6260.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents From Liszt to Debussy, Part II with **Mildred Bennett**, 1 p.m. beginning Wednesday April 6 and continuing Mondays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2 and May 16. Registration necessary. Call **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Friendship Circle, for people over 55 and on their own presents a tour of Lifestyle Residence and entertainment by **Lenka Lintchstein**, April 14. Refreshments will be served. Bus leaves the centre 6:30 p.m. and returns 9 p.m. Free. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Country Line Dancing with **Marilyn Pitt** will be held Tuesdays, April 5-June 7, 7-9 p.m. Pre-register for 10 sessions: members $30; non-members $45. Per session: members $4; non-members $6. Sign up at information desk.

Etrog, an Israeli Cultural Club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The Wednesday afternoon social, April 6, 1:30 p.m. features songs in many languages with **Andrey Furs**. Members, $3; non-members, $4.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch, continues the Learning Experiences program with **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada, who will talk on Israel Here and Now, Tuesday, April 5, 1 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Beginner and intermediate Israeli dancing with instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben Shimon** takes place at the Bloor Y, Mondays, 8 p.m. Cost $5. For more information call 924-6211 or **Marco** (905) 771-0363.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *I Love You Rosa*, Sunday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W. Single tickets go on sale 1/2 hour before showtime. Speaker will be **Rachel Turkienicz.** For information call **Luni**, 924-6211.

Leah Posluns Theatre presents the last show of the season, *Fiddler on the Roof*, April 7-May 1, with a preview performance, April 6. Performances run Saturdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. Tickets available at Leah Posluns Theatre Box Office, 630-6752, run from $14.50-$22, with discounts for students, seniors and groups. Tickets also available by calling Ticketmaster, 872-1111.

About People

BAYCREST APPOINTMENTS

Lisa Dracup has been promoted to the position of supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. She holds a degree in sociology from the University of Toronto and a post-graduate diploma in therapeutic recreation from Georgian College.

Irene Ens, who holds a master of nursing degree from the University of Calgary, is the new nursing services director, Baycrest Centre, and **Sonia Novak**, who holds degrees in theoretical linguistics, psychology and cognitive neurosciences from Tel Aviv University, is the director of Communication Disorders, Baycrest Centre.

NA'AMAT TORONTO

Esther Rodzynek, newly installed president, Na'amat Toronto, hopes to raise awareness in young Canadian women about Na'amat's work. "It is well known that we care for Israel's children — tens of thousands of them — including teenagers in distress. But people are less aware that Na'amat is at the forefront of the campaign for social justice in Israel. It is Na'amat that leads the battle against family violence, that fights for justice for women who've been refused a Jewish divorce, that provides free legal aid to women in trouble, that struggles for women's rights. This is an organization that speaks to the hearts of today's young women and I am grateful for the chance to be Na'amat's president."

FUNDRAISING TEA

Seen at the recent Toronto and Tikvah chapters of Dysautonomia Foundation's 12th annual fundraising tea, held at the home of Gitta and Sam Ganz, are: standing from left, Gerry Goodbaum, invitations chair; Evelyn Pelman, treasurer; Adele Paisley, co-convener; Dena Weiman, convener, Bertha Lapidus, co-president; Tova Israeli, co-president; Fay Estrin, co-convener. Seated from left are Gitta Ganz and Bertha Dermer, founding president.

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JF&CS hires Rabbi Weiss as head of chaplaincy services

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) has hired a director of chaplaincy services to replace Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, who died last year.

Rabbi Ronald Weiss, currently spiritual leader of Beth David Synagogue in Binghamton, N.Y., takes over the pastoral duties at JF&CS in July.

Rabbi Weiss, 39, will be officially welcomed by the community at a reception on April 5 at 4 p.m. at the Lipa Green building.

He'll have his work cut out as the community's chaplain, visiting the sick in hospitals, residents in nursing homes and hospices, prison inmates and any JF&CS client who needs ministering from a rabbi.

Rabbi Weiss will likely complement the work of Rabbi Bernard Schulman, who recently took over as director of chaplaincy services at Mount Sinai Hospital, territory that was once covered by Rabbi Steinberg.

As Rabbi Weiss sees it, the role of the chaplain is "to recognize the well-being of Jews in institutions, or anywhere where they have social and spiritual needs.

"It's not only the act of bikur cholim (visiting the sick) but also tzedakah, which is normally defined as charity but more properly defined as righteousness," he told *The CJN* in a telephone interview.

Rabbi Weiss brings solid experience to the job. After receiving smicha (ordination) and a master's degree in Jewish education from Yeshiva University in New York, he served as Jewish chaplain at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, Mass.

For the past nine years, he's served as a pulpit rabbi at Beth David, the only Orthodox synagogue between Syracuse, N.Y. and Scranton, PA.

Rabbi Weiss has personal ties to Toronto; his wife, the former Gella Sanders, has family in the city. The couple has four children, ranging in age from 18 months to 7 years.

Rabbi Ronald Weiss

He's looking forward to what he calls "the big city" and the rich Jewish life it offers.

"I'll miss the active rabbinate," he said. "There are few professions in which one can truly make a difference by touching people's lives every day.

"But I don't expect that to change. Chaplaincy offers as great, or greater, opportunities to touch lives and extend acts of chesed (loving kindness)."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A Singles Dance Thursday March 31. Hotel Novotel west side of Yonge at Park Home Ave. 8p.m-1 a.m. (905)273-9137 & (416)512-1319

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee--35+ (Bathurst and Wilson) invites the singles community to a Sunday brunch, April 10th--11:30 a.m. with guest speaker Judith Ross--Topic **"Tanks and Eggs"...Volunteering For Israel.** $10.00 pre-paid registration(s) only at the synagogue office--635-5340--Rabbi Sheldon Kom. **Deadline** is Thursday, April 7th at 5:00 p.m. VISA accepted.

Mark & Ari invite you to the Disco Inferno, the ultimate disco dance party Thursday March 31, 1994 at the Phoenix Concert Theatre, 410 Sherbourne St. (North of Carlton). Pool tables in the lounge, door prizes, surprises, huge dance floor and great disco music. Tickets $12.00 (Advance/ Door). Order a ticket in advance from Ticketmaster and avoid waiting in line! Call 416-870-8000 to order by phone today. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hot-Line 416-733-1419 **Kosher for Passover wine & spirits available.**

Metro Toronto Singles presents Passover Long Weekend party at the **Baha Beach Club** 277 Front St. W. (at the foot of John St. at the bottom of the CN Tower) **Saturday April 2, at 9 p.m.** Door prize Tickets for 2 to Yuk Yuk's **No work the next day** (Easter Sunday). Cover $10. 222-7111 for info.

Singles Dance April 2, 8 to 1 (Coup Welcome) Sandwiches and coffee at 11p.m. $10 (2 for 1 before 8:00) DJ and live band. Cassino Place 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge 886-2810.

The Floating Jewish Singles (ages 40-65) presents an illuminating program "Ready To Love Again" with **Georgina Nash**, member of the Adlerian Counciling Centre. Sponsored by Beth Tikvah Synagogue 3080 Bayview Ave **Sunday April 10. $8** at door. Refreshments and social to follow. For further info. call Peggy 771-6623 or Bernice 633-7034.

VIEWPOINTS meets Wednesday, April 6. Beth Tzedec. 2 speakers: (1) Astrological matchmaker will match men/women in the room; (2) **Volunteers for Israel. $5.00.** Refreshments. 7:30 p.m. 781-9245

CLARIFICATION

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Commemoration calls for an end to discrimination

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On March 21 — 34 years to the day after South African soldiers fired into a peaceful anti- apartheid demonstration at Sharpeville, killing 69 people and wounding hundreds more — about 100 people gathered in the rotunda of Toronto's civic Metro Hall to mark the anniversary and commemorate United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Ezrom Mokgakala, co-chair of the Toronto refugee affairs council, recalled the violence that he witnessed that day in Sharpeville and on many other occasions in his native South Africa. "There have been many more massacres and political murders in South Africa," he said. "Many thousands have died in the struggle against apartheid."

In describing the racist system of Pass Laws once used to keep black South Africans in a position of servitude, Mokgakala evoked parallels to Nazi restrictions on the civil rights of European Jews in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The commemoration also featured a lively poetry performance by Nambitha Mpumiwana and remarks by Stien Lai, deputy minister of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Noting that many of Canada's roughly 200,000 new immigrants annually settle in Metro Toronto, Lai said, "We have to change. If we don't, we will become irrelevant to the people we're serving."

Closing remarks were provided by North York councillor Bev Salmon, who is chair of Metro Council's action committee to combat racism. The event was organized by Sheine Mankovsky, race relations officer for Metropolitan Toronto, who told *The CJN*: "We've been having this commemoration annually for the last three years. We do it for a couple of reasons — first, to mark the International Day, and second, to address the evil of racism. We want to give people an opportunity to confirm their own commitment against racism and to rededicate themselves to rid society of racism."

The commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre was the first in a series of civic forums, workshops, exhibits and other anti-racist events that were scheduled to continue all week. After the Sharpeville commemoration, Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, presented greetings from the CJC at a vigil sponsored by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

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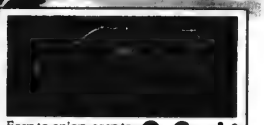

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Organizations and People

Yom Hashoah art exhibit

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Holoicaust art and memorabilia from the private collection of Dr. Morris Blajchman will be on view on the evening of the community-wide Yom Hashoah program at Adas Israel Synagogue on Sunday, April 10.

Born in Montreal to parents who emigrated from Poland in the late 1930s, Blajchman, a hematologist on the faculty of McMaster University medical school, began collecting Judaica as a means of learning more about his heritage.

"And you can't learn about your heritage without learning about the Holocaust," he observed in a recent interview at his home.

Having no extended family because his parents' families did not survive the Holocaust, Blajchman explained that he has nothing, for instance, that belonged to his grandparents.

Collecting Judaica compensated somewhat for his feeling of loss, but as he searched through antique and book stores in North America and Europe, he also became more and more interested in what he calls "anti-Semitica."

Inevitably, that led to the acquisition of Holocaust memorabilia, mostly in the form of documents, literature and art; but he also has military items such as badges, genuine SS armbands and other material.

Wherever he can, says Blajchman, he "clears out" stores of German military items "because I don't want them to fall into the wrong hands."

Among some 20 items he plans to exhibit, will be certificates issued to Hungarian Jews by Raoul Wallenberg, yellow stars Jews were forced to sew on their clothing, authentic SS armbands from Dachau and KAPO (Jewish camp police) armbands, identity cards and even a savings account card for a Jewish-administered bank at the so-called "model camp" of Theresienstadt.

Also on view will be paintings by Polish-born Israeli artist, Lior Roth, and Hungarian survivor, M. D. Weinstock; propaganda posters painted by Ben Shahn in 1942 for the War Information Office in Washington as an effort to combat American opposition to the war in Europe; and examples of pre-war support of Hitler, such as a 1935 front page from Father Charles Coughlin's publication, *The American Gentile* and a British poster carrying a full report of Sir Oswald Moseley's "Peace Meeting."

Among recent Holocaust-related art is a starkly compelling painting by Hamilton artist, Simma Krames, who is currently pursuing post graduate studies in fine arts at Brooklyn College, N.Y.

Entitled *Nazis Eating Jews*, it depicts a soldier about to eat a forkful of corpses he is scooping out of a bowl heaped with bodies. Two other soldiers look on, one of them nonchalantly smoking a cigarette, while around and above them swirl dozens more deathly white bodies.

Pointing out that Krames painted this when she was just 21, Blajchman marvels at her understanding and depth of feeling.

Another of her paintings, however, *Zachor*, showing a coldly cruel Hitler stroking a cat, will not be in the show for fear, says Blajchman, that "it might be too much for some people."

The Yom Hashoah program at Adas Israel Synagogue at 8 p.m., will feature as guest speaker former Hamiltonian, Steve Paikin, producer of last year's acclaimed TV Ontario documentary, *Return To The Warsaw Ghetto*.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jews, candles will be lit by Hungarian survivors.

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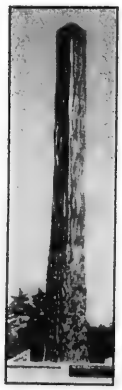

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Rabbi Barnea Selevan of Ateret Cohanim shows tourists an inscription on the Western Wall just to the right of the prayer area. The inscription dates from 1,500 to 1,800 years ago.

Group wants to reclaim Old City

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —If the efforts of the Ateret Cohanim project are successful, the entire Old City of Jerusalem will once again have a strong Jewish presence.

The organization's stated goal is to reclaim formerly Jewish-owned real estate so that the schools and homes can once again be used by Jews.

American-born Rabbi Barnea Selevan, a spokesperson for Ateret Cohanim who was educated at Ner Israel in Baltimore and Santa Clara, Calif., is the fourth generation of his family to make aliyah. He and his wife Shoshana moved to Israel 14 years ago. They and their four children live in the Old City — outside the Jewish quarter.

Rabbi Selevan, who was in Toronto recently to raise both awareness and funds for Ateret Cohanim, is passionate about the need for the entire Old City to once again be a thriving centre of Jewish life. This part of Jerusalem, he insisted, was indeed Jewish until the British divided the Old City up into the Christian, Muslim, Armenian and Jewish quarters. What became the Jewish quarter — only eight per cent of the city — did not include the holiest Jewish sites, the Western Wall and the Temple Mount.

For many years, he said, Jews and Muslims had lived in peace, harmony and friendship in the Old City, in what became primarily the Muslim quarter. Jewish life flourished there, with yeshivot, stores (until the pogroms of the 1920s, most of the stores in the area were Jewish, he said), businesses and other accoutrements of Jewish life.

Jews left the area during the 1930s, sometimes handing the keys to their property to Arab friends, Rabbi Selevan said. For example, when Israeli troops recaptured Jerusalem in 1967, an Arab came up to a young soldier and offered him the keys to Yeshivat Torat Haim, a yeshivah founded in 1893. The Arab and his family had lived there and protected both the sacred objects and the 3,000-volume library. Ironically, the young soldier, Zerech Epstein, was a direct descendent of one of the teachers at the yeshivah.

Almost all of the students at the Ateret Cohanim Yeshivah in the Old City are IDF veterans. Some live there as well, and Rabbi Selevan insists there are many opportunities for more Jewish families to move into the area. Many Arabs, he insists, are happy to sell to Jews. Some are concerned about what will happen when peace comes and want the opportunity to leave. Some remember fondly the time when Jews lived there.

"It is just a question of money," he said.

While there is a security force in place to escort residents, Rabbi Selevan was emphatic that the area is safe for Jews — including women and children — to walk in. The more Jews who do move in, he believes, the safer it will be.

Several dozen buildings have been bought and are now occupied as homes, institutions and playgrounds, he noted, adding that he frequently takes tours through the Old City, where he is eagerly welcomed by Arab shopkeepers who benefit from the tourism.

Ateret Cohanim has had very bad press, the rabbi claimed, the best-known example being the controversy over Ateret Cohanim's takeover of the Christian-run building known as St. John's Hospice during Easter Week of 1990. In fact, Rabbi Selevan said, Ateret Cohanim had merely reclaimed a Jewish-owned but abandoned St. John's hotel — the hospice is several blocks away.

[A *Jerusalem Post* report at the time of the controversy identified the owner of the building as the Greek Patriarchate, who had leased it to an Armenian family. They, in turn, subleased it to a Panamanian corporation — which allowed a number of Jewish families and yeshivah students from Ateret Cohanim to move in. The *Post* story also stated that "seven or eight families" were living in the building at the time.]

In the current volatile climate, Rabbi Selevan said purchase is not strictly a legal matter. For example, he said, the Arab seller will often insist that the contract include clauses on supplying suitcases and airplane tickets, or the appearance of being forcibly evicted.

He related with some relish a story about one family who sold to Ateret Cohanim with every appearance of cordiality. As soon as the press appeared, he said, the women of the family began to wail hysterically that they were being thrown onto to street.

There is no reason for Arabs and Jews not to get along "if there is mutual respect and a clarity of identity and the recognition of each other's dignity."

Rabbi Selevan noted that it is particularly important for there to be a significant Jewish presence in all areas of Jerusalem in light of the current peace negotiations.

"The more Jews there are living there, the harder it will be to say Israel will have to give the city up."

Hebrew U provost outlines programs

TORONTO — Professor Michel Abitbol was in Canada last month to tell students, parents and administrators at Canadian universities about the new and existing programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students.

Provost of the Rothberg School since October 1993, Abitbol's visit included a meeting with the academic affairs committee of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, an information meeting for parents and students in Toronto, and meetings with the administration at the University of Montreal and Laval University in Quebec.

"The Rothberg School offers courses not only in English, but in French as well. I wanted to let Canadian francophone university students know about our programs," he said. Abitbol discovered, however, that these students were interested in studying at the Hebrew University, but they wanted to learn Hebrew and more English rather than French.

At the parent/student meeting in Toronto, Professor Abitbol joined Canadian academic affairs co-ordinator for the Hebrew University, Michael Litvack in speaking to more than 65 parents and students. The various programs, requirements and scholarships were discussed.

"The Rothberg School is concentrating on graduate level programs for non-Hebrew speaking students. One of the newest programs for overseas students is the One Year Graduate Program," said Abitbol. In its first year the program has attracted over 200 students from more than 60 countries. Seven of these students are from Canada. Students who decide to continue at the Hebrew University for a graduate degree can use the year to improve their Hebrew and to fulfil degree requirements.

In August, an international summer institute for graduate and post-graduate students from Israel and abroad will be offered at the Rothberg School. From August 1 to 18, four seminars will be offered in English by prominent members of the Hebrew University's faculty and scholars from abroad; credit will be given.

The One Year Program has always been a popular choice for Canadian university students. Changes are now being made to meet the different needs and requests of the students and their home universities.

As in previous years, the One Year Program students from Canada are involved in many of the extracurricular activities offered. "They are participating in volunteer programs, internships with members of the Knesset (Israeli parliament), seminars and more. The Canadian students are always a pleasure. Considering the many countries represented at the Rothberg School, Canadian students have a positive image that shines through every year."

For more information on the programs offered at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, please contact Michael Litvack, academic affairs co-ordinator, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, (416) 485-8000 or 1-800-668-3956 (Ontario and Quebec only).

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The Get: safeguarding the dignity of an abused custom

In March 1986, over eight years ago, Ontario established landmark legislation in its Family Law Act to assist *agunah* – Jewish women whose husbands refuse to consent to a *get* (religious divorce). In 1991, similar legislation was passed that applies across Canada, in the Divorce Act. Recently, the federal government permitted B'nai Brith Canada to release a formal study of the law's efficacy.

In a survey of several leading rabbis, lawyers and other professionals, over 66% reported a "substantial" reduction in cases where husbands were using their ability to frustrate their spouse's remarriage under Jewish law as a "bargaining chip" in negotiations on marital breakdown.

The educative and moral effect on Canadian-Jewish society has been remarkable. In my own practise, the issue of the *"Get"* has become considerably less serious than in the "good old days" when clients insisted on trading their consent to a *"Get"* for extra cash or more child-access rights or custody rights. In one such case, a woman forfeited her interest in a Florida condo for the *Get*. Without it, she could not remarry. Otherwise, the children of her "illicit" relationship could be considered *"mamzerim"* (bastards) who can only marry other mamzerim or converts. And the problem is then passed on from generation to generation, to the end of time.

New legislation ... and a new baby!

Many women across Canada have written to express their gratitude for the legislation. One observant woman told me that without the legislation, her new child may not have been born. Initiated by the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Toronto (Va'ad Ha'Rabonim) and B'nai Brith Canada, the campaign for "Get" legislation was then heavily lobbied by these organizations. Other groups, such as the Canadian Jewish Congress and Toronto's Reform and Conservative Rabbis, then endorsed this initiative. This was a Holy coalition.

Their unity of purpose has not eliminated the problem. It has shown, however, that Canadian Jewry can be invincible when it speaks with a unified voice for human rights and justice. After receiving several international inquiries, it appears that Australia, England, Italy, and even Israel are considering similar remedial legislation. The State of New York also passed a recent law that bears some resemblance to Canada's example.

The law and the current situation in this country are not without their failings. Legal reservations about the law's constitutionality continue to be expressed, and there are certain women for whom the law has no application (such as a woman who has no need for support or property division). Most tragically, the community still hasn't organized itself to bring any pressure on spouses who resort to such tactics. But for all of these problems, the law has been successful, and we have only the Holy One (Blessed be He) to thank.

The passage of this law was miraculous. May He continue to help stranded women to regain the type of spiritual freedom that we celebrate this Pesach season.

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Organizations and People

AIDS documentary wins praise

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Corespondent

VANCOUVER — The first documentary feature ever made by young TV producer David Paperny was nominated for an Academy Award.

While Paperny may have been disappointed that he didn't win the coveted Oscar, he has the satisfaction of knowing that his production, *The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter*, was recognized by the academy.

Paperny has already won the Jack Webster Award for British Columbia journalists and received best host, best writer and best documentary awards at the U.S. Cable Ace Awards.

A CBC documentary producer for the *Evening News*, a regional British Columbia show, Paperny is a native of Calgary, the son of Maurice and Myra Paperny.

He attended Calgary's Peretz School and after graduating from high school, he spent six months on a kibbutz in Israel. He and his family are members of Vancouver's Or Shalom Synagogue.

The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter is a 45-minute version of a weekly TV show Paperny produced and directed, featuring Dr. Peter Jepson-Young, a physician suffering from AIDS. Dr. Peter, as he became known in the two years the show ran before he died, offered to do an *AIDS Diary* on the news show as an educational feature. The idea was encouraged by Dr. Jay Wortman, an official of the transmittable diseases control division of British Columbia.

Paperny was assigned to the show and although it was first proposed in June 1990, by September five tapes were ready and went to air. Despite objections by some religious and anti-homosexual groups, the show was a hit and it was decided to air *AIDS Diary* once a week, with Dr. Peter talking right into the camera without the benefit of an interviewer, telling of his battle with the dread disease while still trying to maintain a reasonably normal life.

In 111 diaries, viewers heard it all, including segments on how the virus ravaged Dr. Peter's body and a family discussion on funeral arrangements.

In 1992, CBC National, having heard of the success of the show, asked Paperny to do a full-length documentary on Dr. Peter, based on the tapes. The documentary even had a segment showing Dr. Peter visiting the burial plot he had selected. The national show ran on Nov. 2, 1992 and Dr. Peter died on Nov. 15, at the age of 35.

The CBC sold the show to Home Box Office (HBO), the U.S. cable network operated by Time-Warner. HBO asked Paperny to come to New York to re-edit the show for viewing in the United States. The repackaged show was titled *The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter* and was first shown in a movie house in California in 1993, to qualify it as an entry in the Academy Awards, and then seen by a huge audience on the cable network.

In the HBO version, Paperny included a segment showing a memorial service for Dr. Peter. Paperny was asked to speak at the service and, with the approval of his rabbi, he and his wife recited the Kaddish — in an Anglican church.

SPIELBERG IN ISRAEL

Steven Spielberg (right) talks to Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Israel premier of his acclaimed film Schindler's List. The movie picked up seven Academy Awards including top honors for best picture and best director. [Isranet photo]

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Jewish singer Faye Kellerstein is a true Yiddishe Mama

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Faye Kellerstein poured so much heart into her rendition of *A Brivele Der Mamen* (A Letter to Mother) on the national CBC radio network recently that, far away on the Canadian prairies, a judge and his Jewish wife cried.

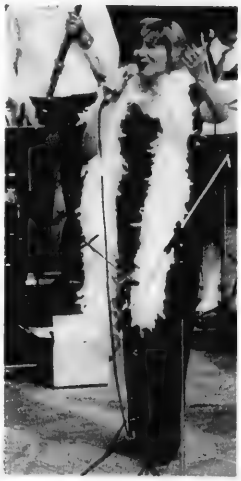
This incident, disclosed in a letter to the singer, followed Kellerstein's appearance on Vickie Gabereau's afternoon show and marked perhaps the first time that so many Yiddish songs went national.

The letter confirmed Kellerstein's own feeling about the song because she is unashamed in admitting that, to put her in the proper mood, she imagined herself singing *A Brivele Der Mamen* to her own two sons, Jeremy, 18, and David 16, as if she was the mother in Russia pleading with sons bound for America not to forget her, to write her a letter every week.

In fact, this Toronto singer of Yiddish melodies and folk songs, born in a displaced persons camp in Germany, has no qualms about identifying herself as a "Yiddishe Mama".

Even though she was a high school teacher for seven years at Bathurst Heights, she concedes, "My English still has an accent."

Her love of Yiddish takes a new direction in May when she and Nathan Garnick teach a course in Yiddish Theatre at the Institute of Jewish Learning at the Jewish Community Centre.



Faye Kellerstein

Certainly Kellerstein has been an effective ambassador for Yiddish, appearing on CBC-TV with the children of United Synagogue Day School at Beth Tzedec, and on the breakfast show on CITY-TV.

But it was her singing and erudite explanation of the language's history on the Gabereau show which struck home. The CBC radio host was fascinated by the story that *And the Angels Sing* came from a Klezmer folk tune of the 1800s that had no lyrics. Ziggy Elman adapted the music and Johnny Mercer wrote the English words. Not to be outdone, Kellerstein wrote her own Yiddish lyrics, and *Un a Malach Zingt* is one of the hits on her first cassette of Yiddish songs, accompanied by Jordan Klapman. In her toe-tapping and embraceable version, the Angel hovers beside two lovers who have been drawn together by fate (beshert).

Convinced that people in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be attracted to Yiddish, Kellerstein is planning an album of Yiddish melodies set to swing tempo, duplicating the success of *Un a Malach Zingt*, and another for children.

Advised by her parents, Chaya and Feivel Zuker, that the career of a singer was not the proper one for a Jewish girl, Kellerstein opted for school teaching instead. But after her three babies were born (she also has a daughter, Rebecca, 20,) she hired a baby sitter and joined a class at the Royal Conservatory of Music. "Now it seems okay for a Jewish girl to be a singer," she said.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Warburgs by Ron Chernow
Random House $39.00

This massive biography (820 pages) pays tribute to one of the most remarkable families in Jewish history.

In chronicling the world's oldest continuously active Jewish banking family, the author tells an engrossing and sprawling story that begins in mid-16th century Germany. By the close of the 18th century, members of the Warburg clan settled in the thriving port of Hamburg. There they put down roots and began to display the collective talent, energy, ingenuity and enterprise that led to gradual but inexorable success.

The fortunes of the family members waxed as they established their pre-eminence in Bismark's imperial Germany, the Weimer Republic, the Third Reich — until the Nazi upheaval — and beyond. Their intermarriage into the wealthy and influential Loeb and Schiff families made possible their entry into the American financial scene and their powerful impact on Wall Street.

The numerous descendants of the original Orthodox progenitors were — with few exceptions — talented, ambitious, charitable, enterprising and industrious. In the past three generations members of the family have included a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, an architect of the U.S. Federal Reserve Banking System, a close advisor to President Franklin Roosevelt, a founder of London's prestigious Warburg Library, a gifed concert cellist and a knighted advisor to English Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

A salient virtue of many of the Warburgs was their concern for fellow Jews in need of financial assistance. Over a 15-year period, Felix Warburg (1871-1937) — at a time when the dollar was worth much more than today — distributed over $13 million to 200 causes. In 1944, his widow Frieda Warburg (1875-1958) bequested the impressive family mansion on 5th Avenue to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for a Jewish museum.

Members of the family held positions of prominence in a spate of organizations and institutions including the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the United Jewish Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee, Youth Aliyah and the Hebrew University.

Although Otto Warburg (1859-1938) served as the third president of the World Zionist Organization, most of the family — although willing to help settle refugees in Palestine — were not Zionists. The redoubtable Jimmy Warburg (1896-1969) became involved in controversy when in 1958 he said, "If an American Jew deprecates the growing influence of the Orthodox theocracy in Israel, of the chauvinistic worldwide nationalism of Zionist leadership, or the treatment of the Arab minority in Israel, he is likely to be denounced as a renegade, if not as an anti-Semite."

Unhappily, the ties of the family to Judaism gradually eroded through assimilation and intermarriage. "Judaism had been the focal point for Warburg charitable and political involvement, tying them to transcendant causes and steering them away from the pursuit of pleasure that comes to dominate many rich families," Chernow writes.

"The American Warburgs found it harder to maintain the disciplined sense of duty amid material splendor that had been the historic hallmark of the family . . . Once emptied of spiritual content, Judaism became a series of onerous obligations. For a socially ambitious family, mingling with fancy gentile society, it was a barrier to social advancement, an unwanted burden from a darker past."

Chernow's first book, *The House of Morgan*, won the National Book Award in 1990. He writes gracefully and lucidly, never allowing detail to choke the narrative flow. *The Warburgs* is a notable achievement, panoramic in scope and brilliantly realized.

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Photos capture life in post-USSR

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On a three-month tour of six former Soviet republics in the summer of 1991, Toronto photographer David Blumenfeld brought two 35mm cameras, more than 400 rolls of black and white film, and a deep mixture of reverence and curiousity about his own Jewish roots in the formerly Russian-dominated territories.

"My goal was to see what remained of Jewish life after 70 years of communism," says the 26-year-old political science graduate from York University, who also took a year-long photography course at Ryerson. "As well, since my grandparents are Eastern European, I wanted to find my roots. I wanted to go back and see where I might have been had they not left Eastern Europe."

Fifteen photographs, which comprise only a small sample of the results of Blumenfeld's photographic odyssey, went on view last week at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery in the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin, in North York.

Entitled, Remnants: Jewish Life in the Former Soviet Union, the exhibition evokes a familiar theme — the decay and disintegration of Jewish life in places like Moscow, Minsk, Kiev, Lviv, Tblisi, Baku and Kuba, all of which Blumenfeld visited. Portraits like *Mountain Jew, Georgian Jew* and the trio of wizened grandmothers in *Babushkas* capture the wrinkled faces of survivors of a dying culture.

By contrast, stark religious portraits like *Yeshiva Student and Matzos*, and religious still-lifes like *Cemetery* and *Know Before Whom You Are Standing*, show that the religious iconography of this dying world has lost none of its power. Because its subject is an eight-day-old baby boy undergoing circumcision, *Brit Milah* implies continuity of tradition, but its harried confusion conveys tumult and uncertainty, not hope. Only a single photograph in the series — *Aleph Beit*, which shows a single young pupil learning the Hebrew alphabet — suggests the community may have a future.

Bearing affinities to the work of photographer Roman Vishniac and to Rembrandt in his use of darkness and light, Blumenfeld's photographs are powerful, expressive and moving. They remain on display through May 29 as part of a continuing exhibition of five Canadian photographers from different ethnic backgrounds who have focused on themes from their respective cultures.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Canadian Ballet Dancers Visit Israel: A company of dancers and musicians from the National Ballet of Canada is scheduled to perform in Israel in May, ballet officials announced recently. The visit is part of a five-week swing through Europe and Israel that takes in eight cities in four countries.

In its 43-year history, the National Ballet has never before appeared in Israel. It is scheduled to perform outdoors at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem on May 25 and 26, and in the Roman amphitheatre in Caesaria, May 28 and 29. John Cranko's dramatic full-length ballet *Onegin* will be danced in both cities.

The National Ballet is sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and various federal departments. Its upcoming tour to Europe and Israel has also been made possible through a generous contribution from the philanthropic Tanenbaum family of Toronto.

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From China to the Bloor Street Y: An exhibition of paintings by Ester Ben is being shown at the Bloor Street Y (750 Spadina Ave., Toronto) from April 7 to 28. On Sunday April 10, the public is invited to meet and watch the artist at work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Born in Hong Kong, Ben was the fifth generation of her family to be born in China. Many of her paintings fall into what critics have described as a post-impressionistic, romantic realism. Colorful, and filled with contrasts and light, they seem distinctly Mediterranean in style, reflecting the strong influence of her travels.

Ben, who now resides in Toronto, spent six years in Israel in the 1950s, and has also lived in South Africa, Britain and the United States. Coming from a family of artists and musicians, she is also a qualified music teacher and performing pianist.

For exhibit hours, phone 924-6211.

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Drabinsky Assists Theatre Students: Years ago, before his phenomenal success, Garth Drabinsky lectured on entertainment law at York University. This year the modern, entrepreneurial "Joseph" of the entertainment world has established the Garth H. Drabinsky Artist-in-Residence Program at York University to assist the theatre department in engaging specialists to provide an advanced level of professional training for students.

The first artist-in-residence is John Van Burek, a practising Canadian theatre artist with 20 years of theatrical experience. Van Burek directs the York Graduate Acting Ensemble production of *Terra Nova* by Ted Tally. It opens Monday April 4 in the Studio Theatre, Centre for Film and Theatre, York University.

In 1981, Nat Taylor, one-time Famous Players film mogul and Drabinsky's former partner at Cineplex, made a significant gift to York University, resulting in the campus's Nat Taylor Cinema.

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Stand-Up Comedy for Charity: The Metro Toronto Lodge of B'nai Brith is sponsoring Jestfest '94, an evening of stand-up comedy to aid Toronto charities, at Harbord Collegiate, April 10 at 8 p.m. Featured comics include Lawrence Morgenstern, Gord Paynter and Herb Irving.

Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door, available from Beit Halochem, 2145 Avenue Rd., Suite 300, (416) 488-7649 and Wolfie's Delicatessen, 670 Sheppard Ave. West, (416) 638-9653. Proceeds to benefit Jewish Family & Child Service, North York Hospital and Beit Halochem Canada (for disabled Israeli war veterans).

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Massey Hall Turns 100: Renowned for its superlative acoustics, Toronto's late-Victorian-era concert venue, Massey Hall, celebrates its centenary in June.

Performers and famed personages who have graced its stage include Louis Armstrong, Harry Belafonte, Charles Boyer, Maria Callas, Winston Churchill, Isadora Duncan, Bob Dylan, George Gershwin, Dizzy Gillespie, Glenn Gould, Jascha Heifetz, Danny Kaye, Charles Laughton, Gordon Lightfoot, Thomas Mann, Nellie McClung.

Vivienne Kugler, publicity and publications manager for Massey Hall, points out that performances of Shakespearean plays in Yiddish have also occurred in Massey's hallowed hall, as have boxing matches, typing contests, peace rallies, military musters, beauty pageants and temperance meetings.

This reporter has a childhood memory of performing at Massey Hall one Sunday afternoon as part of the Beth Emeth Children's Choir, one of several Hebrew school choirs to sing that day.

The former home of the Toronto Symphony until 1982, Massey has also heard performances of some of the world's great orchestras, including the Berlin, the Vienna, the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland and Philadelphia orchestras, the Concertgebouw of Amsterdam and the Royal Philharmonic of London.

To mark the occasion, an all-Canadian musical extravaganza in being planned for the evening of Tuesday June 14. As well, a street festival and open house is being arranged for Sunday June 12.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

The Hotel Inter-Continental on Bloor Street in Toronto recently hosted a press luncheon to inform travel writers of the Summer Spectacular program through which discounts up to 60 per cent are available at 43 of the chain's European properties. Not surprisingly, a recent Inter-Con survey showed that 79 per cent of travellers are most influenced by room rates when choosing hotel rooms.

Inter-Con's rates are generally inclusive of all taxes, service charges and a complimentary breakfast. (Readers of this column may be interested to learn that Inter-Continental is soon to open hotels in Moscow, Prague, Budapest and Warsaw.)

At the Inter-Con luncheon, I spoke with several members of the Canadian chapter of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW), who had just returned from a conference in Israel. Those I spoke with said they found the Galilee region perhaps Israel's most refreshing area — the "least tense" and scenically the most beautiful. Several complimented Tel Aviv's beachfront and suggested comparisons with other great European beaches like the Riviera and the Costa del Sol.

Twenty-eight writers from across Canada attended the SATW conference in Israel, which unfortunately coincided with the Hebron carnage and resulted in a couple of last-minute changes to the group's itinerary in Jerusalem and vicinity.

"I enjoyed Israel very much," said Percy Rowe, travel columnist of the *Toronto Sun* and a past chair of SATW's Canadian chapter. "This was my fifth visit there. I've been going there for 25 years, and I saw a lot of changes. A lot of the idealism that used to be there is missing. At one time, visitors would be overwhelmed, not by the religious and historical sites, but by the sense of accomplishment of new Israelis. You don't really get that much now. It's a country that's been largely Americanized and showing the signs of its huge defence costs."

Negev desert

Rowe, who walked along the beach from Tel Aviv to Jaffa, also said he relished his time in the "fascinating" Negev desert. He spoke less favorably about Eilat, which he noted has attained a sense of being "hemmed in" since Israel relinquished control of the Sinai after the successful peace treaty with Egypt. Blocks of hotels and commercialized tourist developments now serve to isolate the beach, he observed. "Zoning controls, which seem to have been applied pretty well in Tel Aviv, need to be applied here," he said. "In Eilat, private enterprise has been allowed to plow ahead without any thought to the environment, and it shows."

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Bike Tours of Israel: Touring by bicycle generally enables visitors to become far more intimately familiar with a landscape than traveling by car or motorcoach. Cycling tours designed for those who seek to see the Israel of yesterday and today are offered by the Israeli tour company, Beyond Biking.

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For further information, contact Beyond Biking, 7 Pinsker Street, Haifa 52713. Phone 04-679796, fax 04-227335.

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Seven Summer Programs for Students: Kibbutz Encounter, Israel on Ice, Israel Trek and Cycle Israel are some of the tours to Israel for students, offered by the Canadian Zionist Federation's Israel Youth Program Centre.

Designed for 17-year-olds, the $4,350 Israel Dimension offers visits to historical, cultural and other sights across the Jewish nation, June 27 to August 10. Kibbutz Encounter (June 29 to August 10, $4,250) gives 15- and 16-year-olds a lively kibbutz experience plus visits to regions from the Golan Heights to Eilat. The Student Summer Tour (June 29 to August 8, $4,100) and the Student Summer Tour Express (May 18 to June 22, $3,400) offer young adults a dynamic kibbutz experience and cross-country tours.

For further information on these and other options, contact the Israel Youth Program Centre in seven major Canadian cities including Montreal (514) 481-0218, Toronto (416) 398-6931 and Vancouver (604) 257-5141.

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Jewish Genealogy Seminar: As mentioned previously in this column, a full and impressive roster of European and Israeli speakers has already been announced for the International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, which takes place at the Jerusalem Crowne Plaza, April 29 to May 5.

Late additions to the program, not previously announced, include Professor Dr. Jerzy Skowronek, state archivist of Poland; Dr. Igor Sakharov, head of the St. Petersburg Institute of Genealogy (to discuss research into some 700 Jewish shtetls); Arno Parik, formerly with Prague's State Jewish Museum (Czech and Slovak sources); and Dr. Minna Rozen, head of the Diaspora Research Institute (research in Turkey).

For more information, contact Avotaynu, 1485 Teaneck Road, Teaneck NJ 07666 (phone (201) 837-8300).

Marine museum a true Haifa jewel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

HAIFA — One of the little-recognized jewels in Israel's crown is the National Maritime Museum here in Haifa.

Israel is situated at the crossroads of ancient seafaring. In 1953, the National Marine Museum was founded to increase knowledge and interest in the area's marine history. From its crowded premises on Hanamal Street, the museum moved to its present building at 198 Allenby Rd.

The museum is made up of four floors housing a large hall, office, a 200-seat auditorium, workshops for restoration, classrooms, a 5,000-volume library, and work rooms for research.

Two exhibition floors illustrate 5,000 years of maritime history. The rare and varied collections record man's efforts to master the sea.

One section features model ships built from paintings, tomb reliefs and ancient literary sources. There is an Egyptian sailing craft from the reign of Pharao Sahure (circa 2500 BCE), a Canaanite merchant ship (1400 BCE), the prototype of the Tarshish ships mentioned in the Bible, and models of ships from the Byzantine Era, the Middle Ages, the Age of Great Discoveries and modern history.

Jewish shipping is stressed. The Hebrews were a maritime people from the earliest times, when the Israelites moved down from the hills to the Mediterranean coast. Under David and Solomon, Jewish interests moved to the Red Sea and beyond. Proof of Jewish seafaring is well-documented in the collection of ancient coins, pottery, decorative emblems and wall drawings depicting.

There are displays of marine archaeology with pieces dating back 4,000 years, many of them storage jars found by fishermen; marine mythology, with figurines in bronze and terracotta illustrating the deep belief in the powers of the sea; a coin collection dating back to the 5th century BCE; and navigation instruments from the 15th century.

A section on cartography contains more than 1,000 old maps and atlases published in the last 500 years. There are also sections on ships in art and stamps. A section on modern shipping is in the advanced planning stage.

An Egyptian funeral boat (20th century B.C.E. at the National Marine Museum in Haifa.

Museum director Dr. Nadav Kashtan pointed to a special exhibition titled Mysteries of the Sea: Gods, Creatures, Monsters. "From the beginning of history the sea has been considered not only a force of nature, but also a challenge to mankind and a route for travel and commerce," he said.

"It is a source of religious and artistic inspiration, and ancient civilizations [saw the sea] as an expression of the power of the gods over the universe and over human destiny."

Spa helps to balance work, body, health

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

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Nutritious meals using little fat are served in the gracious dining room. The spa presents lectures on healthy foods and substitutions, cooking demonstrations, seminars on stress management to help you shop, eat and live healthier.

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Searching for copper needle in desert haystack

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's chemical extraction industry along the shores of the Dead Sea has been big business for a long time, predating the creation of the state. In 1992, $650 million (US) in a variety of commercial chemicals was extracted, accounting for about five to six per cent of the country's manufactured exports.

But a Toronto-born geologist who has poked around the arid Israeli countryside for the past seven years believes the country's mining industry has overlooked a huge copper deposit lurking just beneath the surface.

Putting his money where his expertise is, 38-year-old Avrom Howard has obtained an exploration concession from the Israeli government to prospect for what he hopes will be a goldmine of copper.

Howard, along with a group of unnamed investors, is incorporating Canada-Israel Mining and Exploration Ltd. (CIMEL) to carry out the search in the area southwest of Timna in the Negev Desert.

With 15 years' experience as a geologist, Howard believes his specialized expertise gives him a leg up on his counterparts in Israel.

Geologists in the Jewish state are experts in locating industrial minerals such as potash, phosphates, building stones and salts, he said. But because so little in the way of metals like copper, silver, lead and zinc are mined in Israel, Israeli geologists are not as adept at ferreting them out.

The Dead Sea/Red Sea geologic formation is part of the great East African Rift System, a major fracture (100 km deep) in the earth's crust, he said. These cracks have allowed magma (molten rock) to come to the surface over time and created a unique chemistry of rock that can be rich in certain metals, including copper, diamonds and uranium.

Howard said his research and comparisons with similar geologic formations around the world has led him to believe that there are "huge... exotic-type" copper deposits in the Negev. There is evidence, he says, to suggest the deposit could be on the same scale as the Olympic Dam find in Australia, one of the world's largest.

Geologists who have worked on the Aussie site have looked at his data and concur with his conclusions.

With that in mind, his company obtained a one-year, renewable exploration permit for a 158-sq. km area southwest of Timna. Using a mix of primitive pickaxes and sophisticated geophysical sensors slung from the bottoms of helicopters, Howard is preparing to go "on the ultimate treasure hunt."

He says, however, that while there is "great potential there, . . mineral exploration is the proverbial search for a needle in a haystack."

He hopes that by this time next year a first exploratory drill will be in operation, to be followed by other drillings. If all goes well and his hunch is right, commercial mining could be well under way by the turn of the century.

Howard estimates CIMEL will spend about $500,000 (US) this year to get the ball rolling, and more in the future. Mineral exploration is highly capital intensive, with costs of up to $100 million to start a mine not uncommon. Howard said some of that will be generated by private investors and perhaps through a stock offering as well.

A third possible source is from large multinationals which often rely on small companies to explore and locate the deposits and then infuse large doses of capital for a piece of the action.

Israel will benefit from any mine that opens by receiving annual license fees, income taxes from the mining company and its employees and royalties from the metal extraction. There are also many side benefits including the generation of other business in the area, Howard said.

And if the price of copper goes down by the time the mine is ready to open?

Howard isn't worried. Copper is one of the most widely-used elements in industry, he said. There are about 60 pounds of it in every car, it's widely used in home construction, and industrializing countries will create a strong demand for it long into the future, he believes.

The Israeli government has granted Avrom Howard explorations concessions.

School software package

By SHARON KANON
Special to The CJN

ASHKELON — School administrators can now obtain facts and figures they need with a mere push of a button, thanks to an innovative software package developed in Israel.

Called Logos, it enables principals and other school personnel to cut paperwork and time in their search for information about classes, teachers, pupils, grades and behavior. The impact: improvement in the day-to-day running of an educational centre and fewer hassles during peak pressure times. Moreover, administrators are able to analyze overall as well as individual trends and performance.

Included in the integrated Logos system is Schola, software for management of school data, and Libre, for library data. Software for accounting/financial data will be ready for marketing shortly.

With completion of beta-testing for the French version in Paris, the company will launch its marketing efforts, and an initial system will be installed in a school in Switzerland. An English version is also ready for distribution.

B.C.'s employment increases

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Employment increased in British Columbia at a rate of 2.9 per cent last year — three times faster than the rest of Canada, Lt.-Gov. David Lam told the B.C. Legislature at the recent opening of the spring session.

Lam said investment in the province grew at a rate of 8.4 per cent, more than five times the national average. "We can take pride," he said in his speech from the Throne, "that we have the fastest growing economy in the country."

Lam said the province can expect record population growth "will put more pressure on our urban communities, our environment and government services."

He said business will need well-trained workers to expand and compete in the global economy and called for greater emphasis on skills training to prepare the workforce "for tomorrow's jobs."

A new ministry of Skills, Training and Labor has been established to strengthen skills training. There will be new apprenticeship and work experience opportunities to better prepare high school students for the world of work.

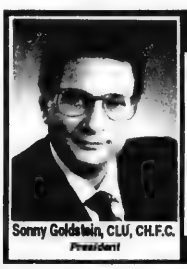
The lieutenant-governor said the government will expand child care services with 7,500 new spaces in the next three years. "This will enable more parents to take full advantage of job or training opportunities."

As the province evolves into a more knowledge-based economy, said Lam, "we must increase our investment in advanced research to attract high-tech industries like telecommunications and biotechnology. . . . The government will be building a new partnership with the private sector to help expand these industries."

Lam said discussions on social programs must shift to whether they are relevant, effective and accessible. "It costs us all when people fall through the social safety net," he said. "The B.C. government believes that we can't afford to lose that social safety net.

"Consequently, the government will lead in shaping the future of our social programs. The premier will sponsor a Forum on New Opportunities for Working and Living to bring the people of B.C. into the discussion. Together we will design the future of the social safety net and the security we provide for all British Columbians."

Lam said the government will impose a three-year tax freeze "combined with increased tax enforcement, and pressure on Ottawa for our share of federal revenue."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Business & Finance

Project provides quality family housing

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Givat Canada (Canada Hill) is not just another housing project, says managing director Phil Beinhaker of Beinhaker/Irwin Associates, affiliated with IBI Group.

Situated in Jerusalem, Givat Canada provides quality family housing in an urban area comparable to that of North America.

Traditionally, Beinhaker explains, land in Jerusalem was too precious to accommodate low density housing such as the one proposed by the IBI Group.

Valleys are protected as green spaces so building is confined to the hills. Infrastucture costs are high so more units per hectare are required to make development economically feasible, Beinhaker says.

The IBI Group solution: build a series of different designs that terrace up the hill or clusters of townhomes in a stacked arrangement. The effect: more costly but private homes.

Beinhaker says the project was designed with nature preservation in mind. He cites a particular grove of trees turned into a park and play area built onto the crown of the hill.

He describes the drivable streets as having "the atmosphere of a pedestrian walk with trees and attractive landscaping."

Given the environment, Beinhaker says the project seemed to grow out of the hill. Even parking was broken up and integrated with car ports that sport vines and other vegetation. Everything became part of the landscape, he says.

The project was started in the late 1980s, and consists of 300 units to date. The next phase of 64 units has begun and two remaining phases of 60 units each remain. "We've had a positive response in the marketplace," he says. He is looking for a larger opportunity in the Jerusalem area.

He says rather than constructing housing, the firm has built a neighborhood that responds to the needs of area families.

"Comparatively speaking, the Israeli economy is aggressively making money. As Israel becomes a sophisticated economy and competes with businesses in Europe and North America, it is learning to be competative in the services industry and industry services," Beinhaker says.

Beinhaker was willing to share some advice with those looking to do business with Israel.

He stresses that business participants have to be personally involved or have someone they trust involved in the entire process.

"You can't be an absentee operator." It is impossible to control the process without understanding the rules, the language, the consumer and the market regulation, he says, adding you have to be responsive and adaptable.

Firms also have to understand the scale they will be operating on is smaller. "It's a small economy and a small country — smaller than Ontario," says Beinhaker. He cites the financial difficulties he faced his first year in Israel until he broke his housing project down into smaller phases.

Finally, Beinhaker says Israel is a country subject to radical changes in consumer taste. While similar changes may be charted in larger countries, there is less advance notice in Israel. As well, these shifts occur more often.

Israel holds many benefits for investors. Beinhaker cites the country's geological location and a skilled workforce as example. He adds that the Israeli economy will be further strengthened when they develop technical schools to serve the building industry.

The IBI Group, with more than 300 people, is a multi-disciplinary consulting organization specializing in planning, transportation and systems design.

The continuity of professional practice within the firm dates back to the 1960s with the first collaborative efforts involving the principals. IBI Group under its current structure was established in 1974.

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Israeli food producers seek new markets

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israeli food producers are no longer satisfied with only supplying the relatively small kosher market abroad. The industry has undergone a major modernization and expansion in the past number of years and is seeking to export a wide range of products around the world.

The Israel Economic Mission to Canada recently held seminars in Montreal and Toronto on Israel's new and improved food industry in the hope of finding new markets and partners for joint ventures, as well as to spread the word about Israel Food Week May 9-12 at the Jerusalem Convention Centre.

Benjamin Noy, Israeli consul for economic affairs to Canada, said that in 1992 Israeli food export to the United States totalled $129 million U.S., of which $55 million's worth was processed. That figure represents a five per cent jump in one year alone.

The largest increases were in wines and spirits (up 74 per cent), confectionery (55 per cent), dehydrated vegetables (16 per cent) and bakery goods (15 per cent).

Canada directly imported $12.7 million U.S. in food items from Israel in 1993. An additional 20 per cent entered Canada via the United States.

Worldwide, Israel exports $1.1 billion in food. The European Community is the destination of about 70 per cent of Israel's food, North America 15 per cent and Japan 5 per cent. Eastern European markets are growing, and talks have opened with China, Noy said.

Israel Food Week will serve as a showcase for new varieties of produce, adaptations of ethnic foods derived from the country's multicultural cuisine, and engineered foods like soybean-based meat substitutes. The industry is also paying more attention to packaging and making products visually appealing.

The event is intended for food importers and brokers, supermarket executives, caterers, food service professionals, and food journalists.

Gourmet chefs

Approximately half of Israel's processed food exports are based on citrus products, following in descending order by canned and frozen vegetables and fruits, meat products (especially poultry), confectionery and baked goods, and wines and spirits. Last year, the food processing industry employed 50,000 people, and produced $6.7 billion in products.

All food exports are supervised by Israel's own regulatory bodies and, in every area, the industry offers products approved by American authorities, such as the FDA. Most products are kosher, bearing the 'U' or other stamps.

Who would have thought Israel would be making for export fine cheeses, pate de foie gras, frozen pizza, surimi seafood (kosher imitations), spirits such as vodka and brandy, spring water, Christmas and Easter chocolate novelties, and even ginseng, the herbal remedy favored by the Chinese.

Israel is trying to capitalize on the demand for natural, healthful food. Many producers boast that their goods are nutritious and free of additives.

The seminar's guest speaker, Gerd Stern of New Jersey, president of the new Israel Food Importers Association of America, said the world is not aware of the varied cuisine of Israel, which reflects its "melting pot" culture.

Israel also has a new generation of gourmet chefs that have encouraged a demand for more sophisticated food, he said.

Canadian importers may find, as he has, that kosher products are sought out by many non-Jewish consumers. "People who have no [religious] reason to eat kosher do so because the kosher symbol has become like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. It's a symbol of quality."

He stressed that Israeli companies are seeking partnerships with their counterparts abroad, and not only to buy and sell. "Israel is learning to deal in international markets, but there are still problems. The Israel Export Institute has the official job of making these relationships work."

The Israeli food companies invest heavily in the research and development of new products, and enjoy the expertise of a large pool of food technologists from many countries.

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Capital Access For Small Firms

OTTAWA - An Ontario Liberal Party task force on Access to Capital for Small Business was launched this month by Ontario Caucus Chair Joe Volpe, M.P.

The task force has examined the access to capital issues and identified a number of areas of concern, Volpe said.

Specific areas of study include: small business profits; financial institution loan losses and financial institution profitability; systemic barriers; statutory regulations; sectoral lending practices; tax laws and government programs.

The task force, chaired by Andy Mitchell, M.P. for Parry Sound-Muskoka, will identify reasons why small and medium-sized businesses are having difficulty obtaining capital and recommend actions which should be undertaken to correct the problem.

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Toronto Shows Merge

TORONTO — Organizers of the 1994 Spring Boat Show, which was scheduled to take place at the International Centre March 25-27 announced that the show has been merged into the Cottage Life Show which shares the same dates and location.

The difficult economy, particularly in the boating sector, meant many exhibitors were unable to commit to participating in the show, said Steve Barber, vice-president of Industry Trade & Consumer Shows Inc., producers of the Spring Boat Show.

The previously sold out Cottage Show will now expand to encompass those boating exhibitors who were confirmed for the boat show and will also include Wind & Surf '94 which will feature exhibitors of windsurfing equipment.

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Market Recovers Slightly

JERUSALEM — Israeli investors are hoping the latest bounce in the market reflects the end of the bear market which began in February, rather than just another temporary reprieve from the mauling they have suffered.

Shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) fell more than 10 per cent recently, the equivalent of a nearly 400-point drop in New York's Dow Jones Industrial Average.

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The West 'Bank'

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Jordan has received a license to open its doors again on the West Bank.

The license, granted last Wednesday, enables the bank to re-establish a West Bank presence for the first time since the 1967 Six-Day War.

The bank's first branch will open in Ramallah, with others scheduled to follow.

Banking sources also note that talks with local businessmen in the territories about establishing a Palestinian bank in the West Bank are also progressing.

Centre promotes business ventures

By GAIL LICHTMAN
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — It makes good sense to do business in Israel.

This is the message that the Centre for Business Promotion has been sending to the international business community since its founding in 1991 by the Israel Ministry of Industry and Trade. Now, with the coming of peace, that message is being echoed by interested enterpreneurs all over the world, as Israel begins to look more and more attractive as a springboard for technological and economic opportunities.

"The peace process is influencing the investment and business climate more than anything else today," says director Gad Soen. "It is removing both psychological and other barriers to international trade with Israel. In the past, many companies didn't want to do business with us because they considered the Middle East unstable and a potential war zone."

For example, during the Gulf War, says Soen, one Japanese company which did business through an American company, decided that it didn't want the development of its product carried out in Israel.

"Now the situation is changing," he continues. "These days we get requests for information from companies in the United States, Europe, Japan and the Far East which used to shy away from doing business here. They think they might be missing out on something. Of course, this process will take time to bear results. But it has begun."

Offering a wide range of services for businesses seeking to set up subsidiaries and/or joint ventures with Israeli companies, the Centre's data bank lists some 800 Israeli companies interested in foreign investment. So far the diskette has been distributed to more than 3,000 interested parties.

"When I met recently with a German business delegation, with the touch of a button I was able to show them a list of 50 Israeli companies looking for business co-operation in Germany," says Soen.

In conjunction with the Israel Export Institute, the Centre has organized business opportunity conferences and seminars in the United States, Poland, Hungary, Japan, Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia. It has also organized missions abroad for Israeli businessmen.

"Representatives of five of our companies went to Singapore," says Zvi Goldstein, director of the Israel Association of Software Houses — of which there are more than 120. "The Centre screened potential partners for our members and they were able to get into serious discussions without wasting time sifting through maybes and ifs. Two are about to sign agreements with Singapore companies."

On the flip side, the Centre has brought foreign business delegations to Israel to explore joint ventures, strategic partnerships and investments with Israeli companies. "We had similar success with an Italian delegation that came to Israel," says Ben-Zvi. "Three contracts were signed."

One of the problems in evaluating the Centre's overall effectiveness is that it has no follow-up data. "It is very hard to get stastistics," said Gabi Bar, Director of Information and Foreign Relations for the Centre. "While companies do not hesitate to let us know when they are interested in contacts, they sometimes prefer to close business deals without letting the government know. Even though we would like to know about these deals, it's really not vital. And the companies are not obligated to tell us."

A recent survey of the companies listed in the data bank, showed that some two-thirds of those interested in strategic partners from abroad have been in contact with foreign companies during the past year. Seventy-five per cent said the Centre led to this contact.

Of those responding, 130 Israeli companies said they received one to five inquiries from abroad, 45 received six to 10 inquiries and 70 received more than 10 inquiries during the last year.

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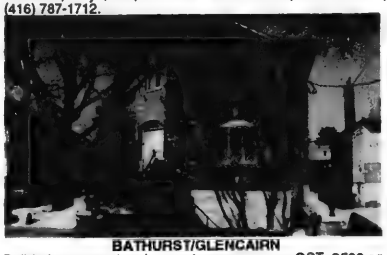

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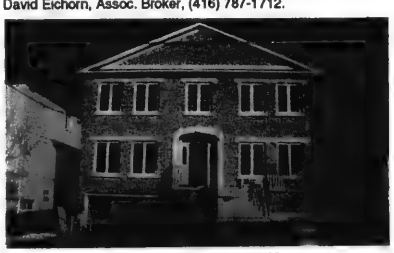

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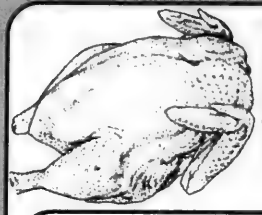

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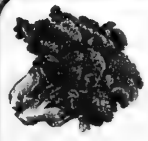

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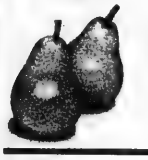

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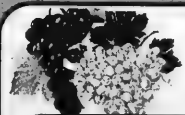

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Self-rule deal nears completion

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Israel News Service

CAIRO — A deal on implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord could come in less than two weeks, the PLO's chief negotiator said at the conclusion of weekend talks here.

Barring any last-minute hitches, Israel and the PLO could soon wrap up talks on the implementation of the Gaza/Jericho self-rule accord signed last September — possibly by April 18, said Nabil Shaath.

Shaath said there are "about 20 or 30 things left to do, but I don't see any of them as sticky."

The two sides cleared one of the stickiest hurdles last week, when they reached agreement on deployment of about 160 international observers in Hebron.

And the first group of Palestinian police was due to arrive in Gaza Monday morning, as *The CJN* went to press.

Up to 10 high-ranking Palestinian officers were slated to arrive, mainly to prepare for the arrival of a future larger force, after withdrawal of the Israel Defence Force, scheduled for April 13.

An advance party of between 300 and 500 Palestinian police would then follow, possibly this week.

The agreement, reached last Thursday in Cairo, clears the way for the resumption of talks to implement the Palestinian self-rule accord.

The negotiations on self-rule had been broken off by the PLO after the Feb. 25 murders of at least 30 Palestinians at a mosque in Hebron.

The PLO had called for an international force to guarantee the security of Palestinians living in Hebron as a precondition for resuming negotiations on self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

Some 160 Norwegians, Danes and Italians will be deployed to serve as observers in Hebron. The move marks the first time since the 1967 Six-Day War that Israel has allowed an international presence in any part of the territories.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was scheduled to meet Monday with the ambassadors of Norway, Denmark and Italy to arrange the observation team.

Although the force will be allowed to carry pistols for self-defence, it will have no policing or military duties, according to the terms of the agreement worked out in Cairo.

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Ontario Tory leader visits Israel

TORONTO — Mike Harris, leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative Party, was in Israel this week for what aides describe as a low-key trip.

Later this week, Harris is scheduled to visit Italy and the Vatican, where he is due for an audience with Pope John Paul II.

Last weekend, Harris visited historic religious sites on the Golan Heights and the Sea of Galilee. He spent an evening at Kibbutz Kfar Blum in the north.

On Sunday, he toured the old city of Jerusalem and attended Easter services.

Mike Harris

On Monday, he was scheduled to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, attend a tree planting at the Jerusalem Peace Forest and have a luncheon meeting with officials of Israel's foreign ministry, including Eitan Bentsur, deputy director-general responsible for North America.

Later Monday, he was slated to meet two MKs, Dan Tihon of Likud and Emmanuel Zissman of Labor.

Harris was due to meet with two Palestinian representatives, Sa'eb Mohammad Erkat, who headed the Palestinian delegation to the last round of Arab-Israeli talks in Washington, and Ziad Abu Zayyad, a negotiator at those talks.

Later Tuesday, he was to have lunch with Canada's ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector.

Later this week, Harris's schedule was to take him to the Italian province of Abruzzi.

In Rome on Thursday, he was scheduled to meet with a group of Canadian Holocaust survivors, who are there to attend a concert in honor of Yom Hashoah.

The Pope is scheduled to attend the concert and Harris was slated to meet with him and other Vatican dignitaries.

Harris's press secretary, Peter Varley, told *The CJN* the trip was "mainly a private visit."

Travel Information Report

OTTAWA — A Travel Information Report (TIR) strongly recommending that Canadians put off travel to the territories and eastern Jerusalem is still in effect, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Monday.

A TIR does not carry the same weight as a Travel Advisory, which warns of danger and violence against foreigners and tells prospective travellers to stay away.

A report in the March 17 issue of *The CJN* erroneously referred to a "travel advisory," rather than a Travel Information Report.

The latest TIR says: "In the face of the recent violence in Hebron, we strongly recommend that Canadians defer travel for the time being to Israeli-occupied areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including east Jerusalem.

"Canadians planning travel within Israel outside major urban centres should consult with the Canadian Embassy [in Tel Aviv] on arrival.

"Canadians should exercise caution, be aware of their surroundings and avoid crowds and demonstrations when travelling in the region," the report states.

It adds that Canadians contemplating travel to the area should first check with Foreign Affairs or the nearest Canadian mission.

"This information is based on current conditions and is meant to assist Canadians in deciding whether to travel. In any event, the final decision is their own," the report says.

AND YOU SHALL LIVE

Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord. . . Ezekiel 37.

Holocaust Memorial, Miami, Fla. [PapaJo photo]

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A time to weep — a time to rejoice

Community to recall sacrifices at Yom Hazikaron assembly

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israeli soldiers who fell in the line of duty will be remembered at a Yom Hazikaron assembly to be held on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview. The program is expected to run 45 minutes to an hour.

This year a larger portion of the program will be in English to accommodate non-Hebrew speaking audience members. Speakers will include Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education, and Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman. Cantor Efraim Sapir of Beth Tikvah Congregation will chant K'el Malei Rachamim.

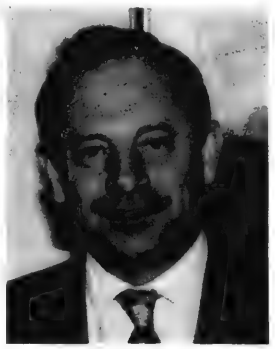
Members of the Toronto Israeli youth movement Tsabar, which is affiliated with the Scouts movement in Israel, and the Ne'Imot choir will also participate in the program. A relative of a fallen soldier will light a memorial candle, and the Order of the Day from Israeli Chief of Staff General Ehud Barak will be read. Hebrew and English songs and readings will comprise an integral part of the program.

Yom Hazikaron immediately precedes Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), which falls on April 14 this year. In Israel the day is marked by memorial ceremonies, and flags are flown at half-mast.

The juxtaposition of the two days, the latter being a day of celebration, is symbolic, notes Haim Waxman, Israeli vice-consul. "There can't be that joy [of Yom Ha'Atzmaut] without remembering those [whose sacrifices made the state of Israel possible]," Waxman told *The CJN*.

Fallen soldiers impel us to continue fight for security and peace

By DROR ZEIGERMAN



Dror Zeigerman

From the chimneys of the concentration camps; from the ashes of Jewish history; from the millions of Jews who perished in countries not their own arose the motivating force that propelled Israeli fighters to create an independent nation for our people. From their graves, the fallen Israeli soldiers impel us to continue the fight for the security and safety of the State of Israel and for peace.

The first generation of settlers knew that in order to survive, the people of Israel must be prepared with helmet and cannon, for without, no tree could be planted and no house could be built. This is the fate of our generation, this is the choice of our existence: to be prepared, armed, strong and determined.

Our struggle for independence continues today. As a result of Arab terror, we sacrifice our lives. But at the same time we fight for peace, knowing at all times that those who have fallen before have shown us how to fight terror as if there were no peace, and continue the peace talks as if there were no terror.

Today, on Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Remembrance, we bow our heads to the memory of all the fallen soldiers who died fighting for the Zionist dream — the Underground, Nili, Haganah, Etzel, Lehi — in the War of Independence, the Sinai Campaign, the Six Day War, the War of Attrition, the Yom Kippur War, Operation Peace for Galilee; and for the victims of terror — children, women and men who were murdered. In total, 18,000 people were taken from us in the struggle for our existence. Each has a name, a family and a history. All died doing their duty. All had personal stories to tell. And all of them together are the strength of our continuity.

This year Yom Hazikaron falls on April 13, the second day of Iyar 5754. Here in Toronto, the Jewish and Israeli communities together salute the victims of Israel's wars and convey their condolences to the bereaved families and the people of Israel.

Zichronam livrachah. May their memory be for a blessing.

Dror Zeigerman is Consul General of Israel in Toronto.

Yom Hashoah commemorates deportation of Hungarian Jews

TORONTO — On Sunday, April 10, the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will host its annual program commemorating Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day of Remembrance) and the 50th anniversary of the deportation of the Hungarian Jews and the start of the liberation.

The event begins with a rally at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst Street and Sheppard) at 2:00 p.m. at the Yad Vashem Monument. At the rally, survivor George Salamon, will speak on the deportation of the Hungarian Jews.

The rally will be followed by a march to Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation (55 Yeomans Road, North York) for a cultural program and memorial service which will commence at 2:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation will be Elsa Chandler, trustee and immediate past chairperson of the North York Board of Education. Chandler is one of the few child survivors of the Holocaust from Plaszow, located near Krakow, Poland, the labor-turned-concentration camp where Oskar Schindler found the labor for his factory. Other dignitaries scheduled to speak include Bernard Ghert, president of the Federation and Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul general.

The congregation's children's choir, under the direction of Barbara Shilling and the adult choir, under the direction of Cantor Yehuda Rottner, accompanied by Brahm, Goldhamer, will perform at the ceremony.

Yom Hashoah, which is commemorated around the world, serves as a memorial and vigil for the six million Jewish victims who perished in the Holocaust. The event commemorates the Resistance Fighters, the Allied Armed Forces and the Righteous Among the Nations.

For more information contact: Pnina Zilberman, director Holocaust remembrance committee at (416) 635-2883 ext. 144.

TORAH TOTS MODEL SEDER

Lauren Ricer and Adam Renkosinski are an enthusiastic "imma" and "abba" (mother and father) at the model seder held recently at Torah Tots Preschool in Markham.

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Deschenes favors deportation, denaturalization for war crimes

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canada's "made in Canada" solution to pursuing suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada has shown little tangible success in terms of prosecutions, says Justice Jules Deschenes, who presided over the Deschenes Commission of inquiry on the issue.

But the commission is showing better results by using denaturalization and deportation provisions that were included in its recommendations, he noted at the recent fifth Rene Cassin Lectureship in Human Rights at McGill University.

The annual lecture, established by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, took place before a full house at the law faculty's Moot Court.

It was co-sponsored by the faculty and by InterAmicus, a human rights advocacy centre founded by law professor and human rights activist Irwin Cotler.

Deschenes, presenting his talk in English and French, noted that of the 900 names his commission first heard about as it was conducting its work, only 30 cases ended up being isolated as "serious."

The five prosecutions launched since the commission issued its report in December 1986 have all been failures, except for Jacob Luitjens, a Nazi war criminal living in Canada who was ultimately deported to the Netherlands.

The prosecutorial track record in other countries like England and Australia, which conducted their own inquiries around the same time as Deschenes, has not fared any better, he said.

"Will there be any more [Canadian] prosecutions? God only knows," he said.

Judge Jules Deschenes

On the international front, however, Deschenes was more optimistic.

For the first time, he said, a process is in place to establish a permanent international tribunal to prosecute war criminals.

The effort has been organized by the United Nation's (UN) International Law Commission and is being strongly supported by Canada.

Such a body, Deschenes said, would "strengthen the principle of universal jurisdiction over individuals who have committed international criminal acts."

The tribunal could also be a deterrent against future war crimes, he said.

Deschenes said efforts towards building the permanent tribunal have been bolstered by the establishment by the UN Security Council of another in The Hague dealing with war crimes perpetrated in the former Yugoslavia.

The UN's General Assembly named Deschenes as one of the tribunal's 11 members.

The court at the Hague took only nine months to be created — "pretty fast indeed," Deschenes remarked — and recently adopted rules of procedure and evidence that went into effect just days before he spoke.

But the speed in creating the body meant striking a delicate balance between "expediency and justice," he said.

The permanent international war crimes tribunal — an idea laid to rest in 1948 after the Nuremberg prosecutions of Nazi war crimninals — will have 18 judges and will wield jurisdiction over a wide variety of acts determined by international treaty.

Deschenes predicted that when the UN commission spearheading this effort drafts its next report for the General Assembly, "it will draw wide international support."

Even to this day, Deschenes noted, crimes against humanity continue to be carried out "with impunity" in countries ranging from Haiti to Vietnam.

Nothing changes, he said, until there is "international solidarity."

And that solidarity was apparently lacking in 1948, when a British commission canvassed other countries in the Commonwealth over its planned announcement that no new war crimes trials would be launched after August of that year.

Canada, Deschenes said, responded with a "no comment."

Auschwitz service gets a poor turnout

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Only two members of the 30-member International Auschwitz Council attended a memorial service recently held at Auschwitz for 3,791 Czech Jews murdered in the gas chambers of the infamous camp, states a report received here from Sigmund Sobolewski, the Canadian delegate to the Council.

The service marked the 50th anniversary of the first day of the mass murders at the Terezin Family Camp of Birkenau on March 8, 1944. Terezin was the location of the so-called showplace Hitler set up to make the world believe the Jews were being well cared for.

Only Sobolewski and Dr. Jonathan Webber of Oxford University, England, joined 500 Czech citizens from Olomouc, Morawska-Ostrawa and Tesin who arrived in 10 buses for the memorial. Rabbi Karol Sidon of the Prague Synagogue and Thomas Kraus, leader of the Federation of Czech Jewish communities, attended.

"Our conference ended at 1 p.m. and the service was at 2.30 p.m.," Sobolewski wrote. "Webber pleaded with the Council to show solidarity with these Czech Jewish survivors. It is another telling sign of the attitude of the Council that not one of them arrived besides Dr. Webber and myself."

The Council makes recommendations to the Polish government about the operation of the Auschwitz Museum and signs and plaques which are erected for victims.

Sobolewski also reported that the Council chair refused to accept a motion of protest from him with respect to a projected monument in the former Carmelite Convent for Christian victims of Auschwitz. He said the Auschwitz administration has not yet given permission to the March of the Living to erect a plaque on the grounds to honor the four Jewish women hanged publicly Jan. 6, 1945.

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From left, Andrea Silverstone, Network chair; Preston Manning, Reform party leader; Sara Bergson, Network Lobby Day co-ordinator; and Ian McClelland, MP, Edmonton Southwest pose in Ottawa at Network's recent Lobby Day, which focused on the plight of Syrian Jews.

Network students meet with MPs

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Students from Network Canada, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), met with 32 members of Parliament in Ottawa recently, to discuss the plight of Syrian Jews on Network's annual Lobby Day.

The meetings followed threats of a pogrom against Syria's remaining 1,050 Jews early last month. The pogrom, threatened by a group called the Syrian Muslim Party of Justice, did not take place.

The group had sent letters to Jewish homes and businesses in Syria, stating that Jewish blood would be spilled on March 13 (the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan) to avenge the Hebron mosque massacre.

Students, who met the MPs individually or in pairs, asked the politicians to continue pressuring Syria to grant exit visas to all Jews wishing to leave the country and protection for those wishing to stay.

The MPs who met with the students came from across the country and represented a wide range of parties, from Hedy Fry (Liberal, Vancouver-Centre) to Gaston Peloquin (Bloc Quebecois, Brome-Missisquoi).

Among the other MPs were Mac Harb (Lib., Ottawa Centre), Reform party leader Preston Manning (Calgary Southwest), Jim Peterson (Lib., Willowdale), Joseph Volpe (Lib., Eglinton-Lawrence), Simon de Jong (NDP, Regina-Qu'Appelle), David Berger (Lib., Saint-Henri-Westmount) and David Kilgour (Lib., Edmonton Southeast).

Network "was welcomed with open arms," York University student and Network chair Andrea Silverstone told *The CJN*. Silverstone, along with lobby day co-ordinator Sara Bergson, spent about half an hour with Preston Manning, who represents Silverstone's hometown riding in Calgary. Manning was "very accommodating," Silverstone said.

Buoyed by the positive feedback, Network director Howard Katz said that the student lobby effort "builds confidence in our parliamentary system."

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Rabbi Abraham Price dies at 94

World renowned Torah scholar

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Rabbi Abraham A. Price, a world-renowned Torah scholar and a fixture in Toronto's Orthodox community, died last week. He was 94.

Rabbi Moshe Stern, president of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto, said he was "a great scholar. With his passing ends the generation of pre-war scholarship decimated by the Holocaust."

Rabbi Stern described him as "an interpretive genius in his logical analyses of Talmud. He took obscure, ancient scholarly writings, interpreted them and brought them to life."

Rabbi Price was born in Stopnitz, in what is now Poland. Considered a child prodigy, he studied with world- famous scholars Rabbi Abraham Borenstein (the Avnei Neizer) in Sochatov and with Rabbi Sillman, the noted rabbi of Chmielnick, who gave him smicha (rabbinic ordination).

In 1923, he went to Berlin, where he became a successful banker. When Hitler came to power, Rabbi Price went to Paris, using journalist papers that he obtained through his close friendship with the Ger chassidic dynasty.

He escaped to the United States in 1939, and shortly thereafter Chevra Shas in Toronto offered him the position of rosh yeshivah of what later became Yeshiva Torah Chaim, a post he held until his death.

When he assumed the pulpit of Chevra Shas, he also became involved in community affairs, particularly kashruth and the eruv (a boundary which allows Jews to carry on Shabbat), about which he was considered a world expert.

In the 1950s, he extended the eruv, originally established by Rabbi Yehuda Leib Graubart in the 1920s, from Bloor Street to Highway 401. In the early 1980s, it was extended further to north of Highway 7.

One of Rabbi Price's most notable achievements was his rescue of young Jewish men, German refugees, who had been mistakenly interned as enemy aliens.

Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Congregation, a student of Rabbi Price's, was one of those internees.

"As soon as the refugees' status was properly recognized, in the fall of 1941, he went to see [F.C.] Blair [the anti-Semitic deputy minister of immigration who coined the now-famous phrase 'none is too many']. He convinced him that it would be of benefit to Canada to let us go."

'An interpretive genius in his logical analyses of Talmud'

Some of the former internees, including Rabbi Schild and the late Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, joined his yeshivah. Others, according to Rabbi Schild, who Rabbi Price realized were not suited for the rabbinate, he launched in other academic fields.

Rabbi Price was, Rabbi Schild said, "a scholar beyond compare; the top talmudic scholar of our day, known for his erudition and sharpness."

Some of his other rabbinic students included the late Rabbis Gedalia Felder and Phyvle Rosenzweig, and Rabbis Avraham Kelman and Bernard Rosenzweig.

Although Rabbi Price had withdrawn from public life for the last while, he was widely consulted by rabbinic scholars. Those who were in contact with him described him as having "a gruff exterior," and "not suffering fools gladly."

He wrote extensively, on Halachah, piety, Chumash and mitzvot.

Rabbi Price is survived by his wife, Sarah, daughter Lola Zuchowski, brother Lazar, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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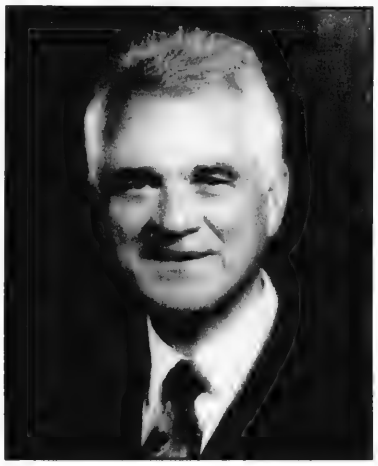

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Author probes Canada's white supremacist groups

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Terry Long was born on a farm in central Alberta and raised, by all accounts, in typical fashion for the prairies. Though his parents were involved in mainstream Alberta politics, Long's interests led him to associate with extremist organizations that promoted racism and anti-Semitism.

Long would eventually become leader of the Canadian branch of the Aryan Nations.

Wolfgang Droege was born in Bavaria, the son of a devotee of Adolf Hitler. His father regaled him with stories of his wartime efforts on behalf of the Luftwaffe while his grandfather described his friendship with arch Nazi propagandist Julius Streicher.

Droege later became one of the most recognizable spokesmen for the radical right in Canada.

As a teenager living just outside Toronto, George Burdi became attracted to the writings of Friedrich Nietzsche, particularly to the writer's aversion to Jews.

Burdi would eventually become one of the most strident spokesmen for the Church of the Creator, one of the most virulent racist groups in Canada.

Bill Harcus was born in a small town just outside Winnipeg. At an early age, he dabbled in satanism but later he left devil-worship and adopted Christian Identity, which believes that Anglo-Saxons are the true Israelites while Jews are the descendants of Satan.

Harcus would become one of Winnipeg's major distributors of Ku Klux Klan literature, despite his parents' attempts to convince him of the errors of his ways.

If there is one element shared by this rogues' gallery, any common background, education or family upbringing, it's difficult to see. Whether born abroad or in Canada, raised by tolerant, liberal parents or by admirers of Hitler, they have made extremist politics the focal point of their lives.

In a sweeping illustration of Canada's neo-Nazi movement, author and former *Ottawa Citizen* reporter Warren Kinsella has brought together their stories to describe the far-right movement in Canada. His new book, *Web of Hate; The Far Right Network in Canada*, published by Harper Collins ($26.95), describes in minute detail the ideological and organizational links among white supremacist groups across the country.

Based on extensive reading on the subject and interviews with key figures and their families, Kinsella has compiled an important reference work for anyone interested in the subject. While he does not break much new ground in his book (he relies to a great extent on reports carried by the daily press and he cites *The CJN* as well), he expands on these reports and adds personal interviews.

The growth of the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nations in Western Canada, the story of former Moncton teacher Malcolm Ross, the evolution of white supremacist organizations in Toronto and Ottawa all come under scrutiny by Kinsella, who is also author of *Unholy Alliances*, a book that chronicles the links between Libya and Canadian right wing extremists.

In addition, Kinsella profiles key leaders of the various groups in an attempt to determine what makes them tick. While this largely unexplored aspect of white supremacists could well be the subject of a more in-depth analysis, his reporting does add some new insight into their lives.

His description of the racist groups' activities and recruiting makes for fascinating reading, but perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the book is Kinsella's description of Cpl. Matt McKay of the Canadian Airborne Regiment and the government response to revelations of his activities — which included being photographed giving the Nazi salute in front of a swastika banner in the regiment's barracks.

Several members of the same unit who served as peacekeepers in Somalia are undergoing courts-martial in connection with the death of a Somali teenager in that African country. McKay is not one of them.

Kinsella, formerly a special assistant to Jean Chretien before Chretien became prime minister and currently an aide to David Dingwall, the minister responsible for the Post Office, is scathing in his indictment of the attitude of the previous Conservative government to racists in the military.

He asks how such individuals could be allowed to remain in the armed forces and even be assigned to duties in Somalia. McKay, he points out, is not the only racist serving in the military.

That story, coupled with his descriptions of the growing attempts by racists to recruit soldiers, school children, the unemployed and others marginalized by chronic unemployment, is perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the story Kinsella tells so well.

Wolfgang Droege

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

SHERIFF

Accountant Todd Sheriff of Mintz & Partners Ltd. quotes his father as having anglicized his surname from Sherovsky. That rules out any relationship with the famous Sheriff of Nottingham.

Sheirov may be traced to one of two sources. It derives probably from sher — a pair of scissors, which was a tool of the tailoring trade, like Nadel (needle), Fingerhut (thimble) and Shereisen (iron).

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An alternate but less probable interpretation attributes the name to the Hebrew word shayur meaning lesson, which could define a teacher (Lehrer).

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World

Self-rule deal said to be near completion

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The observers will be in place for an initial three-month period, a mandate that is renewable for additional three-month periods.

Denmark will reportedly send police rather than soldiers — a move that may be followed by the other participants.

Under the terms of the agreement, the observer force will wear distinctive uniforms and will travel in marked vehicles.

In a major concession, the PLO backed off from its original demand for a Palestinian police force to patrol the streets of Hebron, which has been the site of ongoing violence since the Feb. 25 killings.

The accelerated measures were adopted in an effort to make up for time lost when the talks were suspended.

April 13 was the deadline set last September for Israeli troops to complete their pull-out from Gaza and Jericho.

According to Israel Radio, Israel Defence Force officials said Thursday that they can complete withdrawal from Gaza within 72 hours after the order is given.

In other weekend developments:

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin assured settlers Sunday night that the government has no intention of expelling Jews from Hebron or any part of the territories during the interim period of Palestinian self-rule.

"There will be no changes until the end of the final status negotiations, if at all," the Council for Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said in a statement that quoted Rabin.

"According to the Oslo agreement, there will be no uprooting of settlements during the interim period," confirmed Rabin's spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami.

• The civil administration in the territories came in for criticism following the reinstatement Sunday of the former mayor of Hebron, Mustafa Natshe.

Natshe was reinstated at the request of PLO leader Yasser Arafat. He was elected mayor of Hebron in 1976 but removed from office by Israel in 1983 for supporting terrorist organizations and calling for incitement.

Alexander Gross, father of yeshivah student Ahron Gross, who was murdered in Hebron in 1983, said he will petition the High Court of Justice against Natshe's re-appointment.

• The mayor of Kiryat Arba, Zvi Katzover, told the government commission investigating the Hebron massacre that there could be more killings if Jews are not made to feel safe.

• Israeli security officials began shutting down jails and other buildings in Gaza and Jericho. In Gaza City, police pulled out of three buildings used by police and shut down the city's jail. The last 32 Palestinian prisoners were placed on buses and moved to an undisclosed location.

Israeli police arrest Kach leader Marzel

CJN wire services

JERUSALEM — After three weeks on the run, Kach leader Baruch Marzel was arrested by Israeli police while he was hiding out in the home of a settler suspected of killing a Palestinian in cold blood last year.

Police said Marzel was asleep when they came to arrest him at 6 a.m. last Sunday. He offered no resistance.

Marzel, 35, was one of about a dozen Kach and Kahane Chai activists ordered detained following the massacre in Hebron in which Kach member Dr. Baruch Goldstein killed 30 Arab worshippers at a mosque in the Cave of Machpela (Cave of the Patriarchs).

Following the shooting, the Israeli government outlawed the Kach movement as a terrorist organization.

Terrorist organization

Marzel was captured at the home of Yoram Skolnik, a friend who is awaiting trial in the shooting death of a Palestinian. Police allege that Skolnik shot a bound Arab at close range in March 1993. The shooting took place in the Jewish settlement of Susiya, eight miles south of Hebron. The victim's hands and feet were bound and he was stripped naked, police allege.

While in hiding, Marzel taunted police by sending a photograph to newspapers showing him celebrating the Passover holiday with his family. He told reporters that he had changed hide-outs close to 40 times to avoid police.

Last week, journalists saw him at a demonstration in Kiryat Arba, a Jewish town adjacent to Hebron, where he lived with his wife and six children.

Marzel will be held without trial for three months under special military regulations. Kach members are under arrest in a high-security wing at the Sharon Prison to prevent any possibility of escape.

Baruch Marzel

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Resist leaving Hebron, Jews urged

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Likud MK and former defence minister Ariel Sharon last week called for massive non-violent resistance to any attempt by the government to remove the Jewish community of Hebron.

At the same time, Likud issued an official statement warning that the PLO has "renewed" the intifada and calling on the government to review its commitment to the self-rule accord.

Sharon said he advocates passive resistance to the evacuation of Hebron, which he believes the government is now planning.

He called upon "tens of thousands" to join in such resistance, which he characterized as "the single, last, and only measure which we can take to combat the sheer madness of this government's capitulation to the PLO, even if the government persists in telling us that the expulsion of the Jews from the second holiest city in Judaism is its own initiative."

Should the government begin to remove the Jews from Hebron, Sharon expects that "many thousands of Israelis will flock to the city to foil the scheme to make Hebron 'Judenrein.'

"But I stress that they must come unarmed, with empty hands, so that no provocation could possibly occur. Every effort must be made to prevent the evacuation of Jews, but I emphasize that this must be totally non-violent and that no Israeli should lift a hand against an IDF soldier.

Ariel Sharon

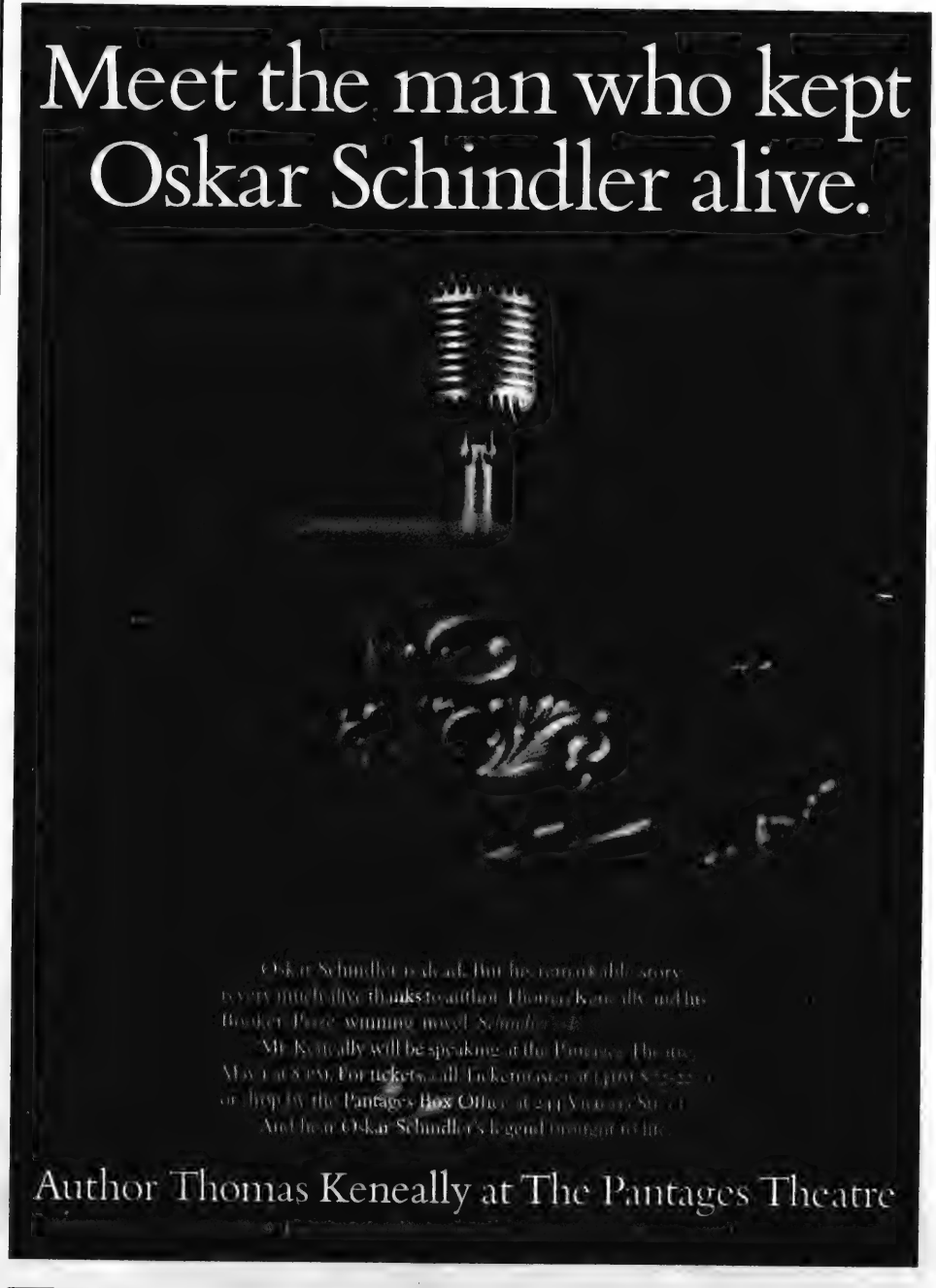
"Much determination, devotion and perseverance will be required, and should, heaven forbid, any site be cleared of its inhabitants, the protesters should again and again return to it, but strictly without the use of force. This is the last weapon at our disposal," Sharon said.

The hawkish MK said he would be there himself to personally take part in the protest, and he believes many other public figures would join as well.

The Likud officially accused Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of "deliberately turning a blind eye to the fact that the PLO has renewed the intifada. The fact that the prime minister prefers to ignore this reality attests to his intention to fulfill the Oslo Accords unilaterally and at any cost, regardless of what the other side does.

"Rabin has thus given up on all the demands which Israel has made of the PLO. This is yet one more episode in Rabin's ongoing policy of obsequiousness before [Yasser] Arafat."

The Likud went on to say that "Rabin can still, even at this late stage, reverse the situation, by re-assessing the Oslo Accords, particularly in view of the total collapse of these accords and the relaunching of the intifada."



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שוין הונדערטער יאָרן וויי עס איז פאַראַנען אַ מנהג בּיי יידן, זיך אַזוי־ווי אויסצוקלערן צום סדר דעם ערשטן אָדונט פֿון יום־טוב פּסח. אויסער מען טרעפֿט צו צום עסן, פֿרעגט זיך דער יִנגסטער זון די פּיר קשיות, די ערשטע פֿון וועלכע איז: „מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות"? מיט וואָס אונטערשײדט זיך די היינטיקע נאַכט פֿון יעדער נאַכט פֿון אַ גאַנץ יאָר? אָס־די דאָזיקע פֿראַגע וואָס מען אויך גע־פֿרעגט דעם 19־טן אַפּריל, 1943 איז וואַרשעווער געטא. אָבער ניט בּיים דאָזיקן סדר־טיש, נאָר אויף די דעכער, אויף די מויערן אַרום בּאַריקאַדן, אויף די ניי־אויפֿגעשטעלטע אַרן צוגעגרײטע קאָמפּאָט־פּאָווי־ציעס. אַרן דער ענטפֿער איז בעותם: אין דער היי־מיקער נאַכט תּוריבט זיך אַן דער באַוואָפֿנטער וויידערשטאַנד קעגן די היטלעריסטן!

יענער אָוונט וואָס מיט זיך פֿאַרגעשטעלט דעם גרעסטן מאַראַלישן זיג איז דער געשיכטע פֿון פֿאַר־מאַטערטן, געפּײַניקטן אַרן מערסטנטיל פֿאַרניכ־טעטן יידישן ישוב אין פּוילן. עס וואָס מיט זיך פֿאַרגעשטעלט אײַנעם פֿון די גרויסע זיגן איבער היטלערן.

אין די פֿאַרניכטונדיקע פֿײַערן, וואָס האָבן גע־פֿלאַקערט סאָ אַרן נאַכט אין די באַמן פֿון דער וואַרשעווער געטא, איז גלייכצײַטיק געהיילקט גע־וואָרן דער ניסן־ געסט, וואָס האָט זיך געטראָגן פֿון די קעמפּער – דער גיסט פֿון פֿרייהײט אַרן פֿרידן, דער גיסט פֿון דער ניי־ער וועלט. אין מאָמענט פֿון אומקום האָבן די קעמפֿער פֿון דער געטא אָפּגע־האַלטן זיי־ער גרעסטן טריאומף. די פֿאַרצווייפֿלטע זיינען געווען די מענטשן־פֿרעסער, די היטלעריסטן.

אין בלוט אַרן פֿײַער אַרן מיט נאָו איז דערסוד־קען אַרן דערשטיקט געוואָרן דער אויפֿשטאַנד אין דער וואַרשעווער געטא. אָבער אפילו אַזוי האָבן זיך באַוויזן צו ראָטעווען הונדערטער, וואָס זיינען איבערגעשיקט געוואָרן אויף דער צוויי־סטער זיי־ט. אָבער נאָך וויכטיקער פֿאַר דעם איז געווען דער פֿאַקט, וואָס אין דער פֿאַמע טיפֿסטער פּיצטער־ניש פֿון דער נאַכט, וועלן דער וועלדער קאָשמאַר פֿון היטלעריזם איז אַזוי סראַגיש געהאַנגען איבער די קעפּ פֿון די לעבן־געבליבענע דעשטלעך פֿון יידישן ישוב אין פּוילן, האָט מיסאַמאָל אויפֿגעשיינט אַ מי ליכט – דאָס ליכט פֿון קאָמף אַרן וויידערשטאַנד.

נישט געקוקט אויף דער אכזריותדיקער אַנט־שלאָסנקייט מצד היטלערן צו פֿאַרסלינקן יעדן יידן אין אײראָפּע אַרן אויף די אומבאַגרענעצטע מעג־לעכקייטן, וואָס ער האָט געהאַט דאָס דורכצופֿירן, איז אים אָבער זיין פֿלאַן ניט געלונגען. דער נצחון איז געבליבן מיט די, וואָס האָבן אַרויסגיידט אַרן אַנגעפּידט דעם קאָמף קעגן היטלעריזם. פֿאַרטי־ליקט איז געוואָרן היטלער, הימלער, געבעלס. דער געגנער יידן שמראָפּ, וואָס האָט זיך געקליבן צו מאַכן אַ גרויסע קאַריערע אויפֿן חשבון פֿון דער פֿאַרמליקסטער וואַרשעווער געטא, איז אויפֿגעהאָב־ען אַרן געוואָרן אין דער זעלביקער וואַרשע, וואָס ער האָט געזוכט צו פֿאַרניכטן.

די העלדישקייט פֿון די קעמפֿער אין דער וואָר־שעווער געטא אַרן דער זיג פֿון דער מענטשהייט איבערן היטלעריזם האָבן אויך פֿאַרליגט דעם באַרן פֿאַר דער גרעסטער געשעעניש אין דער מאָדערנער יידישער געשיכטע – די אָנטשטייאונג אַרן פֿאַר־פּעטואונג פֿון מדינת ישראל.

זאָל קיינער פֿון אונדז קיינמאָל ניט מיד ווערן צו דערציילן אַדער צו הערן די געשיכטע פֿון וואַרשעווער געטא־אויפֿשטאַנד, אַרן צוזאַמען דער־מיט פֿון די יאָרן פֿון מראָגחס אַרן אונטערגאַנג פֿון איינעם פֿון די לעצטע־זיקסטע, קאָלידפֿולסטע, שע־פּערישע יידישע ישובים אין אונדזער גאַנצער גע־שיכטע. פֿאַר אונדזערע אויגן דאַרפֿן אַלעמאָל שטייַן די זעקס מיליאָן, וואָס זיינען פֿרציידטיק פֿאַר־שניטן געוואָרן דורכן בּאַרבּאַרישן שונא; אין אונ־דזערע אויערן מוז אַלעמאָל קלינגען דער פֿאַר־צוויי־פֿלטער יאָמער פֿון מיט־בלוט דורכגעווײַקטער ערד פֿון טרעבלינקע, מאַידאַנעק, בעלזשעץ, סאָבי־בּאָר, בערגען־בעלזן. אין אונדזערע הערצער מוז אַלעמאָל ברענען דאָס פֿײַער פֿון שנאה אַרן האָס צו די נאַכטיקע אַרן היינטיקע שונאים פֿון אונדזער פֿאָלק אַרן פֿון דער מענטשהייט – צו די ציתדער פֿון מלחמה אַרן פֿאַרשפּרייטער פֿון אַנטיסעמיטיזם אַרן אַפֿן־האָס.

„פֿאַרן כּבוד פֿון אונדזער פֿאָלק! פֿאַר אונדזער אַרן אייער פֿרייהייט! קיינמאָל ניט פֿאַרגעסן אַרן ניט פֿאַרגעבן!" – אָס אונטער די לאָזונגען זיינען 43 מיינט לעבן־געבליבענע יידן אין דער וואַרשעווער געטא געמאַנגען צו דער שלאַכט. אַרן אויב זיי זיינען פֿיזיש אומגעקומען, האָבן זיי מאַראַליש געזיגט! זייער אויפֿטו וועט בלייבן אויף אייביק! — ש.ל.

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Outcome of Italy's election concerns Jews

Voters shift towards the right

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — The landslide victory in Italy's parliamentary elections last week by a right-wing alliance led by billionaire media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi has opened the door to a government including neo-fascists and has left many Italian Jews deeply concerned.

"The trend is evident: It is the consequence of a period of great uncertainty resulting from the recession and corruption scandals," said Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

She said she hoped that whoever became prime minister would remain true to Italy's postwar history, born "out of the ashes of fascism" and with a constitution that protects minorities and guarantees rights.

Many Jews, like many non-Jewish Italians, had a tough choice in the elections.

While some rightist candidates and Berlusconi's business-oriented platform appealed to some Jewish voters, many were reluctant to vote for any alliance that included the neo-fascists.

On the other hand, while many Jews were sympathetic to the left, some were reluctant to vote for an alliance that included hard-line Communists, who have long favored anti-Israel causes.

"I could never have voted for the right, and I supported the progressive (leftist) alliance in general," said one Rome Jew, a university professor. "But I could not vote for the Stalinists."

Berlusconi's so-called Freedom Alliance links his 2-month-old Forza Italia (Go, Italy) party with the neo-fascist National Alliance and the separatist Northern League.

The three parties now control a majority of 366 seats in the 630-member Chamber of Deputies and a qualified majority of 155 in the Senate. By contrast, former Communist Achille Orcchetto's left-wing Progressive group won 213 seats in the lower house.

The right-wing alliance's victory opens the possibility of a government that for the first time would include the neo-fascists.

"However the seats are distributed, one thing is clear," neo-fascist leader Gianfranco Fini told a victory rally. "There is no way a non-left government can be formed without our 13 percent."

Many here are worried about this possibility along with the overall success of the neo-fascists, who, with more than 13 percent of the vote, now constitute the third largest party in the country.

The neo-fascists are heirs to wartime fascist dictator Benito Mussolini and long languished at the extremes of the Italian political spectrum.

The polished, 42-year-old Fini has spent considerable effort attempting to rid the party of its old jackboot image. It even changed its name to the National Alliance from the Italian Social Movement after electoral successes in local elections last fall.

Fini also has pushed the image of his party as "clean," arguing that since it was ostracized by the government for so long, it was not involved in the corruption scandals that have virtually destroyed the traditional ruling parties and kicked hundreds of top politicians out of their jobs.

Nonetheless, militant right-wing youths were among the 2,000 people at Fini's victory rally in Rome's Piazza del Popolo, giving the straight-armed fascist salute and shouting "Duce, Duce." Il Duce, or the leader, was the title used to hail Mussolini.

Mussolini's granddaughter, Alessandra, trounced her opposition to win a parliament seat in Naples. On the eve of the election, she had condemned the recent firebombing of a synagogue in Lubeck, Germany, saying, "However these elections go, in Italy's Second Republic there won't be room for intolerance or racism."

The elections were held over two days, Sunday and Monday, in order to allow observant Jews, barred from voting on Passover, to go to the polls after sundown last Monday night.

Neo-fascists in coalition

Many non-Jewish politicians and celebrities chose to vote after sundown Monday to show solidarity with the Jewish community.

But Berlusconi angered many Jews by voting not just after sundown but — with much fanfare — at a polling place in Rome's old Jewish ghetto, where he was heckled and accused of blatant manipulation.

Zevi and other Jewish leaders told reporters that Berlusconi's move was "demagogic."

"It wasn't welcomed with an enthusiastic embrace because one can see that the right is not really inscribed in the chromosomes of our people," Zevi was quoted as saying.

She compared the move to Fini's having gone last fall to lay flowers at the Fosse Ardeatine monument outside Rome to more than 300 Romans, including about 70 Jews, executed by the Nazis in retaliation for a partisan attack during World War II.

In other races, television reporter Fabrizio del Noce ran successfully on the Berlusconi ticket in a Rome district with a strong Jewish community. He had courted the Jewish vote during his campaign based on his own well-known sympathy and support for Israel.

"For me, a candidate's attitude toward Israel and the Jews is an important reason to vote for him," said David Funaro, a Jew who actively worked for del Noce's election.

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Jews are blamed for firebombing at German shul

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LUBECK — The leader of Germany's ultra-right Republican Party, Franz Schonhuber, has laid blame for last month's firebombing of a synagogue here squarely on the head of the German Jewish community, Ignatz Bubis.

Schonhuber, a former member of the SS, described Bubis, a Holocaust survivor, as one of the country's "worst agitators," adding that the Jewish leader was "responsible for anti-Semitism in Germany."

A spokesman for the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior said that the state prosecutor is considering court action against Schonhuber for insulting Bubis. But, the spokesman added, if Bubis does not bring charges against Schonhuber "our hands are tied."

Ignatz Bubis

Bubis later issued a statement saying he will not bring charges, saying that doing so would only provide Schonhuber with a platform for launching more rhetoric.

The president of the German Parliament, Christian Democrat Rita Sussmuth, said in a statement that Schonhuber, "who makes the Jewish victims into perpetrators, deserves to be outlawed by the whole society."

The ugly statements only served to heighten raw emotions in the wake of the first firebombing of a German synagogue since World War II.

On March 25, two Molotov cocktails were hurled at the synagogue in this northern port town.

The firebombs destroyed a meeting room on the first floor of the synagogue and endangered the lives of several Jewish residents who were sleeping on the second floor.

Local police focused their investigation on local members of neo-Nazi organizations.

The synagogue was destroyed once before, on Kristallnacht, Nov. 9, 1938, when the Nazis conducted a nationwide pogrom against German Jewry.

The day after the bombing, demonstrators reportedly numbering more than 4,000 marched through the streets of Lubeck to protest the incident.

City authorities called for the observation of five minutes of silence to reflect on the implications of the attack.

Some local commentators said the attack was timed to coincide with the start of Passover. But the state district attorney said an anti-Israel motive could not be ruled out, according to a German radio report.

The state government of Schleswig Holstein, where Lubeck is located, offered a $29,000 reward to anyone providing information that would lead to the arrests of those responsible. The Federal Attorney's Office in Karlsruhe has taken over the investigation.

Six families lived in the synagogue, including the synagogue's cantor. Among them was a local Holocaust survivor who had returned to live in the town.

No one was hurt, as the residents managed to evacuate the synagogue in time. Police said one of the Molotov cocktails did not explode.

The Central Council of Jews in Germany said in a statement that the attack "belongs to a series of shameful assaults on foreigners and those believed to be foreigners that has already caused many deaths."

The council, headed by Bubis, called for tougher criminal penalties for the perpetrators of hate crimes.

Franz Schonhuber

Security tight around Bonn Israeli Embassy

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — Acting on warnings of possible terrorist activity, German police last week tightened security around the Israeli Embassy in the German capital.

A police spokeswoman said that streets surrounding the Israeli Embassy were sealed off last Tuesday and that security has been tightened around the ambassador's residence. She added that people living near the embassy have to show identity cards before they will be allowed into the area.

The new measures were taken to protect the Israeli diplomats after German intelligence sources warned of possible terrorist acts, the spokeswoman added.

She said the measures will continue during the next few days due to "the specially tense situation" in Israel.

Ilan Mor, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, said many policemen were posted at the roadblocks nearby, but that Israeli diplomats were carrying on with their normal activities.

"We did not receive any threats lately," he said.

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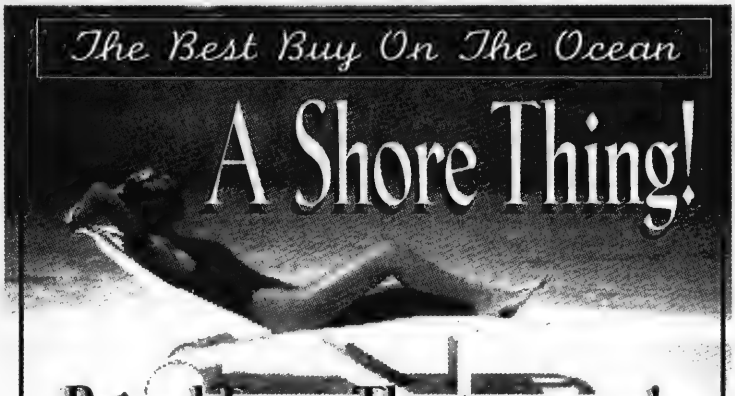

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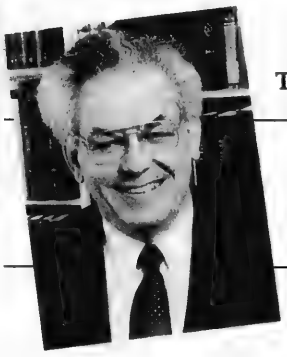

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The News in Brief

Droege Signs Consent

TORONTO — The leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front last week agreed not to communicate messages which "expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt" on the grounds of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin. Wolfgang Droege's signature on the consent order ends a 14-month-long battle over a complaint about a racist telephone hotline here.

The consent order was accepted by a panel of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, and ended its hearings into the complaint, which was filed on behalf of the Native Canadian Centre.

However, Droege and two other members of the Front still face a contempt of court charge, which is unaffected by last week's agreement. The charge alleges that Droege and the others conspired to circumvent and violate a Federal Court order — which had ordered them to cease playing the messages — by setting up a second telephone hotline.

The Front's lawyer, Harry Doan, said last week's settlement may mean the resumption of the hotline messages.

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Calling CJA 'Alumnu'

CALGARY — The Calgary Jewish Academy (CJA) is forming an alumni association. The CJA, which incorporates the Charles Waterman Talmud Torah (Calgary Hebrew School) and the I.L. Peretz School, has been providing Calgarians with Jewish education for over 75 years.

To facilitate compilation of an alumni data base, all CJA graduates and former students are encouraged to notify the school of their whereabouts, by phone or mail: The Calgary Jewish Academy "Alumnu" Association, 6700 Kootenay St. S.W., Calgary, Alta., T2V 1P7; phone: (403) 253-3992, fax: (403) 255-0842.

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Bugis Woman of the Year

EDMONTON — Hadassah-WIZO here has announced that Frieda Bugis has been chosen 1994 Woman of the Year. Bugis was honored at a luncheon late last month. She has been a popular member of the local arm of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO since joining the organization in 1953. She's been active on the national executive for more than 10 years and has served on the nominations, constitution and medical services committees. She has also been a Member-at-Large (nationally) and was Edmonton's representative for the Heritage Fund. Bugis will enter Edmonton's Hadassah-WIZO Hall of Fame.

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Bruce Elman to be Feted...

EDMONTON — Beth Shalom Synagogue here will honor its former president and current Jewish Federation of Edmonton president Bruce Elman at a testimonial dinner June 6.

Elman, associate dean of law at the University of Alberta, served as Beth Shalom president from 1989 to 1992. He is also a member of the board of the Canada-Israel Legal Co-operation Program, B'nai Brith Canada and the law and social action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

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...As Will David Freeman

VANCOUVER — Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner committee members are urging the community here to join them April 20 in a salute to Vancouver lawyer David Freeman, a pioneer on the local Jewish scene. Guest speaker at the 1994 dinner will be Gad Yaacobi, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the Jerusalem Peace Forest, which borders areas inhabited by both Arabs and Jews and has come to symbolize peaceful co-existence.

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Not Guilty Plea in Shooting

NEW YORK — Rashad Baz, the Lebanese national charged with second degree murder, attempted murder and various weapons charges in the shooting of four Lubavitch students March 1, pleaded not guilty to the charges last week.

Baz, 28, was ordered held without bail for the murder of Aaron Halberstam, a 16-year-old student, and for wounding Nachum Sossonkin, 18, who remained in "very critical" condition in hospital last week.

The teens were shot while riding in a van as it drove across the Brooklyn Bridge after a visit to a Manhattan hospital to pray on behalf of the Lubavitcher rebbe.

Also pleading not guilty were two Jordanians, Hilal Mohammed, and Bassam Reyati. Both are charged with hindering prosecution and weapons possession, but are free on bail.

Multifaith 'Universal Seder'

JERUSALEM — The seder plate included an olive branch and the Kiddush was followed by a reading from the Koran and the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic as several dozen Jews, Christians, and Muslims gathered at Jerusalem's Beit Shmuel last Monday night for a "Universal Seder."

Led by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, spiritual mentor of the U.S. chavurah movement, the gathering included local Jews and Palestinians, Black Hebrews from Dimona, and a wide array of visitors from as far as Sri Lanka and India.

The event was organized by Ruth Broyde Sharon, a Jewish filmmaker from the United States, and Dolores Gray, an African-American minister who organizes tourism to Israel, and who had arranged a similar gathering last year based around a tour of American Jews and blacks.

This year, when participants backed out following the Hebron massacre, the two women decided to go ahead with the seder.

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Beilin Plans Oman Trip

JERUSALEM — Shlomo Gur, a top aide to Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, flew to Oman last week, leading an advance team planning for Beilin's landmark visit to that Persian Gulf country as head of Israeli delegation to multilateral talks on water on April 17.

Meanwhile, Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Thani confirmed that his country will invite Israel to attend a multilateral arms control session on May 2.

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Standoff Ends Peacefully

JERUSALEM — Israeli police ended a stand-off with a group of heavily armed cultists late last month with no loss of life.

In a scene reminiscent of the Branch Davidians who holed up in Waco, Texas last year, about 100 armed followers of Yemenite Rabbi Uzi Meshulam barricaded themselves in the home of their leader in the development town of Yehud.

They vowed to kill or be killed if the government did not conduct an "honest" inquiry into the fate of an undetermined number of Yemenite babies who disappeared during 1949 and the early 1950s.

Doctors who recall that period, when tens of thousands of Yemenites arrived in Israel, say the hospitals were ill-equipped in the development towns to which the immigrants were assigned. Many children died and many were taken into hospitals without being properly registered.

The drama concluded without bloodshed, as two Knesset members promised to establish a commission to look into the issue.

Later, Police Minister Moshe Shahal appointed a commission of inquiry. Its findings are due next week.

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Preserving Ukrainian Sites

KIEV — A conference on the preservation of Jewish sites was held here in the wake of a recent accord between Ukraine and the United States that guarantees government protection of all Ukrainian Jewish sites.

The two-day seminar on March 20 and 21 was sponsored by the Jewish Preservation Committee, a group established last year by the Union of Jewish Religious Organizations of Ukraine and the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities in Ukraine.

The seminar brought together leading researchers and preservationists of Jewish sites to begin an ambitious project of documenting all Jewish cemeteries, synagogues and communal buildings in Ukraine.

Documentation is seen as the first step toward the preservation of many of these sights.

Since Ukraine attained independence in 1991, numerous synagogues which had previously been confiscated were returned to local Jewish communities.

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Artist Envisions Peace Symbol

GENEVA — A Swiss "space artist" is planning an ambitious peace symbol: a floating, wooden arch to be placed upon the Dead Sea.

Artist Pierre-Andre Vuitel of Neuchatel envisions a structure with arches rising more than 50 metres to mark the year 2000 as well as the "50th anniversary of Israel and Palestine."

The mobile monument's interior would accommodate up to 2,000 people, and be used for concerts, lectures and other cultural events.

"My work should (restore) the dignity to the peoples of the region. The harmony of the Dead Sea will do the rest," Vuitel said. "It is a project representing life on the Dead Sea."

Front Line

Occupation under siege: now stumbling to its end?

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Those who opposed the establishment of the commission that is now investigating how the massacre in the mosque was at all possible and whether it could have been avoided, knew what they were doing. But they were outvoted and as a result, much more than the details of Dr. Baruch Goldstein's crime and the appalling lassitude of security are being uncovered by the commission. The judges may stick to their limited mandate and not aim at establishing "indirect responsibility," that is, exposing the general political climate in which the episode could take place.

Whatever road it chooses, the commission may not manage to clear the air of what, in fact, is clearly emerging from the hearings. For on trial now are obviously not only Goldstein's crime and his weird Kahane philosophy. The wider periphery of many brands of nationalistic-religious extremism, which had grown during the 27 years of occupation and were actually caused by it, and the general indifference to the dangers they present are being mercilessly exposed. It is by now irrelevant to seek consolation in the fact that originally the occupation was meant to be enlightened, or that even now it still compares favorably with other occupations in modern times.

The embarrassing truth is that the myth of the smooth occupation of the territories with their hostile Arab population began to crumble nearly seven years ago when the mistake was made of confronting the intifada only militarily. Nor is it surprising that when the policy changed and the peace process was started, its opponents on both sides saw their last opportunity to sabotage its progress.

Neither Hamas and its sister organizations on the Arab side, nor the Jewish extremist-rightist groups in Israel and in the territories could reconcile themselves to the idea that the whole country cannot be theirs alone and must be partitioned once more in an overdue effort to secure for both peoples a bearable future in neighborly co-existence.

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While the commission slowly unravels the gloomy details of the massacre and the Arabs in Hebron dream of vengeance, Islamic fanatics there and elsewhere engage in sporadic attacks and are pursued by Israel's security in almost daily combat. At the same time, Jewish zealots in that city and elsewhere believe that the paroxysm of escalating violence is a sure indication of the dawning of messianic times, bound to herald redemption.

In the more down-to-earth Jewish sector, the political right surely condemns the excesses on its fringes, but it is still reluctant to co-operate with the government in an attempt to stem their activities. The official religious establishment too, with few unremarkable exceptions, is tragically missing the unique opportunity to effectively combat the primitive hatred and the related fear of peace. These are propagated in the name of religion by some religious leaders among large sectors of the uneducated public.

Concurrently, in the rest of Israel's sober and worried population, an unexpected catharsis, a keen yearning for radical change is slowly gathering strength. A great deal of soul-searching is going on, even if its outward manifestations are still not clearly articulated. The government, as well as the responsible opposition, are aware of this change in the national mood and although the gap between their official policies is as wide as ever, the writing on the wall is there for all to see.

It says clearly not only that the massacre was a disastrous episode perpetrated by a disturbed individual, but also that there is a breeding ground around Goldstein's memory which too many still revere. The episode must be a turning point. The warning does not say explicitly what will happen if it is filed away unattended. It does not have to.

Whether one likes it or not, the Israeli occupation of most territories seized in 1967 is now coming to its inevitable slow end and the only practical questions are what the Palestinians will be able to make of their emerging self rule and how skillfully the Israeli side will absorb the setback of the illusionist policies for which all the governments since 1967 bear equal responsibility. If either side or both should fail, the future will be bleak for both peoples.

With the writing on the wall in everyone's mind, it was not easy to patch up the injured peace process, but signs are that it is taking off again, after all. To the first terms of reference, self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, Hebron has been added as a third item. In fact, the new arrangements in Hebron will pave the way to finalizing the negotiations on the other two. The opponents of the peace process in Israel are up in arms against the concessions promised by the government to the Palestinians in Hebron and are demanding that the process should be halted.

Once again, no alternative is being offered. But only blind critics of the newly created circumstances will envy the PLO for this extension of its interests. In fact, it will be a very weakened PLO that has won this additional bitter prize as a result of the massacre in Hebron and will have to prove its authority in an environment of profound local distrust. It is by no means certain that it will succeed. Nor can one imagine at this stage how the many factors called upon to jointly guarantee law and order in Hebron — Israeli military, Palestinian police and UN (probably Norwegian) observers — will be able to work together.

An unprecedented sense of urgency to proceed rapidly towards some sort of comprehensive settlement — the Syrian front not excluded — is clearly now in the air. President Yitzhak Rabin's government has barely one year left to prove to the nation — and to the Arabs — that it was serious when it promised to act. Gone is the time lost in bickering over small details and over face-saving manipulations. With or without foreign assistance, important as this may be, the two parties must now join in a race for pacification and make it work. The outside world has recently shown very little capability to act decisively in local conflagrations, and small nations have been free to bleed each other to death. And there are cracks in U.S.-Russian co-operation in the Mideast peace process which could dangerously widen if results are not quickly produced.

The massacre as an accelerator of pacification? Maybe, because in the unfriendly skies darkened by the slaughter, a ray of hope is now attacking the gathering clouds, in a desperate effort to disperse them. How this battle will end, will depend on how determined the protagonists in the peace camps are to openly present the odds to their constituents against the looming alternative. If they falter, the Goldsteins on both sides, who are praying for the storm to destroy the fragile prospects of pacification, will celebrate their deadly triumph.

Soldiers face decisions of conscience

By CARL ALPERT

The Israel Defence Forces have already had some experience with soldiers who found a conflict between orders they received and their own personal principles or beliefs. There have been dozens of cases where men refused to serve in the territories or in Lebanon, claiming conscientious objection. They were prepared to do their military service anywhere else, but not under conditions to which they objected on political grounds. Many of them were sentenced to short terms in prison on charges of insubordination, and some served in repeat cases. Without actually acknowledging acquiescence, the army eventually appeared to discreetly avoid sending these soldiers into contentious areas.

The IDF is quite aware of new difficulties it will face should it become necessary to vacate certain areas. The settlers themselves have already vowed to resist any attempt to get them out. Some among them warn that they are even prepared to fight the Israeli army if necessary.

No long memory is required to recall the scenes over ten years ago when Israel's men in uniform were engaged in the unpleasant and thankless task of evacuating the last hard core settlers who barricaded themselves into the basements and on the rooftops of Yamit. No weapons were used, but there was considerable pushing and shoving and dragging as Israeli soldiers overpowered the last of the die-hards.

It must be kept in mind that this is, in effect, an army of civilians, especially when tens of thousands of reservists are called into active duty. They represent a cross-section of public opinion, and the problems become acute when their legitimate views on vital political issues come into conflict with military discipline which may require them to take unpopular action.

Former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren caused a furor not long ago when he went on public record and declared that a soldier who receives an order to evacuate a settlement would be justified, under Jewish law, in refusing to carry out such an order, since it violates the commandment to settle the land. The rabbi, who holds the reserve rank of major-general, was roundly condemned for his words, which were seen as incitement to disobedience.

Some men have already privately indicated they will not be a party to dragging women out by their hair, or evacuating crying babies.

Military authorities are not happy with the situations which could develop, and they are already giving much thought to possible courses of action. An educational program is now being conducted in the armed forces, to explain the government point of view and the blessings to be derived from a peace agreement. The price to be paid, it is being emphasized, is relatively low in return for national security. It is not for the army to reach political decisions in such matters, but to carry out policy as determined by the civilian authorities.

Loud protests were voiced to the effect that the soldiers were being given only one side of the national controversy, and in recent weeks, other points of view have been presented for groups of officers. It is bruited about that even in the top command there are some who are unhappy about the policy they may be called upon to implement. In the early stages of the negotiations, it will be recalled, the armed forces were not a party to the discussions, although they would ultimately be responsible for implementation. At a later stage Prime Minister Rabin did call on the military to take part in the talks.

There will be no easy answers to the problem.

Promises to Israeli Arabs yet to be fulfilled

By KENNETH BANDLER

More than 18 months ago, in a historic statement to the Knesset, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared that "for years we erred in our treatment of Israel's Arab citizens." Signalling a sea change in the government's approach toward the Arab minority, Rabin pledged to do everything possible to close the "substantial gaps between the Jewish and Arab communities."

However, contrary to the expectations engendered by those bold statements, the Rabin government has made little progress toward realizing its policy goals regarding the 18 per cent of Israelis who are Arabs. That is the sobering conclusion of a recently released assessment of the government's performance vis-a-vis the Arab minority. The report, prepared by a Jewish-Arab advocacy group called Sikkuy, concludes that both the prime minister and the cabinet "[have] yet to find time for significant involvement in matters relevant to the Arab citizens."

Founded in 1991 with broad support among prominent Israeli Jews and Arabs, Sikkuy (a chance in Hebrew) has been pressing the government to adopt a comprehensive, long-term program that would promote equal opportunity for Israeli Arabs. Sikkuy is the first organization in Israeli history with the standing to advocate for significant improvements in the conditions of Arab citizens.

True, the Rabin government is the first to make the economic and social needs of the country's Arab citizens a priority, and allocations toward that end were more than doubled in the 1993 budget. However, there still has not been a determined effort to replace the traditional ad hoc approach to Israeli Arabs with a long-term plan that systematically identifies gaps to be closed and sets timetables for doing so.

Among the few initiatives the Rabin government has undertaken regarding Israeli Arabs, some 50 per cent of whom live below the poverty line, is the decision to equalize Jewish and Arab incomes over a three-year period, beginning this year. This action will terminate the longstanding practice of giving families of army veterans large child allowances — a practice that has been singularly discriminatory against Arab citizens.

In education, efforts are under way to bring about equality in Education Ministry expenditures for Jewish and Arab schools, as well as to increase the number of classrooms and improve the overall quality of education in Arab communities. While these measures are presently limited to elementary schools, they represent promising steps in a vital sphere of Israeli society, which was sharply criticized in a 1992 state comptroller report citing gross disparities between Jewish and Arab schools.

Another longstanding inequity favoring Jewish communities has been in the distribution of grants from the Ministry of Interior to municipalities. The complaints of Arab mayors were answered in August 1991, when the Shamir government agreed to equalize these allocations within four years. The Rabin government has continued to implement that policy.

In contrast to the progress in these areas, efforts to remedy high unemployment and depressed economic conditions among Israeli Arabs have been negligible. The failure to integrate Israeli Arabs into public institutions remains a major problem. Notwithstanding Rabin's appointment of two Arabs as deputy ministers, virtually no Arabs are employed in any government ministry. Recommendations for ending the absence of Arabs in the civil service were offered by a government commission in 1978, but not implemented. In 1990 the Likud government committed to hire 100 Arabs each year, but there was no follow-up. The Rabin government also has yet to implement its decision to earmark 80 civil service posts and create 80 new posts for qualified Arabs.

Sikkuy cautions that "as long as Arab citizens of Israel are not visibly employed in government offices in Jerusalem and other public institutions, the feeling will persist among them that they are not real partners in the state and the danger of alienation and separatism will prevail." To rectify this critical shortcoming, Sikkuy asserts that each government minister must personally facilitate the hiring of a certain number of qualified Arabs every year. The report also strongly urges that Arabs be employed in positions that serve the general, not just the Arab, population.

Government policies regarding economic development historically have favored establishing industrial development zones and financing new businesses in Jewish communities. To facilitate economic development among Israeli Arabs, the Rabin government is establishing priority regions in which Jewish and Arab communities would enjoy the same financial benefits. However, steps have not been taken to enable the vast majority of Arab communities not located in designated areas of development to get assistance for new economic initiatives.

Successful economic development in Arab communities, observes Sikkuy, requires a mix of national government resources and the cooperation of Arab municipalities in furthering local economic initiatives. While municipalities and local entrepreneurs must assume some responsibility, Sikkuy faults the government for not providing the structure that would accelerate progress.

"The government is making a great effort to help the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza," says Sikkuy director Alouph Hareven. "You cannot perceive a parallel effort regarding Israeli Arabs."

The organized Jewish community since the Israeli-PLO Accord has been similarly focused on the welfare of Palestinians in the territories, and has not yet paid sufficient attention to the Arab citizens who will continue to live in Israel. American Jews know well from the American experience the corrosive effects of having a disadvantaged and disenchanted minority. Therefore, all of us should be cognizant of the realities facing Israeli Arabs and their long-term impact on Israeli society as a whole.

Every North American Jew should read the Sikkuy report. As our community begins to pay more attention to Israel's domestic challenges, the situation of Israeli Arabs should be given higher priority. It is time for North American Jews, together with the Israeli government, to heed the calls of Sikkuy and respond to the urgent needs of Israel's Arab citizens.

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Days of remembering

Since its founding 46 years ago on Sabbath eve, the fifth day of Iyar, Israel has never celebrated its independence without first shedding tears of remembrance for her many fallen souls.

With the going down of the sun on Yom Hazikaron, the three clarion stars announce the arrival of Yom Ha'atzmaut. It is an emotional union of individual grief with collective gratitudes. And it is also uniquely Jewish, ordering our human responses to follow the elementary canons of morality and menschlichkeit. Before we laugh, we cry. Before we spend, we acknowledge a debt. Before we sing praise, we give thanks.

Like the links on a chain forged in the hottest fire, Yom Hazikaron is preceded by Yom Hashoah. We bow our heads in reverence and we tremble with resolve. Again we mourn the catastrophe of the Holocaust. We reflect again on the fragility of our lives, the suffering throughout Jewish history, and on the inscrutability of G-d's involvement. But as we reflect, we must also concede the miracle of progression through metaphysical time. Yom Hashoah "leads" to Yom Hazikaron and to Yom Ha'atzmaut, just as victimization led to resistance, resistance to defence, and defence to rebirth.

Once granted, life brings its own burdens, the most important of which is its own preservation. Tens of thousands of dead and injured, wounded and scarred, have carried that burden for the State of Israel, which has never known a single day of peace. In the days of remembering, we think of them. We think of the sacrifice they and their families have made and of how it is a debt that can never be repaid.

This is the singular and uncompromising thought guiding Israel's leaders in their search for peace. They know that without security, there can be no peace.

And when next week we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, let us recall our bearings. We stand on a narrow ridge, life's precarious but exhilarating perch. We look back with grief, but forward with Hatikvah — the hope — in our heart.

The haunting words of the Jewish partisan express both the sorrow and the resolve:

We'll have the morning sun to set our day aglow,
And all our yesterdays shall vanish with the foe,
And if the time is long before the sun appears,
Then let this song go like a signal through the years.

So never say that there is only death for you.
Leaden skies may be concealing days of blue —
Yet the hour we have hungered for is near;
Beneath our tread the earth shall tremble: We are here!

Belated resolution

Better late than never.

The United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva recently saw fit to condemn anti-Semitism, the first such resolution in its history.

Passed unanimously under the leadership of Turkey, and supported by a diverse coalition of nations ranging from Canada and the United States to Germany and Russia, the measure was adopted nearly 50 years after the liberation of the last Nazi death camp in Europe.

The resolution — which also condemns discrimination against blacks, Muslims and Arabs — comes three years after the United Nations repealed the odious and politically-charged 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

One wonders why it took the United Nations almost five decades to categorize anti-Semitism as a phenomenon beyond the pale. Anti-Semitism is as least as old as Christianity, predates Islam, and has been a blight on Western civilization for centuries. Yet, while the United Nations was busy excoriating Israel and demonizing its national liberation movement, Zionism, the same world body somehow deemed anti-Semitism a matter of no real importance.

Lest we forget, anti-Semitism is a malignant cancer which spawned the Inquisition, inspired the Holocaust, and animates neo-Nazis and their ilk today.

Ominously enough, anti-Semitism is growing in Eastern Europe, in the former Soviet republics, and in Germany. On the eve of Passover, vandals firebombed a synagogue in Lubeck, in the first such incident of its kind since Kristallnacht. In the March 31 edition of *The Canadian Jewish News*, readers learned that a synagogue in Quebec City had been defaced with that most despicable of symbols, the Nazi swastika. South of the border, in the United States, the incidence of anti-Semitic acts and assaults also increased, while Nation of Islam demagogues like Louis Farrakhan and his lieutenant, Khalid Abdul Mohammed, spewed a torrent of anti-Jewish calumnies.

It's clear that anti-Semitism lives on. It will not be eradicated by well-meaning resolutions at the United Nations. But, after all these years, it's encouraging that the United Nations has finally condemned this recurring evil.

Letters to the Editor

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TORONTO THE KIND

On March 2, 1994, I was reminded of just how kind, warm-hearted and caring Torontonians can be. As I was crossing Viewmount at Bathurst, my foot got trapped in a snow-covered hole, and I fell. Immediately several people came to my rescue.

A TTC driver stopped the bus and asked if he could be of any help. A young female doctor who had been driving by, stopped and checked my leg and ankle and told my husband that we needed to go to the hospital. Mr. Kleinman, a very distinguished gentleman who wouldn't tell us anything other than his name, offered and then drove us to Mount Sinai Hospital. There was also a young man, who attends York University, who carried me to Mr. Kleinman's car. At the hospital, the nurse attending to my leg was extremely gentle and caring. Later at the fracture clinic, Dr. David MacIntosh showed the same warmth and compassion.

I am presently in a cast, but the thought of all these wonderful people has cheered me up a great deal. I would like to thank all of these people from the bottom of my heart. I don't know most of their names, but hopefully they will recognize themselves.

Tamara Schildkraut
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FINDS LETTER OFFENSIVE

The letter from the Vancouver-based Palestinian and Jewish Women for Peace (*CJN* March 17, 1994) was most offensive.

Why have we not once heard from this group during the five months since the signing of the Declaration of Principles as 30 Jews have been slaughtered by Palestinian Arabs? Where were their voices when Chaim Mizrachi was butchered just outside Beit-El? Why have they been silent during every terrorist attack on Jewish civilians in Israel, Turkey, Argentina and countless other locales?

To target the massacre in Hebron in isolation is a gross obscenity! If their letter is an example of how to "build understanding and trust through dialogue," then I want no part of it!

David B. Woolf
Toronto

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NOT A DRY EYE

It was very exciting to see the photograph of Dr. Cyril Fine on your editorial page (*CJN*, February 24). It awakened in me memories of inspiring events.

I met Dr. Fine in Jerusalem in 1990 at the Wolfson Clinic. As a volunteer from Emunah Women, I used to spend time there with the families of recent immigrants from the then Soviet Union who came to undergo brit milah. My "colleagues" and I would spend the day with them, helping the staff make them comfortable, preparing refreshments, chatting with them, holding their hands, and above all, celebrating with them. How uplifting it was to see Jews of all ages, who usually did not have any Jewish background, go joyfully to the operating room in order to enter the Covenant of Abraham. As a 5-year-old put it to me, and I will never forget it, "Today is really my birthday, because today I became a real Jew."

But the kiddush and the Siddurim offered by the Emunah volunteers were greatly enhanced by the presence of Dr. Fine. Dr. Fine is a surgeon, a religious Jew, who did not speak Russian, but always made sure to have someone translate his words. After all the operations were performed, he would speak to each family, in order to choose a Hebrew name according to their wishes and their family memories. One day, we saw him almost dance with joy at the news that one immigrant remembered being a "kohen." He would then address the patients, say the required prayers and give them their Hebrew names. His devotion and enthusiasm were reflected in the way all would repeat the words of the Shema with him: very often there wasn't a dry eye in the ward.

It is wonderful to see that Dr. Fine is still continuing his good deeds, and I wish him good health in registering new records.

Sarah M. Bauer
Montreal

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END LAXITY ON HEBRON

Yechiel M. Leiter, of the Yesha Council has written an article explaining the Hebron attack. According to Robert I. Friedman, author of a book on Rabbi Meir Kahane, in an article in the *Village Voice*, the Yesha Council is ". . . the Gush Emunim-dominated Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. It was a symbolic marriage of the radical right and the so-called respectable right."

Leiter, writing about the causes of the Hebron attack, says the above groups are of ". . . a community of people who have always fostered and worked for peaceful co-existence between Jews and Arabs." He goes on to say that ". . . we have always insisted that there will never be true peace unless Jews have full rights to live in all parts of our homeland [sic]." In other words, they want peace with the Arabs as long as they (the Arabs) play by their rules.

Friedman, writing extensively about the settlers' communities, fleshes out what Leiter means and what some of the leaders of some of these settlers' groups mean by peaceful co-existence. A. David Romanoff, leader of the group, This Is Our Land, is quoted as saying: "A government that cannot follow the basic tenets of the beliefs of the people does not have the right to exist." "The Jewish people have been given jurisdiction over the land by God . . . When there is a contradiction between the law of the Torah and the laws of the land, then we are obliged to follow the law of the Torah." He also says,"We cede not a square centimetre of land."

David Cohen, an American expatriate and member of Kach, one of the settler communities, puts it a little more bluntly. "It says in Numbers 33 that we will inherit the land. Inherit means that you don't inherit the inhabitants. It is inferred that you will move out the inhabitants."

Another settler, Eitan Ben David indicates they wouldn't be too fussy as to how they would remove the Palestinians. "With guns, with cannons."

I am a secular Jew who believes in the supremacy of the democratically elected Knesset and the laws they pass. These people are entitled to their beliefs concerning the supremacy of the Torah. But they should be prevented from carrying out their beliefs by the use of force, "With guns, with cannons."

It is apparent until now that the Israeli government has turned a blind eye to the atrocities committed by these settlers' groups. (And that is not to say that the Arabs have not also committed equally horrible acts.) The Hebron attack proves that this laxity is no longer possible for a government that professes it wants to proceed with the peace process.

Marvin Fremes
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Dry Bones

IN THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE PEACE PROCESS
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE NOW MOVING FASTER THAN EVER!
WHAT'S NOT SO OBVIOUS IS...
IN WHICH DIRECTION ARE WE MOVING?!

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Shooting at people, not targets

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Next time you go to the movie theatre be sure to take a good look at the preview which precedes the show itself. Chances are that you will see someone being blown up. It is the kind of image which is supposed to make you eager to spend your cash and time so that you can behold the spectacle in the fullness of its gore.

I am always surprised when I read that there are still some analysts who believe that such movies on the big screen in the theatre or the small one at home have no perceptible influence on the children we raise. It seems to me that the common perception of the rest of us must be right: You teach by example, and the screen and the tube are the major teachers of our age; they have replaced the home as the child's main instructor.

My colleague, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein of Glencoe, Illinois, recently put some of his observations on the subject in print, and they are worth repeating:

In the past, the radical rise in the number of violent deaths of children in our society would have been considered a bizarre anomaly, evoking astonished horror. They are now as commonplace and routine on the daily news, day in, day out, as the daily weather reports.

"The boy and his gun" has replaced "the boy and his dog." With shotguns available for $25, sawed-off and turned into automatic weapons, teenagers now repay their petty vengeances by shooting up cars as entertainment — or the homes or front porches of people they do not like. A young woman whose life-long ambition is to teach kindergarten, is shot while playing softball, by a teenager from a passing elevator train. Why? "Like I saw it in the movies," he confessed. In Kansas City a 15-year-old pulled out a gun in the movie house and shot his mother to death. A man in Washington, D.C., shot five people because someone had bumped him on the dance floor. A young man pulled up next to another car and shot the person in the driver's seat because he did not like the music. In the U.S. capital a survey of first and second graders (six and seven year olds!) reveals that nearly one-third had witnessed shootings and thirty-nine per cent had seen the dead bodies of those who were murdered.

Rabbi Plaut

Guns are there for the asking, and guns are for shooting. There is an old adage which says: There is no gun that sooner or later will not be fired. The question used to be only where and why — today it is, why not?

I cite these observations not in order to characterize Americans as a morally unstable nation, with habits that we in Canada have fortunately not yet embraced. Alas, there is no room for false superiority, for it is also obvious that we rush to imitate most everything south of the border and especially when television portrays it for us. Violence has come to Canada too. Patience — in time we will catch up as we usually do.

Which is to say that violence is becoming a normal and expected aspect of the way North Americans handle the resolution of their problems. The Wild West has now become the Wild Middle West and East; it covers the landscape. In the United States, the National Rifle Association has a powerful lobby, not only because it is immensely rich, but also because people like their guns despite all the dreadful statistics which they read or experience. Now another reason has been added for buying a weapon: defend yourself against your neighbor, for you never know when he will peek through his kitchen window and find you an attractive target.

Unfortunately, this culture has become an export item. Mass murderer Baruch Goldstein was after all a New York Jew, and the movement to which he gave his allegiance was American born in the very violence of its objectives.

Koheleth says that there is a season for everything, a time for every experience under heaven . . . a time for slaying and a time for healing.

Those who think that the time for healing is now may still be in the minority. But slowly and inexorably they will say: "Enough!" and will draw the consequences. Maybe it will happen sooner in Israel, amongst both Arabs and Jews, than it will in North America. In either case, it couldn't happen soon enough.

Auntie Rosie: an integral part of our family

By JUDITH RUBINSTEIN

I remember the wonderful summers I spent in my grandparents' home, the special attention and the firm but loving discipline my maternal grandma gave me. She was a very special lady who helped me through the trials and tribulations of growing up.

Her approval of any decision I had to make was very important to me. When my own children were growing up, they missed the love and emotional support only grandparents can give.

While they were very young, they didn't really know what they were missing, although I did. It was more difficult for me to raise them without the support and loving care of grandparents.

Unfortunately, our whole family consisted only of young adults. The entire older generation was wiped out by the horrors of World War II.

The real problems started when the children entered the school system. All of a sudden they realized that the other children had something they had never heard of: grandparents — bubbies and zaides — whom they visited or who came to visit them. And with whom they exchanged gifts. All this made them aware that they were missing an important part of the family structure.

They often came home from school complaining. "Why?" they wanted to know. It was very difficult for me to explain, as they were still too young to understand the tragedy that shadowed our lives.

Then a miracle happened. The Hungarian Revolution started in 1956. The borders were open for a short while, and freedom-loving people left the country. Many of them arrived in Toronto: a mass of tired, frustrated people without a trade, money or knowledge of the English language, and no support from family or friends.

The Canadian government did its best to accommodate them, but it was extremely difficult to absorb so many immigrants in such a short time. While they were looking for job opportunities and a place to live, they were sheltered temporarily at the Red Cross building, where they received the basic necessities.

Since I had been a newcomer only a few years earlier, I understood and sympathized with their multitude of problems very well.

I started to visit them regularly, offering assistance with language, housing, registering of children in school; or just listening to their problems and complaints. I tried my best to help, but most of the issues were too big for me to resolve.

Auntie Rosie and the great grandchildren (from left): Jesse, Erez, Ilan, Tamar, Alisha, Zeke and Hadassa.

The most important part of my role, and that of other former Hungarians, was the encouragement we tried to give. We were sympathetic to the plight of these new immigrants, and told them that all would pass in good time.

On my very first visit to the centre, I met an elderly couple. They were frightened and lonely. I felt as if I had known them for a long time. The woman was a very intelligent, very sensitive person, with a good sense of humor. The husband was just the opposite, already regretting that he had left the security and familiarity of his former home. He worried terribly about how he would make a living without a trade or any knowledge of English.

To ease their misery, I invited them to our house, and they became part of our weekends and holidays. Our son Eli was eight, and Rochelle was three at the time. They fell in love with the friendly couple instantly. "Auntie Rosie," as they called her, showered them with hugs and kisses, without being able to talk to them.

The children felt the love being lavished on them, and gave the couple all their attention in return.

Then one day, my daughter came to me with a great idea. "Mummy," she told me, "I want Auntie Rosie to be my grandmother."

I was stunned for a minute by the strange request; then I realized what a wonderful solution this would be to fill the gap of the missing grandparents.

By that time, Auntie Rosie had a reasonable command of the English language and Rochelle's Hungarian had improved. The very next opportunity she had, she shyly approached Auntie Rosie with the question, "Auntie Rosie, would you like to be my grandma, please?"

I watched the surprise and pleasure in Auntie Rosie's face, and then, with a big smile, she picked up the child, and replied with tears in her eyes, "Yes, darling, it will be an honor to be your grandma."

And so we acquired a grandma whose caring is genuine and sincere.

A few years later, Rosie's husband passed away. The bond she had with our family became even stronger.

Now that my children are married, they bring their children to visit Auntie Rosie, who lives in a retirement home. In every family get-together, we include her as a member of the family. As with any grandmother, when her "grandchildren" come to visit, she proudly presents them to her friends, and she carries their pictures with her at all times.

First seder initiated Warsaw Ghetto revolt

By SAM LIPSHITZ

For hundreds of years Jews have followed the custom of sitting down to the seder on the first evening of Passover. But, before one sits down to eat, it is also the custom for the youngest member of the family to ask the fir kashes (the four questions), the first of which asks, "why is this night different from all the other nights of the year?"

This same question was also asked on the evening of April 19, 1943, in the Warsaw Ghetto. But, not at a traditionally bedecked seder table but on the roofs and walls and in the bunkers, at the barricades and all the defensive positions. And the answer given was, "On this night we raise our weapons in resistance to the Nazis."

That first seder evening initiated the greatest physical and moral battle in the history of the murderously-depleted Polish Jewish community. It was also a battle that proved to be one of the most important in the war against Hitlerism.

In the destruction and flames that spread from block to block, the resistance of the young fighters presented the world and the Nazis with the spirit of the liberty and freedom they hoped a new, post-Nazi world would reflect. Though no match for the Nazis in sheer force of armament, the young held out for months and left the Nazis shaken. Hitler's minions knew that even though the ghetto guns were finally silenced theirs was not a complete victory. Hundreds of Jews were smuggled out to the "other side" and would bear witness to the story of the Jewish fighters who bearded the Nazi war machine and showed that Jews would resist and could resist.

Their resistance shattered the stereotype of the Jew so carefully cultivated by Hitler, Himmler and Goebbels. Their resistance stopped the forward march of the General Jurgen Stroop — who looked at the easy liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto as a step up in his career. That same General Stroop was hung as a war criminal in that same Warsaw ghetto he could not spiritually break.

The heroism of the Warsaw ghetto fighters and the struggle of the Allies against Hitlerism laid the foundation for the greatest occurance in modern Jewish history — the establishment of the State of Israel.

Let none of us become so jaded that the telling and retelling of the story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the destruction of East European Jewry with its rich culture and social institutions is put out of our minds when we tell the Passover story.

Let us never forget the 43,000 Warsaw ghetto Jews who honored us all by their resistance. Let us never forget the six million who perished in the horror of the Nazi death camps. In our hearts must forever burn the fire of hate for the Nazis who were and for the Nazis who are — those who could again subject the world to war, racial hatred and anti-Semitism.

Features

The Holocaust in Hungary

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Fifty years ago last month, Nazi Germany invaded Hungary, its putative ally, and unleashed a reign of terror that decimated Hungary's Jewish community.

Until March 19, 1944, the day of the German occupation, Hungarian Jewry had been relatively insulated from the Holocaust.

True, Jews had been humiliated and persecuted by anti-Semitic Hungarian governments — stripped of their civil rights, robbed of their wealth and forced into labor battalions.

Furthermore, between the summer of 1941 and the winter of 1942, German SS troops, aided by the Hungarian military, murdered tens of thousands of Jews in Galicia (Kamenets-Podolski) and in Yugoslavia (Novi Sad).

By the time the German army marched into Hungary, 63,000 Jews in Hungary and in territories controlled by Hungary had already been killed.

According to the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*, edited by Israel Guttman, Hungary's Jewish population in 1941 was 725,000, or nearly 5 per cent of the total populace.

Of this number, approximately 400,000 Jews lived within the boundaries of Hungary as it had been mapped out under the Treaty of Trianon after World War I. Under this treaty, Hungary lost about two-thirds of its land and many of its inhabitants.

The remaining Jews resided in Hungarian-occupied areas seized from Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia from 1938 to 1941.

In addition, Hungary was home to about 100,000 persons — converts and Christians of Jewish origin -- who were racially classified as Jews and therefore subjected to discriminatory legislation, the first of which had been enacted in 1920.

Hungarian regimes stripped Jews of their rights

The law of 1920, which restricted the admission of Jewish students into universities, went into effect after Miklos Horthy deposed a short-lived left-wing regime headed by Bela Kun, a Jew. Horthy was the dominant political figure in Hungary, the regent, from 1920 to 1944.

Widely popular, Horthy's authoritarian regime was mildly to overtly anti-Semitic. Under his leadership, Hungary formed close economic and political relations with Nazi Germany. With German backing, the Hungarians redrew their borders at the expense of their neighbors.

Beholden to Germany as a result of these territorial rewards, Hungary entered into a formal alliance with Berlin and its allies, Italy and Japan, and declared war on the Soviet Union. By 1942, the bulk of the Hungarian army was fighting alongside Germany on the Eastern front.

Not unexpectedly, Hungary's dalliance with Germany had domestic repercussions.

Before the 1930s, reactionary politicians, supported mainly by the lower middle-class and the army, had long been calling for anti-Semitic policies to curtail Jewish influence, both in the economy and in the cultural life of the nation.

Conservative and aristocratic elements in the ruling class opposed such chauvinistic appeals, believing they would be counter-productive, writes Nathaniel Katzburg in *Hungary and the Jews*.

During the 1930s, as the Depression intensified and instability loomed, Hungary's elite panicked and abandoned the Jewish community to its fate.

From 1938 to 1941, the Hungarian government promulgated three increasingly harsh anti-Jewish laws which gradually reduced the Jews' role in the economy to six per cent, identified Jews in racial terms and conscripted Jewish men of military age into forced labor units.

These edicts, Katzburg writes, ruptured "the community of interests" which had existed between Jews and Magyars.

At this point, he adds, the Jewish question was primarily a socio-economic issue, to which the "appropriate solution" was the limitation of the proportion of Jews in particular occupations. The very existence of Jews in Hungary was not questioned, as it would be in the penultimate year of the war.

Thus, in 1942 and 1943, Horthy rejected German pressure to impose still harsher measures — the exclusion of Hungarian Jews from *all* economic activities, the mandatory wearing of the infamous yellow star, ghettoization and, finally, deportation.

However, in deference to local anti-Semitic radicals and Germany, the leader of the fascist Arrow Cross party, Ferenc Szalasi, was released from prison, and the ban barring civil servants from joining extremist parties was lifted.

With Germany's catastrophic defeat at the Battle of Stalingrad in 1943, and with Hungarian casualties on the Eastern front fast escalating, Hungary's prime minister, Miklos Kallay, began to search for ways to extricate Hungary from the war and join forces with the Western allies in opposition to Germany.

In line with this policy, Kallay consistently rejected German demands that Hungary take part in the Final Solution. Indeed, Jewish leaders pinned their hopes on Kallay's and Horthy's ability to keep the Germans at bay.

With the Red Army closing in on Hungary, Hitler launched Operation Margaret. On March 18, 1944, Hitler invited Horthy to Germany and informed him that a German invasion was imminent.

On March 22, Kallay was dismissed and replaced with Dome Sztojay, a pro-German figure whose government was riddled with anti-Semitic collaborators. Among his ministers were some of Hungary's most notorious anti-Jewish demagogues, Laszlo Endre, Laszlo Baky and Laszlo Ferenczy.

As expected, Sztojay's quisling regime adopted a rash of anti-Jewish decrees. This greatly pleased the special German task force which had been ordered to deal decisively with the so-called Jewish problem.

The German team was composed of Adolf Eichmann, Hermann Krumey, Dieter Wisliceny, Edmund Veesenmayer and Otto Winkelmann.

At their behest, the Gestapo immediately arrested 200 Jewish doctors and lawyers in Budapest, and whisked them off to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

According to historian Martin Gilbert, the Gestapo then fanned out into the countryside and began to prepare voluminous lists of Jews who would be subject to deportation.

By means of deception, Eichmann and his cohorts succeeded in convincing some Jewish leaders that Germany had no evil designs on the community. "After the war," he told a meeting, "the Jews would be free to do whatever they wanted."

Pathetically seduced by Eichmann's soothing words, one Jewish leader, Fulop Freudiger, noted in a letter to a colleague: "I do not believe that we shall suffer the same fate that befell Polish Jews. We shall have to give up our wealth, we must be prepared for many struggles and deprivations, but I am not worried for our lives."

He should have been.

By April 1944, the Sztojay regime had enacted Draconian legislation which isolated Jews in ghettos, deprived them of their property, valuables and livelihood, and forced them to wear the dreaded yellow star.

Ghettoization started in the provinces, mainly affecting pious Jews in Ruthenia and Transylvania, and gradually spread to the rest of the country outside Budapest.

The next step in the gruesome process, deportation, which culminated in genocide, got under way in mid-May. Between May 15 and July 9, about 434,000 Jews from 55 centres were shipped in freight cars to Auschwitz. Historians agree that the deportations were a joint effort of the German and Hungarian authorities.

On July 7, with over 150,000 Hungarian Jews still alive, Horthy, anxious to ingratiate himself with the Allies, ordered the deportations stopped. In fact, they continued for two days, sweeping away Jewish communites in western Hungary and around Budapest.

Shortly afterward, Horthy offered to allow several categories of Jews to emigrate, primarily to Palestine. The Allies were receptive, but Germany balked. Consequently, Horthy's manoeuvre collapsed.

However, the Germans were not totally resistant to rescue efforts, provided there was something in it for them. In the final months of the war, Eichmann and Wisliceny were involved in negotiations with Hungarian Jewish leaders such as Joel Brand and Rezso Kasztner, observes University of Toronto scholar Michael Marrus in *The Holocaust in History*.

Kasztner cut a deal with the Germans which saved several thousand Jews. But Eichmann's talks with Brand on exchanging the lives of one million Jews in return for 10,000 trucks and other materials proved inconclusive.

Horthy's intervention in extermination was just a reprieve

As it turned out, Horthy's intervention in the extermination process was merely a reprieve.

On Oct. 15, 1944, following an abortive attempt to sign a peace agreement with the Allies, Horthy was deposed by the Germans. Szalasi, the rabid Arrow Cross fuhrer, took over. The Arrow Cross proceeded to terrorize, rob and kill Jews in Budapest. Thousands more were deported and sent on death marches.

In December, a month before Hungary was liberated, 70,000 Jews were squeezed into a ghetto near the venerable Dohany Street synagogue. Untold numbers succumbed to disease, starvation and the cold.

In what was a glimmer of light in the darkness, Raoul Wallenberg — a Swedish diplomat of Jewish descent — saved many Jews in the capital by extending the protection of the Swedish embassy.

The war years were disastrous for Hungarian Jewry. *The Encyclopedia of the Holocaust* estimates that 564,500 Jews perished during the war — 63,000 before Germany's occupation, and 501,000 after that. Of these, about 267,000 were from post-1918 Hungary: 85,000 from Budapest; 182,000 from the provinces; and 233,000 from Hungarian territories in Romania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

For almost five years after Germany invaded Poland in 1939, the Jews of Hungary were more or less able to stave off the Final Solution. But with Germany's invasion, and a fiercely anti-Semitic Hungarian regime in place, the Holocaust finally swept over the Jewish community.

The Dohany Street synagogue in Budapest, near which a ghetto was established.

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the past two years, Israel has broken out of its diplomatic isolation — forging relations with the Vatican, China, India and a host of other developing nations, re-establishing ties with black African and Eastern European countries, opening new embassies in former Soviet republics and sowing the seeds of future co-operation with Morocco, Jordan and the Gulf states.

Amid the rush of these developments, Israel's evolving relationship with Turkey — the first Muslim country to recognize Israel back in 1949 — has either been consigned to the back pages or completely ignored by the media.

This is a glaring oversight, since Turkey — a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and a former colonial power in the region — is one of the most important players in the Middle East.

Recognizing Turkey's geo-political importance as a non-Arab Muslim state, David Ben-Gurion — Israel's first and greatest prime minister — courted Turkey. The Turks were slow to respond. Out of solidarity with the Muslim world, Turkey voted against the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan. But after the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli war, Israel and Turkey entered into formal relations, which, in the words of one Israeli observer, followed "a roller-coaster course."

Following the signing of the Baghdad Pact with Iraq in 1955, Turkey scaled back relations with Israel. After Israel's 1956 war with Egypt, Turkey recalled its minister from its legation in Tel Aviv. In return for Arab support during a crisis in Cyprus in the early 1960s, Turkey reduced relations with Israel yet again.

In 1980, after the Knesset passed a law reaffirming Jerusalem's status as Israel's undivided capital, Turkey showed displeasure by withdrawing its charge d'affaires and leaving its legation in the hands of a lowly second secretary.

Turkey warmed up to Israel after a civilian government replaced the military regime in the mid-1980s. The volume of trade increased, as did the flow of Israeli tourists.

Since then, two major events in the annals of the Middle East have enhanced Israel's profile in Ankara — the convening of the Madrid peace conference in 1991 and Israel's 1993 agreement with the PLO.

Israel and Turkey

In March 1992, Israel and Turkey upgraded ties to the ambassadorial level. Several months later, Chaim Herzog visited Turkey, the first by an Israeli president. It was billed as an unofficial trip, but for all intents and purposes, it was a state visit.

The commander of the Israeli Air Force, Gen. Herzl Bodinger, paid an official trip to Turkey last August, the first by a senior Israeli officer. The chief topic of discussion was military co-operation.

In November 1993, Hikmet Cetin became the first Turkish foreign minister to set foot on Israeli soil. Cetin and his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres, signed a series of economic and cultural accords. While in Jerusalem, Cetin presented Peres with a draft agreement on security co-operation against terrorism and drug trafficking. For the past few years, Israel and Turkey have shared intelligence about Syria. Turkey's ties with Syria are strained in a dispute over the waters of the Euphrates River and Syria's tacit support of anti-Turkish Kurdish rebels.

The visit to Turkey of Israeli President Ezer Weizman two months ago was the most recent sign that Israeli-Turkish relations are on the upswing.

Focusing on economic and industrial co-operation with Turkey, Weizman met with President Suleiman Demirel and Prime Minister Tansu Ciller.

Accompanied by a top-level delegation of businessmen, some from Israel's military industries, Weizman reportedly discussed a possible $500 million deal under which Israeli companies would upgrade Turkey's fleet of American-built F-4 Phantoms and F-5 fighter-bombers.

Water was also on the agenda. Like most Middle Eastern states, Israel is short of water. Turkey, however, is awash in it, and the importation of Turkish water by pipeline to Israel seems like an area of likely co-operation in the future.

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

With the garnering of seven Academy Awards, *Schindler's List* will surely find its place in the list of Western movie classics. For Jews, though, the movie resonates with deeper meaning a point emphasized by the timing of the awards ceremony. Hollywood crowned the movie in Nisan, the month that plays such an important role in Jewish life with the celebration of Pesach and the commemoration of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day).

The Jewish calendar plays a very significant role in Judaism. It calls upon the Jew to celebrate or commemorate an important event and often at the same time, to relive an experience of the past. In Jewish life, history is not something that is relegated to the musty pages of a limited circulation academic tome. Our history stimulates us to observe the rituals, laws and customs which have withstood the test of time and remain essential to our survival as a vibrant, dynamic nation in Israel and a Jewish community in the Diaspora. There is a classic statement that declares "only the people that honor and glorify the past will be able to perpetuate its future."

Schindler's List reminds the entire world that it did not care and did nothing to help during the Holocaust. Unbelievably, even now, just 50 years later, there are still many people who want to deny that these atrocities took place.

Even after the ghetto walls broke down and there was no longer a hundred per cent commitment to all aspects of Judaism, the Jewish community was still filled with religious fervor and cultural commitment to Jewish life in so many different ways. Beginning with the mass immigration in 1882 to North America and on a smaller scale to Israel, the Eastern European Jews were responsible for creating the North American Jewish community and were directly responsible, in conjunction with their Sephardi brethren, for the establishment of Israel.

The days of Pesach and Yom Hashoah call upon the Jews to remember our past and relive it in our daily life. Chaim Weizmann who was not a particularly observant Jew, once declared that since a third of our people were killed in the Holocaust, the Jews themselves must become a third more observant, knowledgeable and committed to the Jewish way of life. In recalling the European community, we should remember that it was one of the most intense and fully observant Jewish societies of all times. For the Jew, then, it is a religious obligation to remember not only the Holocaust but also the eastern European community which was destroyed in it.

In Europe, Judaism flourished amidst suffering and persecution. In North America, although there are far too many instances of anti-Semitism, hopefully there is no physical danger to our survival. Instead, we must battle to maintain our spiritual survival. Continuity has become a very important word and concept today. We must not pay lip-service to it, but make sure that our children get a meaningful Jewish education, which also includes their seeing adults as proper Jewish role models. Without this emphasis on Jewish education, we may be guilty of the terrible sin of handing over to Hitler a posthumous victory.

Israel, which is strong militarily must be equally concerned with its spiritual vigor. Living in Israel is not enough by itself to maintain a strong Jewish identity. Only by sowing the spiritual seeds and revitalizing our Jewish roots will we sanctify the lives of the victims of the Holocaust and ensure that the holy ones will always be in our hearts and minds. More importantly though we will ensure our future as a strong unified people governed by the values that have led us through the ages.

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Rabbis urge soldiers to disobey

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's National Religious Party is in turmoil over rabbinical calls to soldiers to disobey orders to evacuate Jews from Hebron.

A trio of rabbis last week issued a halachic pronouncement saying that orders to evacuate Jews from that West Bank town are "a sin equivalent to the eating of pork."

The three rabbis — former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, Moshe Zvi Neriya and Shaul Yisraeli — are seen as the NRP's spiritual guides, although the party does not have a supreme rabbinical council as do the Orthodox Agudath Yisrael and Shas parties.

There have been increased calls for the removal of the approximately 400 settlers living among 70,000 Palestinians in Hebron since the Feb. 25 mosque massacre at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in remarks to reporters, branded the rabbis' call to disobey army orders as marking "the beginning of the destruction of the (Israel Defence Force) and of the security of the state."

Rabin added that calls by rabbis "or any other elements," are tantamount to "the destruction of the basic fabric of Israeli society."

But NRP Knesset member Yitzhak Levy endorsed the halachic pronouncement as the official line of the party.

"We are behind the rabbis, without any hesitation," said Levy, one of six NRP officials serving in the Knesset.

Levy's endorsement immediately provoked other NRP Knesset members — including the parliamentary faction's chairman, Yigal Bibi, and former cabinet ministers Zevulun Hammer and Avner-Hai Shaki — to protest and demand a meeting with the rabbis to clarify the issue.

Bibi previously made clear his stance on the matter of disregarding clear army directives when he publicly stated, "I could not ask my son, a brigade commander, to disobey orders."

Rabbi Yosef Burg, the NRP's elder statesman and a longtime former interior minister, strongly condemned the rabbis' statement.

"This is a political matter," he said, adding, "I reject the rabbis who made such a pronouncement. It is religiously unacceptable."

Secular right-wing parties, including Likud and Tsomet, have sharply rejected the rabbinical ruling, as have the Labor Party and its coalition partner, Meretz.

"I cannot condone disobedience to legal orders," said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

"There must be total obedience by soldiers. Our problem is that this government is pushing a major segment of the population into a corner and is causing a rift which might be impossible to repair."

The fervently religious Shas party and the United Torah Judaism bloc have so far remained silent on the issue.

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York Region to postpone start of school year

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Following two hours of impassioned speeches on tolerance, sensitivity and the importance of Rosh Hashanah, trustees of the York Region Board of Education last week voted to delay the start of the 1994-1995 school year until after the Jewish new year.

By a 12-8 vote at the standing-room-only meeting, trustees approved what they called a compromise: instead of beginning the next academic year on Sept. 6, the first day of Rosh Hashanah — as had been originally scheduled — the school year will start on Sept. 8.

The compromise will have no effect on Jewish students, who will be spared missing the first two days of classes. Instead, Jewish teachers and staff will be affected, since trustees approved closing schools Sept. 6 and making Sept. 7 a Professional Activity (PA) day, meaning Jewish staff will have to make up that day.

Nevertheless, the decision was welcomed by B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), which began lobbying the board months ago to delay the start of the year in order to accommodate Jewish students, parents and staff.

In effect, the trustees voted to overturn a decision reached earlier by the board's standing committee on the school year.

Last month, the sub-committee voted to disregard the recommendations of the board's race relations committee, which in a 14-page study warned that starting school Sept. 6 would be "extremely disruptive" to Jewish pupils and staff, leave them "ill-prepared," and force them to choose between their faith and school. [*CJN*, March 17].

BBC and CJC agreed, saying Jewish students would be placed at an unfair disadvantage if they missed the key first two days of school.

Congress had asked Ontario Education Minister David Cooke to intervene, but Cooke directed individual boards to deal with the matter, as long as the required number of school days was met.

Presentations from the community-at-large implored trustees to realize that this was not just a Jewish issue, but would send a message about how all minorities are treated.

It was pointed out that the coincidence of Rosh Hashanah and the first two days of school has not happened in recent memory and likely would not reoccur for decades.

"It's a virtually once in a lifetime occurrence," remarked Ellen Cole, vice-chair of the community relations committee of CJC's Ontario region.

The first two days of school are of "vital importance in terms of orientation and socialization," especially for younger children, Cole said.

Starting the year Sept. 8 would not set a precedent for accommodating the holidays of other faiths, she argued.

Cole noted that five of the six Metro Toronto school boards have chosen to delay the start of the school year so as not to conflict with Rosh Hashanah. The sole exception is the Scarborough board.

The same sentiments were echoed by Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC.

"We believe that rescheduling [the start of the year] is of concern not only to Jews but to all members of the community at large," Dimant said in his presentation.

Alan Shefman and Hugh McKeown, representing the board's race relations advisory committee, noted that at no time was the "do nothing" option — beginning the year Sept. 6 — recommended by the committee.

They pointed out that starting on Sept. 6 would also affect Jewish teachers and would require the board to take on supply staff at the daily rate of roughly $170 for each person hired.

"This is not a matter of giving in ... of giving importance to one faith over another," said McKeown. "This is a matter of treating people fairly and equally."

While no presenter argued against the delay, several trustees did.

Trustee Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville said he knows "lots" of parents who don't send their children to school for the first few days, and that he "really objects" to charges of discrimination.

Trustee Brenda Hogg of Richmond Hill was roundly jeered when she said she fears "anger and frustration" would be directed at the Jewish community if the year was delayed. She said she doesn't think her community is ready for the change.

Trustee Susan Kadis of Thornhill called the vote a "breakthrough" and later told *The CJN* she is "very proud" to serve on the board.

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Carla Rice, Body Image consultant at Women's College Hospital, laments what she refers to as "the invisibility of the majority of women in our culture because of the prevalence of the thin, blond, young ideal." Rice hits home when she says, "Women are so very beautiful in all our diversity. The narrowing down of all women to a single constructed and, for the most part, unreal standard of beauty is demeaning to women."

Paediatricians today experience the frustration of watching healthy young patients deliberately starving themselves to meet this standard. **Dr. Diane Sacks**, columnist for the *Toronto Star* and Teen Clinic physician, claims that eating disorders do not simply involve the individual but are a family issue. Poor self-image and image anxiety in a parent can be unintentionally transmitted to young children.

Awareness is the first step to renewed self-esteem. When up to 15% of female teens have symptoms of bulimia, it is urgent that we examine the causes and take steps for prevention.

Young Jewish women ... at greater risk

Young Jewish women seem to be at greater risk because of the ethnic stereotyping that damages their self-esteem. **Paula Caplan**, psychologist and author of *Don't Blame Mother*, finds that Jewish women are confronted with the destructive, negative images in their own culture and the society-at-large. These negative images, perpetuated by "JAP" and Jewish mother jokes, promote ethnic blending and the desire to not act or look "too Jewish."

When we decrease the negative imagery of Jewish women and increase the visibility of all women, women will begin to be valued and accepted as they are and, thus, women will value themselves. As Gloria Steinem said in her book, *Revolution from Within*, "Self-esteem isn't everything; it's just that there's nothing without it..."

Education and Advocacy First Priority for JWF

The Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation has presented programming that empowers women to learn, to take charge and where necessary, to promote change. In past years, programs have successfully presented issues of importance such as raising a mensch, violence against women, women's health care, and the feminization of poverty, and have brought about ongoing advocacy on behalf of these issues.

"Enriching our community is one of our prime concerns" says Glennie Lindenberg, president of JWF. "By bringing to the community issues of importance to Jewish women we are fulfilling a vital part of our mandate."

On **Thursday, May 5**, the Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation will again challenge the community to become pro-actively involved in a topic that concerns us all.

Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass — Challenging Perceptions for Ourselves and Our Daughters is the title of this year's program. What are society's perceptions of women, in particular Jewish women, and what are these perceptions doing to the self-image and self-esteem of ourselves and our daughters? We must realize the damage that is being done and then learn how to become advocates for change.

"Jewish women have always been leaders in areas of social concern and we, as a group, can be effective in mobilizing change," insists **Jill Reitman**, vice-president of JWF.

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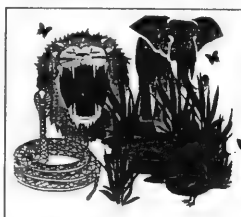

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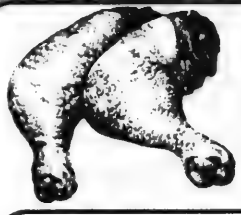

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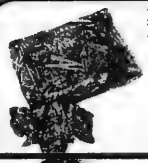

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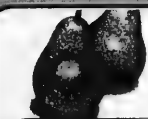

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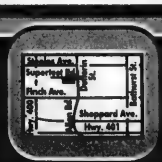

Report recommends tougher anti-hate laws

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Canada's anti-hate laws should be strengthened with sentencing provisions that increase the penalties for racially motivated crimes, and membership in a hate group ought to be a criminal offence.

These were two recommendations in a report recently released by the Metropolitan Council co-ordinating committee to combat hate group activity and racist attacks.

The report contains a total of 38 recommendations made by panelists at a November 1993 community forum on combatting racism. The panelists included representatives from the Canadian Jewish Congress, the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, the Chinese Canadian National Council, the 519 Church Community Centre, the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Hate Crimes Unit of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force.

Among legislative changes called for in the report are additions to the Criminal Code, making the desecration of religious institutions and cemetaries a crime and Holocaust denial an offence.

The report recommends that the attorney general be more "assertive" in enforcing the section of the Criminal Code that deals with hate crimes by "encouraging the police to lay charges under the anti-hate law provisions if the police believe that they have sufficient evidence to proceed to trial." Since 1972, it states, the anti-hate laws have been used only twice in Metro Toronto.

Metro councillor Bev Salmon, chair of the action committee to combat racism, said the co-ordinating committee has requested a meeting with Ontario's attorney general to discuss the role of the criminal justice system in combatting racism.

She added that the action committee and Metro Council recently endorsed a resolution of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding hate-motivated crime. "This resolution makes recommendations to the criminal justice system and all levels of government. The contents of the resolution, I am pleased to say, are very similar to those contained in our forum report."

Victims of hate activity and their families should be offered counselling, according to the report, "as victims of racial violence often become depressed, isolated, fearful of society and sometime violent towards their own family members." Providing victims with legal advice and a companion when they go to court were other proposals.

Some of the committee's other recommendations are that:

- Training in anti-racism be made mandatory for police, judges and social workers.
- Victim assistance programs be offered in languages other than English.
- Telephone hotlines be set up by community-based agencies to provide victims with a "safe" place to call and the agencies be supported in the compilation of statistics.
- School principals document hate group activities and racial incidents.
- Anti-racism principles be built into teachers and principals' performance appraisal and they should be disciplined for racism or failing to respond to racist activities.

Victoria bans distribution of racist material at city hall

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Victoria city council has banned the distribution of racist literature at city hall and in all city-administered buildings.

The ban was approved by the council because a local "novelty" publication, the *Daily Victorian*, which is published weekly, carried what city councillors termed a racist column by Doug Collins, a Vancouver writer. The publication has been distributed free at city hall but distribution will no longer be permitted.

Collins, who does a column for Vancouver's *North Shore News*, has long been criticized by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region and others in the Jewish community for his views on Jewish matters. His March 16 column in the *Daily Victorian* was highly critical of *Schindler's List* and claimed that "what happened to the Jews during World War II is not only the longest lasting but the most effective propaganda exercise ever . . . Hardly a day goes by that press, radio and television don't mention something about the six million. The figure is nonsense but media folk go on parroting what everyone 'knows.' I used to do the same."

Councillor Bob Friedland, the only Jewish member of Victoria's city council, raised the issue of the Collins column with council, calling it "the vilest anti-Semitic crap that I have ever seen in a mainstream publication in Canada. People in the city have been very deeply hurt and concerned about this." He said the community should be assured that city hall will not disseminate hatred and racism.

Councillor Helen Hughes described the March 16 column as "one of the most prejudicial articles I have ever seen." Councillor Laura Acton told *The CJN* the column was definitely racist in tone and "we cannot tolerate it."

Friedland told *The CJN* he is a proponent of free speech but "in many ways I differ from other people who say free speech should be limited." Collins, he added, has the right to think and say what he wants — but the column should not be distributed in city hall.

The *Daily Victorian* is a broadsheet, with a circulation claimed to be 8,000. It carries news dating back to the beginning of the century, but the columns of the paper are interspersed with some current community news. In the masthead it invites correspondents "to express your thoughts and opinions." The lead story of the March 15 issue was bannered "155,000 Russian troops perish," and was datelined St. Petersburg, March 15, 1905.

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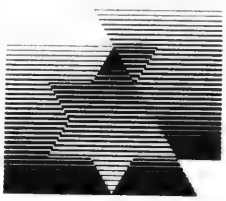

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Assimilation a common problem for Jews everywhere: Hartman

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In trying to reconcile modernity with Judaism, Rabbi David Hartman has discovered that, although they may not know it yet, Jews everywhere share the same single, overriding concern.

The baggage that comes with modernity — assimilation — threatens not only Disapora Jewry, but also Jews in Israel, where not even a Jewish state can alone guarantee that future generations will be Jewish, he says.

"One cannot assume the loyalty of the next generation," warns Rabbi Hartman, head of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, a leading think tank dedicated to the premise that pluralism and Judaism can coexist. "A deeper sense of commitment is needed now, but one with content. Continuity requires content, not simple formulas. When you worry about continuity without content, you panic."

Thinker, visionary — described by *Time* magazine as "perhaps Israel's paramount religious philosopher" — Rabbi Hartman feels he has a delicate balancing act: how to bolster Jewish identity in a world in which Jews are bombarded with Western, liberal, pluralistic and often, non-Jewish, values.

In fact, the topic Jewish Survival: Are We at Risk? is what Rabbi Hartman will address on April 18 at Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation (37 Southbourne Ave.) in the inaugural Sol Lederman Memorial Lecture, beginning at 8 p.m.

While Jews in the Diaspora are experiencing "a deeper sense of integration into the framework of their culture" — which poses its own danger — Jews in Israel are threatened by assimilation too, Rabbi Hartman told *The CJN* in a telephone interview last week.

Rabbi David Hartman

There are "very serious" Jewish identity problems in Israel, among them the mistaken belief that simply speaking Hebrew is a bulwark against outside forces, he says.

"You can speak Hebrew and never open a book by Maimonides," Rabbi Hartman said. "The mistake was to assume that the very serious problem of estrangement from tradition can't happen [in Israel]."

Another phenomenon that threatens to alienate many Israeli Jews is the muscle the Orthodox religious political parties flex in Israel and the restrictions their actions pose to everyday life, he says.

What Israelis seek, he says, is not freedom from religion, but "freedom from coercive powers. Should religious parties have spiritual power? When religious influences are legislated, that has a negative effect.

"[The religious parties] can ban an El Al plane from flying on Shabbat, but what does that El Al pilot think and do on Shabbat? The big question is, what's going to happen to 80 per cent of Israelis [who are not Orthodox]?"

The fervor of some religious groups in Israel is caused by much the same reasons as in the Diaspora, Rabbi Hartman believes: "The forces of intolerance are fed by fear of the secular world. In Israel, that's compounded."

And in the Diaspora, "the weakening of family spirituality and of foundational values, the mediating frameworks which touch Jews, the ghettoization of Jewish self-understanding ... these do not contribute to a healthy prognosis."

With that weakened sense of personal identity, "you'll be absorbed and not integrated."

What's needed, and soon, is for the powers-that-be to realize "that simply having a Jewish name or coming from a Jewish home is not sufficient."

The question is whether Jews "can develop conviction and joy of Jewish life, which would create a real sense of privilege in young people."

That commitment, he stresses, must have content; without content, it's meaningless.

The Shalom Hartman Institute, which is funded by the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and private donations and is named for Rabbi Hartman's father, incorporates an Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies and several centres for thought on religious pluralism, Halachah and contemporary law and Jewish political thought.

Prior to immigrating to Israel in 1971 with his wife and five children, Rabbi Hartman served at Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue in Cote St. Luc, a Montreal suburb.

His lecture will be presented by United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Shalom Hartman Institute. It is named in memory of Sol Lederman, who died last November. Lederman co-founded the institute and was president of both UIA Canada and the Canadian Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Winnipeg Jewish groups unite for Holocaust outreach program

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corresondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre and the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC)'s Holocaust Remembrance Committee are working together on an outreach program aimed at bringing the lessons of the Holocaust to as many Manitoba students as possible.

The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre's Education Outreach Program has invited 5,000 students from around the province to attend 15 special matinee performances of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, the season's second mainstage production running April 16 to May 1.

In conjunction with the *Anne Frank* showings, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee will send teacher Hersh Zentner along with a survivor and a young veteran of the March of the Living to interest schools.

"This opportunity to collaborate with the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre is beneficial to all of us," said Evelyn Hecht, the WJCC's director of community relations.

Twenty-one schools have signed up for the program, a number of them in rural areas.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee's involvement in public education and outreach received a significant boost last fall when Barbara Goszer and Talmud Torah-I.L. Peretz School principal Edith Kimelman became co-chairs. Both survivors view outreach and educatiion as crucial to the committee's work.

"Our three-person teams provide first-person experience, history and a contemporary view," Hecht said. "From our observations, many students are overwhelmed by what they hear. Only later, when they see *Anne Frank*, will they be able to put the pieces together."

A March of the Living veteran will field audience questions after the play. As well, the theatre has invited Winnipeg high school students from six art programs to submit works reflecting the play's themes. The art will be displayed in the lobby during the show's run.

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Baycrest kicks off its UJA campaign

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "My kids have learned more about Jewish holidays in an Israeli nursery school than I learned in all my years of public school," Eddie Ben-Tzur, emissary of the United Israel Appeal to Canada, recently told a group of residents of the Baycrest Terrace on Ameer Avenue.

"Israel is the only place you don't have to make any special effort to be Jewish, because it's all around you," said the Boston-born Ben-Tzur, who made aliyah in 1977 and who brought his family here in July 1992 so he and his wife Ruth could take on their present duties. (Ruth Ben-Tzur is Israel's consul to Canada and the director of the Israel Government Tourist Office.)

Ben-Tzur condemned the recent brutal massacre by a Jewish fanatic of Palestinians praying in Hebron. "We can be proud of the way we've responded, from the prime minister to the head of the opposition to 95 per cent of the settlers in the territories and most Israelis," he said. The Israeli government was quick to voice shame, revulsion and condemnation, and to offer condolences to affected Palestinians, he observed.

Recalling recent atrocities against Jews, such as the 1985 slaughter of 23 Jews in a Turkish synagogue, he asked: Where was the Palestinian revulsion and condemnation? "When something like this happens, the usual Palestinian reaction is for four or five Palestinian groups to vie with each other to claim credit," he said.

Several days before the Hebron tragedy, several Israeli Jews were killed by Palestinian terrorists. "Where was the condemnation of the United Nations?" Ben-Tzur asked. "For Israelis and Jews around the world, acts of Jewish terrorism are shameful and must be condemned. But for many Palestinians, acts of terrorism are a matter of policy."

Ben-Tzur raised the issue of Israel-Diaspora unity, asking, "Is the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) slogan 'We Are One' merely a slogan devoid of all content?" Israeli Jews have felt abandoned by the Diaspora at times, he said, as when Scud missiles fired on Israel during the Gulf War prompted many Jewish families from North America to flee.

He asserted that Canadian Jews and Israeli Jews "are not two separate people, one living in Canada and one in Israel. We're one people who derive common benefit, one from the other." Now that Israel is on the road to peace, the Jewish nation needs the support of Jews in the Diaspora more than ever, Ben-Tzur said.

Referring to the Jews of Sarajevo, Ethiopia and other embattled localities who have benefited from UJA activities, Ben-Tzur said, "My message is that you must support Israel to help us save or assist Jewish people who are in life-threatening situations around the world."

Ben-Tzur encouraged his listeners to participate in a United Jewish Appeal fundraising event scheduled at the Terrace on April 8. Last year's UJA campaign at the Terrace involved donations from about 200 residents and raised about $11,000.

This month, the UJA publishes the first edition of *The Golden Giver*, a newsletter targeted at longtime supporters.

Hope for the tennis courts

TORONTO — There is hope on the horizon for the battered tennis courts at the north branch of the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst Street.

The JCC is hoping to receive a capital grant from North York to completely rebuild the eight courts.

In a letter to members, Harold Cipin, director of operations, says it is hoped the grant will allow the rebuilding by the 1995 season. Only four courts are playable at the present time and they are also in need of some repairs.

For the 1994 season, Cipin says the JCC cannot offer any repairs, but will provide supervision and a court reservation system. The fee will be $50 for those who pay prior to May 1 and $75 after that. The fee last year was $75.

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Weizmann Women for Science set to honor Marvelle Koffler

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Weizmann Women for Science will be honoring Marvelle Koffler at a black-tie tribute dinner to be held May 30 at the Sheraton Centre.

Koffler, the founder of International Weizmann Women for Science, is "a person who inspires people," said Carol Gordon, dinner co-chair and Weizmann Women (Toronto) co-chair. "She is very unassuming and really brings out the best in people."

At Koffler's suggestion, the first meeting of Weizmann Women for Science was held in Israel in 1988. The group was the result of Koffler's "love of the institute and feeling that women should play a greater role in their contribution to the institute," Gordon said.

Koffler's husband, Murray, founded the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1965. The Rehovot institute is a world renowned university and scientific research centre.

In the past six years, Weizmann Women for Science groups have been formed in cities around the world including Buenos Aires, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Milan, Montevideo, Montreal, New York, Paris and Toronto.

The Toronto group's original mandate was to educate women about science, Gordon said. The group, which met for the first time at Koffler's home in 1989, now does all the programming for the Toronto chapter.

Marvelle Koffler

The dinner marks the first fundraiser spearheaded by Weizmann Women in Toronto. "It was our decision to move from educating people about science to financially supporting science," said Gordon.

The dinner will mark the establishment of the International Weizmann Women for Science Research Fund to underwrite medical research at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot. The fund will be focused on women's health issues such as cancer, arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis and reproductive disorders.

A performance by award-winning pianist/flutist Naida Cole, 19, will follow the dinner. Cole is a Torontonian now studying at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

As a highlight, Cole will perform an original composition by Ben Steinberg, director of music at Temple Sinai. The piece was commissioned for the evening as a tribute to Koffler.

The evening is planned as a threefold tribute, Gordon explained: to honor the Weizmann Institute itself, and the role of women in science as well as the honoree.

Raylene Godel and Jill Kaplun are co-chairing the dinner along with Gordon. Rose Wolfe, University of Toronto chancellor, is honorary dinner chair.

A committee of excellence, consisting of members of the scientific and academic community who wish to show their support of the institute, is being co-chaired by Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto, and Florence Haseltine, president of the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research in Washington, D.C.

An International Weizmann Women for Science honor committee is being chaired by Miriam Kerzner and Elaine James.

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Respected philanthropist Rotman dies at age 84

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sam Rotman, a well-respected and popular Toronto businessman and philanthropist, died on the first Sunday of Pesach. He was 84.

Rotman was born in 1909 in Rachav, Poland. His father, who came to Canada earlier, brought him here in 1922. Sam Rotman worked with his father in a cap store, where he sold caps to vaudeville actors and stars from the Imperial and Victory theatres.

When his father was killed in a car accident, the still-young Sam Rotman supported the family.

His Rotman's Mens Wear store was a landmark in the Toronto Jewish community, first at Spadina and Dundas and later on Spadina at St. Andrews. He operated the store until 1945, when he turned it over to his sister and brother-in-law, Elsie and Mendel Goldstein, who ran it until just a few years ago.

Shortly after the war, Rotman went into the building and contracting business. He was responsible for stores, apartments and houses, including many businesses on Eglinton near Bathurst St.

Grandson Randy Daiter recalls walking along Eglinton with Rotman. "The merchants all spoke of him so highly — he was called 'the king of Eglinton.' "

His son Ronald, says that he was anxious to spread his good fortune around, and frequently brought other people into his business ventures, so that they might prosper too.

He loved Jewish learning, and for many years studied every day with Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation.

A very religious man, he was a founder of Beth Sholom Synagogue, and over the years had connections with Hebrew Men of England Congregation, which later amalgamated with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, and with Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

He donated a Torah scroll to Kehilat Shaare Torah Congregation, which was dedicated in April, 1991.

Sam Rotman being presented with the Heritage Award of Yeshiva University's Stern College in 1989.

National Fund, Technion, Boys Town Jerusalem, and Shaare Zedek Hospital.

His children speak of him as a person devoted to his family, who loved people and did many kindnesses. They remember him running out to put a nickel in a parking meter outside his store to save a total stranger from getting a ticket.

While he received many honors during his life, he did not seek the limelight, believing, they agreed, that "only through giving from one's heart can one receive."

Rotman was predeceased by his wives Celia and Mollie, brother Ralph, and sisters Marmel Sugar, Rose Rosenblatt and Chanele Grafstein. He is survived by son Ronald, daughters Lorraine Herlick, and Marcia Daiter, sister Elsie Goldstein, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Charity an important obligation

He felt charity was an important obligation, and he gave generously. Some of his beneficiaries in Toronto were Baycrest Hospital, Senior Care, where the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award was established in honor of his 80th birthday, Mount Sinai Hospital, Ner Israel Yeshiva, and She'arim, Eitz Chaim, Bialik, and Associated Hebrew day schools.

In 1989, he received the Heritage Award for his work for Stern College of Yeshiva University in New York.

In Israel, he was involved with Bar-Ilan University, Israel Bonds, Israel Gesher Foundation, Histadrut, Jewish

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Organizations and People

Jewish lesbians discuss life in alternative families

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Simone Mayer was worried she would be pushing some buttons by announcing to her family that she, a lesbian, and her friend, a gay man, were choosing to have a baby together.

"[But] to tell the truth, I've never gotten so much acceptance in my life," said the 32-year-old day-care worker.

Mayer said her parents are thrilled that Laurie, the father of her now 4-month-old son, is Jewish; but, her live-in relationship with him also means they never have to invite her lover to visit. This saddens Mayer and, she says, makes it harder for her to be a lesbian.

Speaking at a recent women's panel on alternative families presented by the Morris Winchevsky School Community and the United Jewish People's Order, Mayer said she came out as a lesbian at 22. Laurie told her he was gay when they were both 18 and attending a Jewish high school.

The two talked on and off for years about having a child. When she turned 30 she began to think seriously about getting pregnant. "Laurie and I bought a house, so we could see how living with each other would be before we brought a baby into this world." A year and a half later she was pregnant with their son Ben.

Mayer attended a day school, went to Zionist camps, visited Israel six times and lived there for a year. She has also taught Hebrew to preschoolers at the downtown Jewish Community Centre and for the past few months she has been taking Yiddish lessons.

"I identify myself as a Jewish lesbian. Both those adjectives are pretty much apparent about me within the first five minutes of meeting me. They were never anything I was embarrassed about, but rather I have always felt strong about who I am."

Until a year and a half ago Mayer attended the Conservative synagogue of her childhood for holidays, but she said a bar mitzvah speech the rabbi made concerning "the threat of homosexuality in the Jewish community" smacked of rejection to her.

"I never thought that the form of Judaism I was so familiar with would reject me. I never thought that I, a woman who identifies with Jewish culture, would feel threatened in a synagogue."

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Panelist Lois Fine, a writer and a founder of the Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, said she and her partner Rachel have two children.

"Both Rachel's and my biological families are supportive of us as lesbian mothers," she said, "but it hurts me that my mother has never called either of my kids her grandchildren."

Panelist Wendy Gross, a lawyer, said hundreds of provincial and federal laws confer legal status on heterosexual families. Hospitals cannot keep a heterosexual partner from visiting their loved one in the intensive care unit; a heterosexual person is never at risk under family law of losing custody of the children because of their sexual orientation; and if a heterosexual person has paid into a pension plan and dies, the pension laws say the surviving partner is entitled to survivor's benefits, she said.

"Not one of these laws can be used to protect a person's rights if he or she is not heterosexual."

She said the Ontario attorney general has promised to introduce a bill in the legislature this spring granting rights and responsibilities to gay and lesbian families. "The NDP have promised to expand the definition of spouse from the perspective that the exclusion of gays and lesbians is a human rights issue. It's not about special privileges, special interests, it's about basic human rights."

Jewish families examined

TORONTO — Jewish families can be characterized as either "brick-wall" or "backbone," according to one of North America's most prolific lecturers on child rearing.

Behind Barbara Coloroso's unusual terminology is one unmistakable message: Jewish families are generally strong.

Coloroso will be speaking in Toronto, April 11, at a lecture sponsored by United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign, UJA Business and Professional Women's Network, Jewish Women's Federation and the Board of Jewish Education.

One of North America's most respected parenting experts, Coloroso has separated families into three categories — "brick wall," "jellyfish," and "backbone."

In her upcoming book *Kids are Worth It*, Coloroso defined a brick-wall parent as one with "absolute authority," who enforces orders and "always wins." Jellyfish families are marked by anarchy and chaos without "recognizable structure, rules and guidelines." Backbone parents "don't demand respect, they demonstrate and teach it."

Coloroso claims to have researched the attitudes of 10 major religions toward children. Her finding? "They all treat kids with dignity."

Her book is filled with philosophical snippets from a number of religious writers including noted rabbi and psychiatrist Abraham Twerski.

Coloroso is a mother of three from Colorado, who lectured last year to more than a quarter of a million people.

She believes children should be given six messages. "I believe in you. I trust you. I know you can handle life situations. You are listened to. You are cared for. You are very important to me."

Tickets for her Toronto presentation at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For futher information, call Glenda at 635-2883, ext. 600.

Winnipeg community to honor one of Canada's leading Yiddishists

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — On May 30, the Winnipeg Jewish Community is having a testimonial concert in honor of its oldest active member, Noach Witman.

The concert, to be held at the Pantages Theatre, will be emceed by Alan Blye and feature Herschel and Judy Fox from Los Angeles, Finjan, the Chai Folk Ensemble and a mass Yiddish choir led by Aviva Katz.

Broadcaster, editor, journalist and one of western Canada's leading Yiddishists, Witman turns 90 on April 15 and is showing no signs of slowing down. Born in Poland, Witman has been a lifelong Labor Zionist. His Zionist activity cut short his university studies in electrical engineering in Kiev.

"We were fighting the Jewish Communists and breaking up their meetings," he recalled. "They were all killed in the 1930s by Stalin."

Three times arrested for his work on behalf of the Chalutz movement, he was finally given a choice of Siberia or America by a sympathetic Jewish attorney-geneal in Kiev.

He chose Winnipeg where he had a married older sister. With some difficulty and a six-month delay in Latvia, he was finally able to come in 1927. Although he wanted to go to Palestine, he had to go to work to help bring the rest of his family out of Poland.

Witman's first job in Canada was as a teacher for a Jewish storekeeper's family in Altona, south of Winnipeg. However, he also quickly threw himself into community work. He was active in a host of communal organizations including Canadian Jewish Congress, the Labor Zionist Movement and Histadrut. In the 1940s and '50s, he travelled throughout western Canada for Histadrut as its western Canadian executive director, giving speeches and raising money in the small Jewish communities and, along with his first wife, Sarah, often providing the entertainment, too.

In the mid-1950s, he became the publisher and later editor of *The Israelite Press*, a position he held until 1967. He also began his radio career with a weekly hour-long Yiddish language radio airing for the first time Feb. 7, 1954. In 1972, he branched into television with a regular Yiddish program on the local public-access cable network.

Although Witman did not get to Palestine as he intended almost 70 years ago, he has more than made up for it. Through Histadrut and his own Travel Agent which he operated in the 1970s and '80s, he has been to Israel almost 40 times and still leads yearly group tours.

At 90, Witman is still going strong. In addition to his regular radio and television programs, he writes a weekly Yiddish language column in *The Jewish Post and News* and serves as executive secretary of Winnipeg's Committee for Yiddish and executive director of the Histradrut Amal campaign in Winnipeg. He also never turns down an opportunity to entertain with his original songs, poems and humor.

There are times, he says, when he finds it hard to get out of bed but once up and about, he rarely feels his age.

Witman is also to receive the Honorable Sam Filer Distinguished Service Award at the Canadian Jewish Congress 75th anniversary reception April 17, as part of the seventh National Jewish Educational Conference to be held in Winnipeg April 16-18.

Correction

In the March 31 issue of *The CJN* a picture taken at a forum at the 28th plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, failed to identify moderator Esta Pomotov. She is co-chair of the regional political liaison committee. Pomotov is seen with MPs Joseph Volpe, Barry Campbell and Sarkis Assadourian. *The CJN* regrets this oversight.

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Montreal Gazette says no to ads from messianic group

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The *Gazette* has notified a messianic group seeking to make inroads with the Jewish community that it will no longer publish its ads unless its events are "clearly indicated" as "Christian."

But one of the group's leaders vowed to fight the move, calling it arbitrary and saying the newspaper failed to get his group's side of the story before making the decision.

The newspaper's advertising sales supervisor, Michael Parker, notified the Kehilat She'ar Yashuv Messianic Congregation — a group operating out of the Salvation Army depot of Dollard des Ormeaux since last summer — after receiving a complaint from B'nai Brith League for Human Rights officials.

The March 5 ad, under the heading "Messianic Congregation" and featuring a menorah, Star of David and fish symbols, invited the public to "come and share a Passover seder with us" on March 27, the evening of the second ritual meal.

The group had been advertising for about a year in the *Gazette*'s Saturday edition, and in a French-language newspaper, *La Presse*.

The decision by the newspaper appeared to mark the first measurable progress on the part of the Jewish community to require the messianic group to identify itself as Christian, despite its persistent claim it is "Jewish."

Messianic leader Percy Johnson, however, said his group will "not accept" the decision by the *Gazette* and will consider seeking legal advice.

"We are not Christians, and we do not consider ourselves Christians," Johnson said.

Johnson said he was out of town for two weeks when the *Gazette* supposedly "notified" him.

"How can the *Gazette* accept an argument without knowing who we are," he said. "That's what I don't understand. It's like being declared guilty without going to the jury."

Officials from Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) and the Orthodox Beth Tikvah Synagogue adjacent to the Salvation Army depot have tried for months to persuade messianic group officials to desist from making overtures to residents of the predominantly-Jewish neighborhood, but with no apparent success.

However, CJC-Q, synagogue and messianic group officials have been meeting in an attempt to reach a compromise. CJC-Q executive director Michael Crelinsten said his organization hopes to revive discussions with Salvation Army officials, which had lapsed when no progress was made over the question of the Army allowing the messianic group to conduct services on its premises.

In a letter sent to the *Gazette* by Quebec chair Allan Adel, the League stressed that it did not object to "any religious group holding worship services, or advertising them.

"Our sole concern is with publication of an advertisement containing false or misleading statements or representations.

"In this instance the ad contains nothing that would advise the unwary that this is a Christian rather than a Jewish sponsored seder."

In a statement issued by the League nine days later, national chair Stephen Scheinberg described members of the messianic group as "Christian missionaries."

In the same statement, Adel commended the *Gazette* "for its responsiveness to our concerns.

"It demonstrates a commitment to accuracy and integrity in advertising and to fairness to inter-group relations."

Johnson, however, strongly disagrees that the ad is misleading.

Rabbi Lamm to talk on Jewish care

TORONTO — Palliative Care Week will be marked by the Jewish Hospice Program with a lecture by Rabbi Maurice Lamm.

Rabbi Lamm, the author of the classic work *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning*, is president of the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in the United States.

The lecture, entitled To Heal and to Hope: Strategies of Jewish Care, will be held at the Wagman Centre Main Floor, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 55 Ameer Ave., on April 27. A reception and book display will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the lecture will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Admission is free, but seating is limited.

The Jewish Hospice Program (JHP) began in the summer of 1993. Since then, it has been actively assisting the terminally ill. While its initial goal was to serve 30 families in its first year of operation, in the first eight months it has received 45 referrals.

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What's New

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Thursday, April 7

HOLOCAUST POETRY READINGS

To commemorate Yom Hashoah, Beth Sholom adult education academy presents Poetry readings of the Holocaust, a dramatic presentation of poetry and short stories of author **Shula Rabin**, recited and read by Gladys Aaron, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

YOM HASHOAH

Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association invites the community to attend a commemeration of Yom Hashoah, 7:30 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr., Willowdale. Call 782-2711 for more information.

Sunday, April 10

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION

Join the women's Rosh Chodesh celebration committee, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. in celebrating Rosh Chodesh Iyar, with davening led by women for women and a shiur, 7:30 p.m. For information call **Ahuva**, 789-3213.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

Canadian Cancer Society, North York unit presents a spring fashion show, 2 p.m., North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge St. Ladies fashions by **Norma Peterson**; Men's fashions by **Ralph Lauren**. Tickets, $10. Call 226-0646.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Osi Sladek folk singer and entertainer will take guests on An Unforgettable Musical Journey Around the World, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast and entertainment, $6 per person.

TEMPLE SINAI SEMINAR

Adult Education Program Sunday Seminars, Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., presents **Selma Sage,** 10 a.m., who will discuss A Grief Shared: A Promise Kept — Reflections on a Journey to Poland. Admission free.

CHILD OF DARKNESS

Sora Vigoritto, one of the few Mengele-twin survivors, will discuss how she went from an assimilated to a Torah-true lifestyle, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. Call 731-7000 for more information.

YAD BE YAD PROGRAM

The Canada Israel Forum-Yad Be Yad Program is hosting a parlor evening of discussion, 7:30 p.m., with **Dr. Alexander Bligh**, visiting professor from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and previous advisor on Arab Affairs to former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, who will discuss Security Issues in the Middle East in Light of the Peace Plan. For information call 925-5046 or 656-5861.

TAKING CHARGE BY TAKING CARE

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section presents, Taking Charge by Taking Care, a program aimed at teaching women the correct method of breast self-examination, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For a personal appointment with a professionally trained nurse examiner who will teach one-on-one, call Council House, (416) 633-5100.

INTERCULTURAL COUPLES

Secular Jewish Association offers a support group for intercultural couples led by **Eva Goldfinger,** madricha and intermarriage counsellor, 10 a.m., 131 Fenn Ave., North York. For reservations call (905) 889-7450.

WOMEN'S LECTURE

Rena Schochet, director, Ohr Somayach: Thornhill, Women's Studies Program will lecture on Role Models of Secrecy: Understanding Japhat's Daughter, Miriam and Lilith, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach/JEP: Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission charge. For information call (905) 885-5730.

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Join the Kabbalah Learning Centre for a meal and lecture on enhancing our daily lives, 9 p.m., 678 Sheppard Ave. W. Fee, $7. Call 631-9395 for information.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Rabbi Ahron Hoch, director of education, Aish Hatorah, Toronto, will discuss Family Life in Jewish Thought, after services at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

DIZENGOFF ON BATHURST

Holy Blossom Temple music committee and Israel committee present Dizengoff on Bathurst, a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration featuring Hava Hashir, community singing children's choir; Holy Blossom Temple Singers; **Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner** and **Ted Labow** instrumental ensemble, 8 p:m., at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For ticket information call (416) 789-3291.

STAND-UP COMEDY

Jestfest '94, sponsored by Metro Toronto Lodge, B'nai Brith, 8 p.m., Harbord Collegiate, features MC **Les Aaron,** as well as several other comics who have donated their time and appear courtesy of Yuk Yuks. All proceeds benefit the Jewish Family & Child Service; the Auditory Verbal Therapy Program, North York Hospital and Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled War Veterans of Israel). Tickets, $20 in advance and $25 at the door, can be purchased at Beit Halochem Canada, 2145 Avenue Rd., Suite 300, (416) 488-7649 or Wolfie's Delicatessen, 670 Sheppard Ave. W., (416) 638-9653 or by reserving a ticket on the Jestfest Hotline, (416) 944-0355.

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Monday, April 11

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SPRING STUDY PROGRAM

Continuing education committees of Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am present their spring study program, Three Prayers, Three Issues in Jewish Life, Mondays, 8-9 p.m. Tonight's lecture features **Rabbi Philip Scheim** who will talk on U'netane Tokef: Freedom and Determinism, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

The next meeting of The Canadian Association for Israel Philately will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m. Program will consist of a slide presentation on Stamps of the Transitional Period-Palestine to Israel. Admission free and public is welcome. For information call **Alvin Dickstein**, 594-7887.

Tuesday, April 12

CARE FOR YOUR HEART

A public health forum sponsored by Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., will discuss new treatments and preventative measures for heart disease. Care for Your Heart will be moderated by **Dr. Bernard Goldman**, head of Cardiovascular Surgery, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre. Panelists include **Dr. Eric Cohen**, department of Cardiology, Sunnybrook; **Dr. Michael Sole** director of Cardiology, The Toronto Hospital and **Dr. Brian Gilbert**, head of Cardiology, Mount Sinai Hospital. No admission charge. Refreshments will be served. To reserve call (416) 781-3584.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE

Professor Alex Bligh, visiting professor from Israel, now at York University, will discuss The Thorny Road to Peace in the Middle East, at the next meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. Admission free; public is invited.

FEMININE SPIRITUALITY

Toronto Women's ORT, business and professional chapter presents **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein,** who will talk about Feminine Spirituality, 7:30 p.m. Call the ORT office, (416) 787-0297 for more information.

KICK THE HABIT

Countdown, The Lung Association's stop smoking program designed to help people quit smoking and learn behavior modification techniques, will be held 7:30-9 p.m., The Lung Association, York Region, (Leslie & Highway 7). Topics include stress management, weight gain, withdrawal and maintenance. Fee is $95 per person. Call 864-1112 for information.

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood presents **Bernie Farber,** national director community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, who will discuss the Holocaust in Relation to *Schindler's List*, 8 p.m., Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

THE MONEY WORKSHOP

Learn how to invest for income and growth, how to plan your future income requirements and understand your investment choices at the Money Workshop, 7-9 p.m., Central Library, Business and Urban Affairs Department, 5120 Yonge St. Call 395-5613 to register.

AIR QUALITY

The Lung Association in York Region is establishing a volunteer environment committee to work on various initiatives designed to clear the air. Those interested in becoming part of the committee can call **Ian Morton**, 864-1112, ext. 228. The first meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m., The Lung Association, 9005 Leslie St., Suite 110, Richmond Hill.

JEWISH EXPO

Reesa Aaron (left) and Devora Caytak recently co-ordinated the Jewish Family Expo in Ottawa. Over 600 families enjoyed the day with live music and over 50 hands-on booths including a matzoh baking factory, kippah decorations and an appearance from the Small Wonder Puppet Theatre.

Wednesday, April 13

LIVING WITH LOSS

Dr. Earl Grollman, author and pioneer in the field of crisis intervention will speak at 7:30 p.m., York Central Hospital, 10 Trench Street, Richmond Hill. Dr. Grollman is the author of 18 books and is the recipient of the 1988 Hospice Care Award for his contribution to the understanding of the plight of the terminally ill and bereaved. Cost of the seminar is $5 per person. For registration information call Pastoral Services at the hospital (905) 883-2156.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework's next meeting, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. features The Countdown — Sefirah/Omer Calendars, a lecture and demonstration.

Thursday, April 14

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

The community is invited to Yom Ha'atzmaut Tefillah, 8:15 a.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Breakfast and musical program follows. Cost per person, $5. Tickets must be purchased in advance from United Synagogue office, (905) 738-1717 or Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, (416) 633-3838.

CHILDREN WHO CAN'T LIVE AT HOME

The Beth Tzedec adult education committee and Jewish Family & Child Service present an evening exploring the problems of Jewish children who cannot live at home and one solution our community offers, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Panelists include a staff member from JF&CS, a former foster child and a current foster parent.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

SUPPORT FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students holds free, weekly confidential support meetings facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service, Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Vari Hall, Room 2005, York University. Call **Claire**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179.

AMATEUR TALENT SHOW

If you sing, play an instrument, are in a band, juggle, do magic tricks or have another hidden talent, the City of Vaughan would like to showcase your talent on Canada Day, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Maple Community Centre. For information call **Heather Heagle**, City of Vaughan Special Events office, (905) 832-2377.

COMEDY AND AUCTION

Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill is having a Yuk Yuk's night and auction, Saturday, April 16. For tickets and more information call (905) 770-7639.

AT BETH SHOLOM

Rabbi Irvin Brandwein will lead a class on Famous Heretics, Sects and Schisms in Jewish History, Wednesdays, April 13, 20, 27 and May

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4, 7:30 p.m. On Mondays, April 25, May 2 and May 9, 8 p.m., **Cantor Israel Gutman** will lead Trop and Torah Reading for Beginners.

An art class with **Terri Sugar Keyfitz**, begins in the spring. Everyone welcome. Call Terri, 487-7244 or the synagogue office, 783-6103.

SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre's hydrotherapy program seeks good swimmers who can withstand water temperatures of about 30 degrees celsius and be active for approximately 45 minutes, to volunteer Tuesday and Friday mornings. Call the Volunteer Services Department, 785-2850.

CFS WORKSHOP

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering a series on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome to begin on April 18. Topics include loss, realistic expectations, relationships and coping strategies. For further information, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

KOLEL SUMMER RETREAT

Kolel: a Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning announces its third annual study Kallah in Orillia, July 27-31. Kallah includes study with rabbis, participation in Judaic arts workshops, Judaic study, music and dancing. Couples and singles attend from a wide range of Judaic backgrounds and childcare is available. Registration for retreat is limited and spaces are filling. For a brochure and more information, call (905) 660-3154.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Widows/Widowers, begins April 26; Looking Ahead, which discusses anger, loneliness and other realities, begins May 18; Parenting the Pre-teen (10-12 years), begins April 13. For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT

Improve posture, breathing and co-ordination, and discover a new freedom in moving your body at Feldenkrais/Awareness Through Movement classes, Monday evenings, Earl Bales Community Centre. Cost for 10 lessons, $50. Call 665-9050 to register for the spring semester.

NEWS FROM SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

The annual Yom Hashoah service, Friday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. features a tulip ceremony and **George Salamon** who will speak about the Holocaust in Hungary. Regular services will be held Friday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. For information call (905) 820-5915.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for conversational Hebrew summer courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced adults and teenagers. Evening courses run on Tuesdays, May 31-August 30, 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers and the promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons for beginners.

MARITAL TUNE-UP

Join Jewish Family & Child Service for a two-part educational workshop, Marital Tune-up — Getting More Mileage From Your Marriage, designed to help couples take a new look at love, commitment and communication. Part I is on Wednesday, May 4 and Part II is on Wednesday, May 11, Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information call **Sheri Rumack**, JF&CS, (905) 882-2331.

AIDS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A Tuesday evening bereavement group is being organized through the AIDS committee, Holy Blossom Temple for those who have lost someone to AIDS. Call the confidential AIDS information line for information, 789-1187.

YIDDISH & HEBREW CLASSES

Seven-week beginners and advanced Yiddish and Hebrew courses, sponsored by North York Board of Education, begin at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, April 11. Fee, $38.50; seniors free. For information and registration call 363-3544.

WOMEN'S IMAGE

Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee presents Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass, Thursday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Topics include Facing the Tyranny of Image, Confronting Image Anxiety in our Daughters and Claiming a Positive Image for Jewish Women. For information call **Lianne**, (416) 631-5736.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services, 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday minyan 8:30 a.m. No dues. For information call 362-3248.

OHR SOMAYACH-FOREST HILL

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz will lead a class on the Fundamentals of Jewish Belief, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., beginning April 11. On Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m., beginning April 13, Rabbi Breitowitz will teach Aspects of the Jewish Life Cycle. Classes are at Ohr Somayach: Forest Hill, 29 Gilgorm Rd. For information call (905) 886-5730.

Rena Schochet, director, Ohr Somayach Women's Studies Program will teach a class for women only entitled How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household: Practical Laws and Spiritual Benefits, Mondays, 10-11 a.m. beginning April 11. A course entitled The Feminine Jewish Mystique: How Traditional Judaism Views Women and Spirituality, begins Thursday, April 14, 10-11 a.m. For information on these courses call (905) 886-5730.

YOGA AND TORAH

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood is offering an 8-week course consisting of 15 minutes of Torah study and one hour of gentle stretching exercises, instruction in relaxation, breathing techniques, stress release and yoga positions. Suitable for women and men of all ages, yoga skill levels and knowledge of Torah. Classes begin Wednesday, April 20, 9-10:30 a.m. Cost for sisterhood members, $80; non-members, $90. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. To register call the synagogue office, 781-3511.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Join Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am in celebrating Yom Yerushalayim, Monday, May 9, 8 p.m. featuring **Cantor Yehuda Rottner**; Israeli singer, **Shelly Ovdat**; Beth David's adult and children's choir and **Ted Labow** and his band. Cost, $8 in advance; $10 at door, subject to availability. Children 12 and under, free. Visa accepted. Call (416) 633-5500.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The following courses start shortly: April 11, 8 p.m., North Y branch, Koheleth, Ruth and Esther-Job and Jonah (Three Megilloth Plus Two with **Selma Sage**; April 12, 8 p.m., Valley Branch, JCC, Dreaming of Freud with **Doreen Silver**. For information, to register or to receive a brochure, call 631-5660.

MOMMY AND ME

Mom and tots spend quality time together, increase their Jewish identity and interact with peers at Mommy and Me, a course for Jewish children 18-24 months and their mothers. Program includes crafts, baking, music, dance and snack. Session runs April 14-May 12. No charge. For information and registration call **Goldie**, Torah Tots Pre-school, (905) 886-0420.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Rabbi David Novak, Edgar Bronfman professor of Modern Judaic Studies at University of Virginia will speak on Who Is My Neighbor — Social Ethics and Holiness, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Shabbat study luncheon, April 23, following services. Paid reservations taken no later than Tuesday, April 19. Unpaid reservations cannot be accomodated. Call the office, 781-3511.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. offers the following adult classes: Mondays, 8 p.m., April 11-May 2, **Rabbi Marty Lockshin** will lead the course, What Do Jews Think of their Neighbors?; Tuesdays, 8 p.m., April 12-May 3, **Ruchama Alter** will talk about Moses. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., April 19-May 31, **Rabbi Elliott Diamond** will discuss Judaism: What It's All About; Wednesdays, 8 p.m., April 13-27, **Rabbi Charles Grysman** will discuss From Redemption to Revelation; Thursdays, April 21-May 26, **Dr. Eli Pfefferkorn** will talk about The Holocaust in Perspective.

A SHAYNA MAIDEL

A Shayna Maidel, the story of two sisters reunited after World War II is the subject of New Globe Theatre's production, appearing at North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre, 5040 Yonge St., April 20-May 13. Tickets are available at the box office, at Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling Ticketmaster, (416) 872-2222. Tickets are $29.50 for evening performances; $25.50 matinees and $17.50, students and seniors. For information call (416) 924-7392.

YOM HASHOAH WEEKEND

Beth Tzedec Congregation, adult education committee presents The Sam and Sarah Kerzner Holocaust Studies Institute featuring **Professor Stephen Berk**, historian, author, lecturer and radio commentator at the Yom Hashoah Remembrance Weekend, Saturday April 9 and Sunday, April 10. Saturday morning service, 9 a.m. and lecture, 10 a.m.; Sunday morning lecture, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Public invited. No charge for lectures. Call 781-3511.

OHR SOMAYACH:THORNHILL

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz will teach a class entitled Learn How To Learn Gemarah, Tuesdays, beginning April 12, 8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission charge.

for seniors

LZA Senior Citizens Club, 272 Codsell Ave., will have its opening luncheon meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Announcements will be made of the upcoming trips, including a matinee to Stage West in June, a week at the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills in July and a day trip to Stratford. The Cultural Group has resumed its Tuesday morning meetings, 10 a.m. at the Centre.

Sunrise is planning a trip to Puerto Plata, May 7-14. For reservations call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

Senior Adult Services, JCC, North Y branch is now accepting reservations for trips to the Raleigh Hotel, Catskills, August 9-15 and to Eastern Canada, June 26-July 8. For information call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Courses start the week of April 11: ballroom dancing; bridge for beginners and intermediates; knitting and crocheting; line dancing; tai chi for beginners and advanced; and Yoga. Courses are free to seniors, 60 and over who live in metro Toronto. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., presents **Henry Wellisch**, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada who will discuss Do You Know Who Your Grandfather Was?, Wednesday, April 13, 12 noon.

Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre and the North York Board of Education are beginning a 10-week course on drawing and watercolor painting beginning Wednesday, April 13, 1:15-3:15 p.m., arts and crafts room, 55 Ameer Ave. Instructor, **Elaine Sugar**, will demonstrate basic techniques and assist course registrants to develop their artistic skills. Free to metro Toronto residents, 60 and over; $2.75 per class for those under 60 and $5 per class for those who live outside Metro. Register at the first class. For information call **Janet Page**, 789-5131, ext. 2939.

Good Age Club, JCC, Bloor Y, presents The Comedy of Moishe Nudelman with **Richard Bassett**, Thursday, April 14, 2 p.m.

City of North York is holding a series on Menopause, Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St., Lower Level, Committee Room 2. Topic April 13 is Coping with Physical Changes. To register call 395-7780.

On Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York holds discussions on important current health matters. Topic April 12 is Caring for Your Feet and Back. Call 395-7600 for information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, at 15 Hove St., (B'nai Brith Building). April 14 a movie, **Promise to Keep** will be screened in honor of Memorial Day for Israeli soldiers. April 17, 7 p.m. is a Yom Ha'atzmaut party. Cost is $7 members, $8 non-members. Call 661-4689 or (905) 771-0250.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is having a travelogue with **Stanley Witkin**, Monday, April 11, 1 p.m. April 18, 1 p.m. is an orientation for the Western Canada trip. Music appreciation with **Mildred Bennett** will be on April 14, 10 a.m.-noon.

Club Hadar, meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin Street N., Hamilton, is going to the Hamilton Art Gallery, Friday, April 8, 2:15 p.m. On Saturday, April 9, 10:15 a.m. is Shabbat in the Garden Lounge.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is having a concert in the Community Centre, Tuesday, April 12, 1 p.m. The next dance with a live band is on Sunday, April 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m. A day trip on Tuesday, April 26 to Niagara-on-the-Lake includes transportation and kosher lunch, $20. A few seats are still available for the Atlantic City trip. The Mother's Day dinner-dance on Sunday May 1 includes a full-course chicken dinner and free gifts for mothers, $20. For information on trips and activities call **Esple**, 395-7881.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. On April 13, 11 a.m., a Yom Hazikaron ceremony is open to the community. Also on April 13, 7 p.m. is a Yom Ha'atzmaut party including full dinner and entertainment with **Boris Neiman** and **Shelly Ovdat**. Price $12, members; $13 non-members. For information call **Anna**, 225-2112.

Duplicate bridge with instructor **Larry Cara**, begins Sunday April 10 and runs to Sunday, June 19, 6:45-9 p.m. Fee per evening, members, $3.50; non-members, $5. Co-sponsored by Bernard Betel and Senior Adult Services, JCC. Location for April 10 is the JCC. For information, call Larry Cara, (905) 881-6260.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents From Liszt to Debussy, with **Mildred Bennett**, Mondays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2 and Wednesday, May 18, 1 p.m. For information call **Bookie Kwart**, (416) 225-2112.

Country line dancing runs Tuesdays, until June 7, 7-9 p.m. Cost per session, $4, members; $6 non-members. Light refreshments included. For information call **Norma Steiner**, 225-2112.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, Sunday, April 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members, $3.50; non-members. $4.00.

Friendship Club for people age 55 and over and on their own is having a singles dance, April 28, 7 p.m. with entertainment by **Peter Max** and Michael Khinkis. Refreshments served. Tickets available at the centre's information desk. Cost for members, $3; non-members, $4. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch, is having a Yom Ha'atzmaut luncheon and entertainment with **Jennie Eisenstein**, Tuesday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Koffler Centre is starting new spring classes in ballroom dancing for intermediate and beginners with **Jeanne Foesier**. Classes commence Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12. For registration and information call 631-5659.

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Married in secret, Rosenthals celebrate 50 years

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Two days before Passover, on April 5, 1944, Miriam Schwarcz and William Rosenthal were married in Hungary in a secret wedding ceremony.

Now, 50 years later, the Rosenthals rejoice at their miraculous survival and the blessings of having three children. Their oldest son was born in a concentration camp, one of only seven children ever born in Kaufering camp. The Rosenthals have seven grandchildren.

Interviewed in their shop, Miriam's Fine Judaica at 3007 Bathurst St., Miriam tells a tale of strength and survival.

Miriam was born in 1924 into a wealthy Orthodox family in Komarno, Czechoslovakia, the youngest of five girls in a family of 13 children.

Most Jews in Czechoslovakia disbelieved the reports of the anti-Jewish laws and regulations brought to them by escaping Polish Jews. They said it could never happen in Czechoslovakia. Her sister Ella and husband Joseph Fleischmann were the only family members to leave the country, moving to Canada with their two small children to work as farmers.

Until March of 1944, life in Komarno was relatively calm. Then the Hungarian occupiers put into motion the Final Solution. They entered the synagogue and took the rabbi away. The remaining men were taken to labor camps. The Schwarcz women and Miriam's baby brother fled to their isolated farm.

Miriam had just become engaged to William, who lived in Miskolc, Hungary. The wedding date had been set, the trousseau was ready and the invitations had been ordered. But Jews were not allowed to travel. A non-Jewish friend of William's risked his life to ferry Miriam to Miskolc. She was disguised as the man's daughter, with false papers and wearing a cross. She was 20.

A recent photo of Miriam and William Rosenthal who are celebrating their 50th anniversary on April 5, 1994.

The Germans had beaten her to Miskolc. Nevertheless, said the rabbi, "you came and you are engaged. We have to make a wedding. It will be tonight." The next day the bombing began.

William was taken to a forced labor camp and for about three months, by bribing the guards, the honeymooners saw each other occasionally. The Jews of Miskolc were moved to the ghetto, a brick factory.

In early June, 1944, those remaining in the ghetto were transported to Auschwitz in cattle cars. Miriam recalled the degradation — shaved, numbered and moved from place to place. It was in Plaszow, near Krakow, that she became aware of the "kicking and moving inside me."

Sent back to Auschwitz, Miriam knew she had to keep her pregnancy secret: women there were tempted with double food portions to reveal their pregnancy and then whisked away to the gas chambers. Instead, Miriam was sent to Augsburg, Germany to work in a Messerschmidt factory.

The Americans were stepping up their bombing. She was seven months pregnant and enroute back to Auschwitz when the SS escort learned the camp had been bombed. Miriam was sent instead to Kaufering camp, where she joined six other pregnant Hungarian women.

The seven became known as the Schwanger Kommando (pregnant commando) and were assigned to laundry duty. Dr. Vadasz, a skeleton of a gynecologist, delivered their babies with a tallis wrapped around him as an apron and without instruments, medication or sterilization. Miriam said the Germans knew the war was ending and wanted to show the world they didn't kill infants.

"That is why they left us alone."

On Purim, Miriam's 10-pound baby boy, Leslie, was born after 48 hours of intensive labor. Through the kindness of Polish Jews and a few Germans, she survived. Soon after, everyone was liberated by the Americans on April 30, 1945.

Shoeless and emaciated, Miriam found her way back to Komarno and sent a message to Miskolc that she was alive. William couldn't believe it. When they reunited, he was even more astonished. He never knew she was pregnant and that they had a son.

Leaving behind only remnants of their families, the three Rosenthals left for Canada in June 1947.

They worked in factories in Toronto, William stuffing mattresses and Miriam picking up the runs in nylon stockings, before moving to Sudbury. The Rosenthals have two other children, Lillian and Murray.

"I believe I survived the ordeals of the war because of my deep faith in G-d and because of the piety and dedication to tzedakah of my parents," Miriam said.

Miriam Schwartz covers the yellow star on her arm at her secret wedding to William Rosenthal in Hungary on April 5, 1944.

This was a special Passover for the Rosenthals. Half a century ago their lives together began and almost came to an abrupt end. Despite the horrendous memories, this is indeed a golden anniversary for the Rosenthals.

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By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The pain in Spain was mainly in the game.

Game 1, that is, of Israel's recent attempt to better its record in international hockey competition.

With memories of last year's disappointing 0-5 showing in Bled, Slovenia, on their minds, the boys in blue and white were optimistic that they could bounce back to the arena of respectability with a strong showing at the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)'s C-2 Division competition in Barcelona recently.

And judging by the competitiveness of the games, they did so, despite a slow start in Game 1. That matchup was, by all accounts, a blowout as the host Spaniards, perhaps buoyed by the lavish opening ceremonies and with Israel playing its third-string goalie, throttled their opponents by a score of 17-2.

The Israelis fought back gamely and were in every game afterwards. Unfortunately, they managed only one win to go along with four losses, leaving them disappointed and wishing they had more time to prepare.

Going into the tournament, team organizers were hoping that last year's disappointing showing would serve as a wake-up call and induce their players to show up in shape. And while they did so, a week-long training camp in the Pyrenees principality of Andorra was not enough to get them ready for the rigors ahead.

After putting Game 1 behind them, Israel faced Australia next, jumping into a 3-1 first period lead. The Aussies tied the game with two powerplay tallies in the second but Israel took the lead in the third and held it until the final 10 minutes. That's when the boys from Down Under squeezed out a couple of late goals and held off a furious attack by the Israelis, who pulled their goalie. Despite intense pressure, they just couldn't tie it up. Defenceman Ido Lee was named star of the game for Israel.

Game 3 saw Israel face off against Croatia. Yevgeny Gusin, who practised with teams in the East Coast and Colonial Hockey Leagues, was between the pipes.

Israel played the Croats tough but early in the second the Croats broke through the Israeli defence and scored a powerplay marker. With the Israelis reeling, they popped in another only 18 seconds later. That was the proverbial ball game.

"We couldn't capitalize on our chances," said centre Uzi Lee, who had three goals and one assist in the tourney. "It was a 0-0 game except for one minute. The rest of the time, we played strong."

The final was 2-0 with Gusin being named star of the game for Israel.

Game 4 saw the Israelis face off against Belgium, which had dominated them at last year's tournament. The Belgians, bolstered by several players who play semi-pro in Holland, led 3-1 after two periods but early in the third, Israel narrowed the gap to 3-2. Defenceman Oded Orgil said Israel pressed but failed to score the next goal. Belgium did. On the powerplay. They later added an empty-netter to settle the matter, 5-2. Gusin was again the star for Israel.

Game 5 was a different story. Facing South Africa and with Boris Amronim in net, Israel pounced all over their opponents. Uzi Lee scored a hat trick, sabra skater Ran Oz got a goal as did Russian-born Oleg Sobolev and Israel cruised to a 7-2 win.

Lee said the team improved from game to game but came up just short on a number of occasions. "It's just a shame because for three games, the performance was just shy."

"We're disappointed," Orgil said. "A couple of games could have gone either way. The Australia game really hurt because we could have beaten them. It was there for the taking."

Lee said this year's version of the Israeli nationals was the best yet and Orgil pointed out Israel reversed a result of two years ago when South Africa beat Israel 5-1.

Good showing

Orgil agreed that the team had improved since last year but it remains handicapped by the absence of a full-size rink in Israel on which to practise as well as the lack of preparation time in advance of the tournament. "It's tough to put together a team in just six days," he said.

"We had a very good showing," said Toronto-based coach Gideon Lee. "We had an excellent camp, but it was not enough." Lee said the team "finally jelled" towards the end of the tournament.

Assistant coach Marshall Uretsky, also of Toronto, agreed the team was improved from last year. "We were extremely competitive and could've been 4-1 instead of 1-4," he said. "With a break here or there, we could have won the last four games."

Israel's most valuable players, as selected by Gideon Lee, were Gusin in goal, defenceman Jacques Didie Rusinek and forward Evgeni Feldman.

Feldman led Israeli scorers with four goals and one assist in five games while Gusin had a 3.67 goals against average in three games. Rusinek scored two goals in five games and was plus five to lead the team in that category.

Toronto-born Mike Rubin served as team captain. Other skaters with a Canadian connection included Orgil, the Lee brothers and Rusinek, who learned the game in Toronto, Ward Parson, who hails from British Columbia and Michael Blumberg of Winnipeg.

The team's general manager was Paul Shindman while Howie Simon, whose brother Todd is a Buffalo Sabre prospect, was assistant to the coaches. Both hail from Toronto. Barry Goldberg of Oakville, Ont. was team physiotherapist.

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**** Mix and Mingle Sunday April 10.****
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Atideynu Lodge (20s & 30s) presents **General Meeting** on April 12 7:30 p.m. 15 Hove St. Speaker Rob Singer, director Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto. Contact Shari 886-5154.

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R.S.V.P (Relationships seen through varied perspectives) **Sunday, April 17, 1994**, J.C.C., North "Y" Branch , 4588 Bathurst St. J.C.C. New Leadership Division in Association with Aish Hatorah presents our 3rd round table discussion. Singles 27-43. **Speaker Mitch Mandel. Topic: The C & M Words (Commitment & Marriage).** Room 206. Doors open 7:30 p.m. program 8:00 p.m. SHARP. $10, refreshments served. RSVP 631-5658. **First 50 to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass**

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The Toronto office is the Registry's biggest success story to date. Close to 400 members have registered in just over a year's time. The Registry reports it already has its first engagement, with two more on the horizon in the very near future.

"Business is booming," says Rob Singer, director in Toronto. "Torontonians are now realizing that if you are single, the Registry is the place to be. A lot of our new members are referrals from friends who are with the service, a definite sign that people are very happy with what the Jewish Singles Registry has to offer."

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It seemed obvious to them that there were basically just two kinds of fine leather bags being offered for sale outside Europe.

One kind was classically beautiful in materials and construction, but (they thought) too staid in its approach to design. The other expressed the fashion trends of the moment, but often seemed to lack the timeless elegance which they felt fine leather, however fashionable, demanded.

Between the two, they didn't see much. Except a gap ... and an opportunity.

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Co-operating closely with longtime European associate Klaus Bree and with Japanese teammate Hidemi Saito, the Matheses have sourced the best of the best suppliers and designers in both Europe and Asia to bring their vision excitingly to life in ways that meet the tastes and lifestyles of both Occidental and Oriental markets.

Stores in Yorkville (Toronto) and Ogilvy (Montréal)

The result is **Taschen!** – a new collection of leather bags, luggage and related accessories now available through Taschen's own retail outlets in Toronto (at 156 Yorkville Avenue in Yorkville), Montreal (in Ogilvy), Calgary, and Vancouver, and through other carefully chosen retailers throughout North America. And soon, through Taschen! franchises, in Beverly Hills, Jakarta and Singapore.

Taschen! provides a variety that will delight both the classicists, to whom leather is almost a sacred icon, and the fashionable, whose style-sense demands to be satisfied. There's a range of price-points, too: the Matheses do not believe you should have to be rich to revel in the joys of fine leather.

And ... filling any gap between fashion and function ... there is an intriguing variety of stylistic approaches, the result of the firm's decision to use several designers, not just one; and to give each permission to stretch the limits of his or her distinctive design sense.

There are certain design parameters, however: no fussiness, no faddiness, and no useless ornamentation. Shapes are sleek and simple, with no meaningless decoration: stitching, for example, is where it belongs, not romping around

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Finest materials

Working with the best materials doesn't hurt the cause. The leathers used in the Taschen! line come from German and Italian sources that are the gold standard for fine leathers. Natural tones are in abundance; colour is artfully used as well.

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School blends old with new

Rachel Phillips Belash has some impressive credentials: a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies, past teaching positions at Dartmouth and Vassar Colleges, former head of a prestigious girls' boarding school in Connecticut, founder of the Coalition of Girls' Boarding Schools, and vice-president at the Bank of Boston.

She is now principal of Branksome Hall. What prompted this move to Toronto?

Belash, now seven months into her new job, says she was tempted by this position because Toronto still supports a number of good, single-sex schools. Belash's experience of co-ed education has made her acutely aware of the disadvantages of this system for girls; the vigor of the single-sex schools in Toronto appealed to her.

Branksome itself appealed to Belash for a number of distinctive reasons. First was its location in downtown Toronto, divided as it is by a major thoroughfare (Mount Pleasant Road), and housed largely in old Victorian mansions. These physical elements make the school what it uniquely is.

These charming houses give Branksome the feeling of warmth and welcome for which it is renowned. The human-scale buildings create a homey feeling which is embodied in the warm, friendly relationships that exist between students and faculty. Yet a school also needs up-to-date facilities. So, next to the elegant mansions are the new gymnasium, impressive science wing and Junior School. The overwhelming sense of community at Branksome is evidence that the school has successfully blended old with new and united its 11 buildings into one.

Belash was also impressed by Branksome's strength in science and math, debating and athletics — all areas which are traditionally less strong in an all-girls' school, yet which build confidence and prepare young women to thrive in what is still a man's world.

Branksome graduates are a tribute to its academic excellence and challenging yet supportive environment. Mary Alice Stuart, a recipient of the Order of Canada, is Chair and CEO of CJRT-FM Inc.; Shirley Brown is a partner at a distinguished law firm; Dr. Marg Lawson specializes in pediatric endocrinology. The list goes on.

Belash's first impression of Branksome was that the school is a connected place with a sense of its own identity. As principal, she now faces the challenge of guiding that identity towards the next century.

For further information, please call Karrie Weinstock, Vice-Principal of Admissions, at 920-9741.

Hadassah-WIZO gives teens a second chance

Every Child Deserves a Future is more than a slogan Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is using to promote its 1994 Youth Aliyah drive, a spokeswoman says.

It's a heartfelt pledge to nurture a Jewish identity in youths who might otherwise be lost both phyically and spiritually, Youth Aliyah chair Mindy Kirsh says. Toronto Hadassah-WIZO will focus on rescuing thousands of youth from the former Soviet Union and placing them in one of the organization's many Israeli facilities.

"This campaign is what Israel and Zionism are all about — providing a home for Jews who need one."

And more than 300,000 have needed one since Youth Aliyah was founded in 1933 to save children fleeing from persecution in Nazi Germany.

Children like 13-year-old Katya, whom members of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's delegation met in Israel. Her Soviet parents were given the choice of keeping her in a dangerous, uncertain atmosphere or sending her to Israel, where she could embrace and enjoy her Jewish heritage without fear of reprisals. An easy choice, perhaps, but it took Katya a few months to adjust to Israeli life.

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Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is committed to giving teens such as Katya and Elimelech the chance to become valued and productive citizens of Israel, Kirsh says. Many who donate to this worthwhile cause through Hadassah-WIZO are not even members of the organization; they are simply people who care about Jewish youth.

These friends of Youth Aliyah and Hadassah-WIZO members always eagerly anticipate the annual fund-raising luncheon, which this year will be held on May 29.

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This year, the Home Show will debut Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's environmentally sensitive Healthy House. New Home Court will feature custom homes; and Mt. Pleasant Stereo will present the new Home Theatre Expo. The Toronto Star and CHFI/FM98 will also sponsor a draw for three Chrysler Neons.

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The National Home Show is open weekdays noon to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $8.50 for adults, $5.50 for seniors and children eight to 14 years, and free for children under eight. This admission also covers the "show within a show" at the new National Kitchen & Bath Showcase in the Automotive Building. Co-produced by the National Kitchen & Bath Association and presented by 1050 CHUM, this Showcase is open April 13 - 17.

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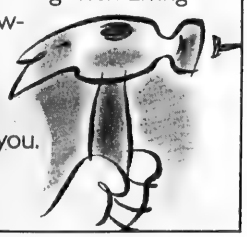

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On completing his apprenticeship, Joe re-enlisted and spent six years as a kitchen manager in the Sinai. After leaving the army for the second time, he was head chef for Levys Catering at Ben Gurion Airport, which supplied not only the airport, but also El Al and other airlines.

Their single location, which also has a lunch counter, is Rachel's Deli & Appetizers, at 243 Wilmington Ave. in Bathurst Manor Plaza. Rachel manages this store, while Joe manages Rachel's Catering. Their in-store take-out products are meat and pareve, with a wide selection of Moroccan, Israeli and other Middle Eastern foods, as well as other dishes from around the world. No preservatives are added.

Rachel's Catering is under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Toronto Jewish Congress, and began catering for Pride of Israel Synagogue in December 1991. This is the company's only synagogue client. Usually, meetings with synagogue officials are held in the store, so the officials can taste the food. Over the last three months, Rachel's has invested $40,000 in new dishes and cutlery for the synagogue.

Rachel's also works with other banquet halls like Paradise, Terrace or Baycrest, and caters house parties. No contract is too small or big, whether for one person or 1,000. The growing list of regular customers includes many people from the offices and community organizations in the Finch-Dufferin area. Rachel's products are available at Food City in Thornhill and other locations.

Rachel's will hold a draw among the first 25 couples to book their wedding banquet through Rachel's at the Pride of Israel Synagogue. The prize will be the lesser of $10,000, or the cost of the catering excluding all applicable gratuities, service charges and taxes. Anyone who books through Rachel's qualifies, once the bill has been paid in full; the exceptions are principals or employees of the company, or their relatives.

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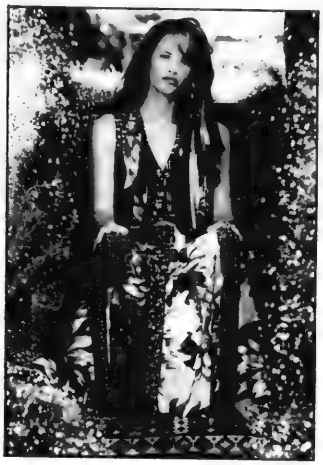

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Renowned violinist dies

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A renowned Toronto violinist who was hired by Sir Ernest MacMillan in 1931 to play with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for $15 a week died in Los Angeles recently at the age of 81.

Hyman Goodman, who was concertmaster of the Symphony from 1948 to 1967, died of heart failure in Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles, where he had lived and worked since 1971. He had retired in 1988.

Born in Toronto, Goodman began playing the violin as a child, and in his teens he played in radio shows, theatres and hotels. From 1942-46, he was a flight sergeant bandsman with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He played under some of the 20th century's best known conductors, including Sir Colin Davis, Sir John Barbirolli and Leopold Stowkowski. He also worked with popular musicians such as Paul Whiteman and Oscar Levant and was made concert-master of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. orchestra.

After Goodman left the Toronto Symphony in 1966, he lived in Los Angeles where he enjoyed a successful freelance career. He toured Japan three times as concert-master for the Percy Faith Orchestra, and his playing can be heard on the soundtracks of several 1970s TV programs including *Little House on the Prairie* and of the film *The Godfather*.

He leaves his wife Sylvia, a daughter, harpist Erica Goodman of Toronto, and a grandson, Norman Stanford.

A memorial concert will be held Sunday, May 8, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, as part of their regular music series, featuring the work of many Jewish composers who were friends of the late violinist. Taking part in the concert will be Trio Lyra with harpist Erica Goodman.

Hitler topic of French quiz show

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Concerns raised by Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) over how a popular French-language television quiz show would treat the touchy topic of Adolf Hitler appeared to be satisfied following a series of correspondences with Radio-Canada officials.

David Sultan, a policy advisor at CJC-Q, said Congress officials were mainly concerned that the weekly program, called *Tous pour un*, would trivialize the Holocaust by focusing on Hitler inside a game show format.

The general format of the program is to select an historical figure and to test a contestant's knowledge of the subject for prize money.

Past historical figures the program has focused on have included Charles de Gaulle and Tintin, the famous French comic strip character.

The three weekly segments devoted to Hitler, broadcast on Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10, also prompted concerns outside the Jewish community.

Pierre Bourgeault, a columnist for *Le Devoir*, considered the choice of Hitler "irresponsible," and writer Noel Audet, also in an opinion piece in *Le Devoir*, feared the show, by selecting Hitler, would reinforce a "positive image" of him and neglect to provide necessary historical context.

According to Sultan, Jacques Demers, the show's producer, sought to assure Congress that his program chose Hitler as a means to educate the public in light of rising racism and anti-Semitism. Sultan, as well, praised Demers and host Gilles Gougeons for treating CJC-Q's concerns seriously.

Still, Sultan said the program's first two episodes, which covered the period from 1929-39, did not fully meet Congress' expectations in terms of "sensitization" or providing a "substantial educational context."

The final episode, covering the period of the Holocaust, handled the subject matter "much more responsibly," Sultan said. The show contained more archival footage and documentation and set a tone more befitting the subject matter.

Sultan said CJC-Q received "a few" calls expressing concerns over the program. Copies of CJC-Q's correspondence with Radio-Canada officials were sent to Itzhak Levanon, Israel's consul general for Eastern Canada and to CJC-Q chair Manuel Shacter.

Sultan emphasized that Congress never asked Radio-Canada to cancel plans to air the shows, but only that they be done with as much sensitivity and context as possible given the format.

The organization's ultimate preference, he said, would have been for Radio-Canada not use a game show to deal with a subject like Hitler, since almost by definition there are questions of taste and decorum involved.

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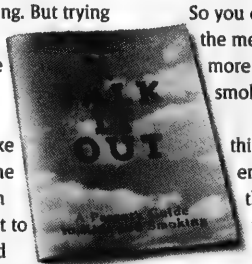

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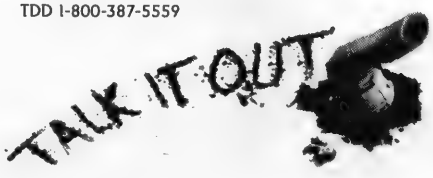

Arts

Filmmaker used her talents to showcase Hitler's agenda

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

At best, Leni Riefenstahl was an ambiguous figure in Nazi Germany.

She was never a member of the Nazi party, but she contributed her enormous talent to Hitler's malevolent cause.

An actress in the Weimar period, Riefenstahl became a director shortly after the Nazis' accession to power in 1933. Her best-known documentaries were *Triumph of the Will*, an esthetic hymn to the Nazis and their fuhrer, and *Olympia*, a rapturous paean to Olympic Games athletes.

That Riefenstahl's films were technically brilliant is beyond debate. What matters more, nearly 50 years after the ignominious fall of the Third Reich, is whether she was a Nazi propagandist.

You can judge for yourself thanks to Cinematheque Ontario, which is presenting a portfolio of her work under the title of The Wonderful, Horrible Films of Leni Riefenstahl.

Her putative masterpiece, *Triumph of the Will*, will be screened on April 8, on the same day Ray Muller's first-class documentary, *The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl*, opens its run at the Metropolitan Cinema.

Olympia, and Riefenstahl's last movie, *Tiefland*, are scheduled to be shown on April 13. The two films in which she starred as an actress, *The White Hell of Piz Palu* and *S.O.S. Iceberg*, are set for April 8 and April 9, respectively.

I sat through *Triumph of the Will* and *Olympia*, and they are mesmerizing from a purely technical point of view. (A review of Miller's documentary appeared in *The Canadian Jewish News* fairly recently.)

Triumph of the Will was commissioned by Hitler to record the sixth annual Nazi party congress in Nuremberg in 1934. Riefenstahl maintains that the film is nothing more than a documentary. In essence, however, it exalts Hitler and his National Socialist movement.

Leni Riefenstahl

Wagnerian in proportions, and 111 minutes in length, *Triumph of the Will* begins in the clouds, as Hitler's personal plane soundlessly glides over the medieval city of Nuremberg.

Adoring crowds welcome Hitler's motorcade, and a fanfare of trumpets ushers in a pagan-like nighttime rally.

Photographed greeting citizens in folkloric costumes, Hitler comes across as an earnest and compassionate leader of the nation.

Riefenstahl mixes martial music, a sea of stiff-arm salutes, a panoply of swastika flags, a series of torch-light parades and rousing speeches by party faithful to convey the unmistakable impression that Hitler is leading Germany to recovery and greatness.

To hammer home this point, *Triumph of the Will* ends as Rudolf Hess ecstatically equates Nazism with Hitler and Germany with Hitler's destiny.

This is a powerful and affecting film which glorifies Hitler and elevates him to the status of a deity. In this sense, *Triumph of the Will* is the personification of the propagandist's art.

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Like *Triumph of the Will*, *Olympia* is visually stunning, though too long at 225 minutes. It was commissioned by Germany as the official film of the 1936 summer Olympics in Berlin.

Working with an army of cinematographers, Riefenstahl dedicates it to the "youth of the world," who would soon see combat in World War II.

To Herbert Windt's brooding score, the camera pans on the ancient ruins of classical Greece, where the Olympics were conceived.

Then, in an inspired shift, the camera cuts to a nearly naked and sinuous discus thrower. Thus, in one stroke, Riefenstahl bridges a yawning gap in time.

Olympia celebrates the human form, and some would argue, the Aryan ideals of strength and beauty. It also caters to racial stereotypes of the day with its references to "Negro" athletes and the "white race."

Amid the tension of the athletic events, Hitler and his entourage appear in a variety of moods, always keenly interested in the proceedings.

By any yardstick, *Olympia* is an olympian cinematic feat. On a broader scale, it's tragic that so gifted a filmmaker put herself at the disposal of the most detestable regime in history.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Piety & Power: The World of Jewish Fundamentalism by David Landau (McLelland & Stewart $29.95)

The recent tragic incident at Hebron has focused attention on the haredim — the so-called ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. Informed estimates put the Israeli haredim at around 300,000 out of a Jewish population of some four million, and the haredim in the Diaspora at 300-325,000. In 1992, the haredi parties in Israel won close to 10 per cent of the vote.

The haredim feel that the tide of Jewish history is turning their way, that after two centuries of retreat and shrinkage in the face of modernity, old style Orthodoxy is on the ascendancy. Writes the author of this absorbing study, "They are bursting at the seams, swelling in numbers, growing in self-confidence and in their determination to influence the world around them."

David Landau, a seasoned Israeli journalist, takes the reader into all aspects of haredi society, into the yeshivahs which are the intellectual core of the community, into the colorful "courts" of the chassidic rebbes, into the haredi home with its warm family life and stern sexual codes and into the international structure of gifts and mutual aid that help sustain young men who often spend decades of their lives as full-time students of the Talmud.

Piety and Power delves into the complexities of Israeli politics and society to show how the haredim, despite their theological opposition to the very existence of a non-messianic Jewish state, nevertheless adroitly work the system to their own advantage.

The Chabad movement of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the best known and most active of the chassidic groups, has 3,000 shlichim, emissaries, who are to be found around the world from Hong Kong to Katmandou. They operate in places where there is no other organized Jewish life or community. Landau says, "They come uninvited, nail up a notice, 'Chabad House' — and launch their indefatigable search for Jewish souls."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe has always firmly opposed the return of any land taken from the Arabs and has influenced several Israeli general elections. He is certainly the dominant haredi personality of the post-war era. Some of his followers suggest that the Rebbe is the long-awaited Messiah. When he fell ill in 1992, some of his adherents insisted that his suffering was itself added evidence of his messianic potential and the imminence of the historic moment.

Among the Rebbe's fiercest adversaries is Rabbi Eliezer Shach, leader of Israel's Degel Hatorah Party — a 92-year-old charismatic haredi — who labels the Lubavitcher Rebbe a misguided leader who will bring tragedy to the Jewish people.

Like most young haredim, Chabad youth do not serve in the Israeli army. The exceptions are the Orthodox non-haredi students in the hesder yeshivahs, where students combine Talmud study with army service over a five-year period. Landau quotes Labor's Yossi Beilin as harshly criticizing the unwillingness of the haredim to do army service: if a student "can't get into a good yeshivah, he tries for a weaker one. If he fails again, he looks for a place with even lower standards. But eventually everyone finds somewhere. It is unprecedented in Jewish history. At the rate they're growing, there's bound to be an explosion. Israeli society won't stand for it forever."

Proud of their large families, their steadfast devotion to tradition and their disdain of modern values, the haredim are certain that the future is theirs. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, head of the Reform lay movement, warned his liberal cohorts that where the haredi philosophy alone prevails, it leads to "stale repression, fossilized tradition and ethical corruption."

The author writes in a clear, unadorned style and the information conveyed — interesting, surprising and arresting — should be of widespread interest.

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Leslie Lester's WWII is sure not to disappoint

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Leslie Lester keeps her light under a bushel. The producing company of which she is a member, *VideoCabaret* does not list the names of its producers; so Lester's considerable accomplishments in the Toronto theatre world are a well-kept secret.

The CJN, however, is letting the cat out of the bag. Lester is one of the producers of a new play, *WWII* which opened March 31 at the Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen Street West, and runs to April 24.

One of the patrons on opening night, continuing her record of always attending Lester's openings, was her grandmother, Edna Lester. It's not surprising that the Lester family has turned out a theatre person. Two of Leslie's cousins are well-known in the arts: Lionel, a retired film distributor, and Malcolm, a publisher.

Another secret is that Lester and *VideoCabaret* have won Dora awards for previous plays in this cycle, of which *WWII* is the eighth. As well, the author, Michael Hollingsworth has won a Chalmers nomination for his seventh play in the series, *The Life and Times of Mackenzie King*. The series is called *The History of the Village of the Small Huts*.

"As a producer in alternative theatre, I have to do a lot with a little money, I beg, borrow and steal," said Lester. "But it's a satisfying job, keeps me away from being tied down to a desk."

This is the understatement of the year, because the productions of *VideoCabaret* are notorious for their complexity and innovations in staging, to say nothing of the pyrotechnics frequently found in the dialogue. One of its members, Deanne Taylor, once ran for mayor against Art Eggleton with the slogan, "art against Art."

Leslie Lester

WWII will not disappoint those theatregoers who like a red-blooded look at Canadian history and don't spare the horses. It does not gloss over mistakes made in Ottawa and on the fields of battle. One of its publicity posters quotes the words of Mackenzie King in the play: "We're not fighting this war to keep the world free of Nazis, nor to maintain the British Empire. We're fighting to keep the Liberal Party in power."

Ticket prices are $15, and $10 for war veterans and seniors. There is a pay-what-you-can matinee on Sundays at 2.30 p.m. The box office number is 538-0988.

Few Jewish performers listed in the ACTRA catalogue

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Only eight of 603 actors in a catalogue of disabled, visible and ethnic minority performers available for hire list themselves as Jewish.

This small number puzzles a spokesman for Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) who told *The CJN* that the overall percentage of Jewish performers is far higher than that. Listing in the catalogue is voluntary.

Into the Mainstream is the title of the catalogue published by ACTRA and launched recently at a reception in the rotunda of Toronto City Hall. Anyone who is a member of ACTRA or of Equity, composed of professional theatre actors, is eligible to have their picture and career summary in it.

A segment of *Reel Players* was played at the reception showing how producers and directors, particularly those from outside Canada, depend on the multi-racial acting pool in Toronto. Among the movies mentioned as recruiting in Toronto were *Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*, said to be 98 per cent Canadian, *Counter Strike* and *Robocop*.

The catalogue also includes audible minorities, those who have a particular accent needed for the role, and accounts for the presence in it of dozens of performers who list British, Irish, Scottish, Jamaican, East Indian, native Canadian or French-Canadian accents.

Children's section

There are no Jewish performers listed in the separate children's section. Among the women listed as Jewish are Shelley Goldstein, Anais Granofsky (black and Jewish) and Judy Silver. Among the men are Paul Dorsey (Jewish, French, Mohawk and Cherokee), Joe Green (Japanese and Jewish), Brad Milne, Sam Moses and Ed Rice.

The launching was held in conjunction with the International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

"Not every white person is a racist and not every person of color is free of bigotry," said Sandi Ross, first woman president of ACTRA Toronto Performers' branch, who is black. She is the founding editor of *Into the Mainstream*.

"It is time for a moratorium on confrontational tactics," said keynote speaker June Callwood, the author-activist who has been at the centre of a dispute over her remarks to minority spokespeople.

"Sandi Ross has stuck her neck out a mile by inviting me; she's fearless," said Callwood.

A number of disabled performers wheeled their way around the rotunda during the reception.

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Spielberg's List: Brief clips from no less than 11 megahits by Steven Spielberg were shown last month during a salute to the director by the American Museum of the Moving Image in New York. As reported in *The Forward*, Goldie Hawn, Richard Dreyfus, Oprah Winfrey and other actors who had worked with Spielberg voiced their appreciation and shared anecdotes.

Speaking before *Schindler's List* swept the Academy Awards, actor Ben Kingsley, who played Itzhak Stern in the film, said, "Steven put the camera to his heart and gut." Actor Liam Neeson said, "... At the gates of Auschwitz, I did not expect to find a man so raw, so scared, so angry. What Spielberg showed us is that it is possible to remain ethical and brave in this world."

Acknowledging the tributes, Spielberg admitted, "What scares me is that I don't know what will come after *Schindler*. The film has so profoundly changed my life."

Little known to Toronto audiences is that part of the soundtrack of *Schindler's List* features the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Film composer and conductor John Williams personally selected the choir and came to Toronto last fall to record with the choir in the CBC's Glenn Gould Studio.

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Show Boat News: Well-known film and television actress Cloris Leachman is preparing for the role of Cap'n Andy's irascible wife Parthy in the Toronto production of *Show Boat*. She begins Aug. 16. Leachman is familiar to television audiences for portraying Phyllis in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* in the '70s. She has appeared in more than 30 films, including *The Last Picture Show, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and *Young Frankenstein*.

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Book Launches & Klezmer: Common Knowledge Books, a shop at 602 Markham St. in Toronto, is offering an eclectic assortment of activities this month. Something being billed as a combination hootenanny, fundraiser, book launch and potluck shindig occurs April 10 at 3 p.m., and features the works of a 21-writer collective from southwestern Ontario.

Hear Dr. Milan Tytla, author of *Come To Your Senses (All Eleven of Them)*, April 17, 2 p.m., and Edmund Fowler, author of *Building Cities That Work*, April 24, 2 p.m. An evening of "hot, passionate, raunchy sounds and dancing" happens April 28, beginning at 7 p.m., courtesy of Anne Lederman (of The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band) and Friends. The sounds embrace Jewish wedding music, songs from Yiddish theatre, chassidic dances and chants.

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O Come All Ye Faithful?: For obvious reasons, the Toronto-based Amadeus Choir's annual Christmas carol writing competition has probably moved or involved few readers of this column in its eight years of existence. But now its organizers have added a new "Chanukah" category. Even though the notion of a Chanukah carol may seem an oxymoron, the choir's earnest attempts to include non-Christian segments of society in its activities deserve praise. Those interested in submitting an entry should phone (416) 267-2796 for contest details. By mail: Amadeus Choir Carol Competition, 939 Lawrence Ave. E., P.O. Box 47569, Don Mills ON M3C 3S7.

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Notes From All Over: Subject of a highly complimentary write-up in the last issue of *City & Country Home*, Toronto sculptor Janice Krangle uses chicken wire and welded steel to explore the relationship between human beings and animals.

Nine new metal pieces and her innovative Arboreal Series (which delves into the vegetable kingdom) go on display at the gallery at 89 Scollard St., Toronto, April 16 to 23, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Artist Mindy Yan Miller is one of four artists featured in Monuments in the Present Tense, an exhibit at the Ottawa Art Gallery, 2 Daly Ave., Ottawa, until April 24. Yan Miller's work also appears in a show at the Museum for Textiles, 59 Centre Ave., Toronto, until May 7. Montreal novelist Mordecai Richler is one of numerous writers slated to speak at the 1994 convention of the Canadian Booksellers Association (CBA), June 18 to 20 in Toronto. Other speakers include Roberta Bondar, Rick Hansen and Neil Bissoondath.

Call the CBA, 416-467-7884, ext. 222, for more information.

Recent works in watercolor and acrylic by artist Ellen Manel-Derrick are being shown this month at the Barbara Frum Library in the Lawrence-Bathurst area of North York. *There Comes A Time ...* is a new play that explores the interpersonal relations and issues that arise in the lives of senior citizens.

For a fee, participants may join a workshop to be directed by Sean Mulcahy at the Bloor Street 'Y', April 24, 1:30 to 5 p.m. Phone Luni at (416) 924-6211, for further information.

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Magna International Frank Stronach

Frank Stronach wears many hats: he is founder and chairman of Magna International Inc., a successful race horse owner and breeder, a one-time Liberal candidate, an energetic community leader and a participant in charitable causes. Come this May, Stronach will also receive a Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa from Haifa University.

Known as the "University of the North", the University of Haifa is widely recognized for the important role it plays in seeking to foster improved relations and greater understanding between Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East.

The youngest of Israel's universities, the 200-acre campus sits atop Mt. Carmel and serves a student body in excess of 10,000. The student body includes Israelis, Druze, Arabs, new immigrants and overseas students from virtually everywhere in the world.

The Frank Stronach Centre of Education for Peace will help as an important step towards building a network of human relations which will lay the foundation for a better understanding between the peoples of the Middle East.

Magna International is one of the world's largest and most diversified suppliers of automotive systems and components.

Stronach was born in Weiz, Austria and immigrated to Canada in 1954 with a working background in tool and machine engineering. In 1957 he opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in the Dufferin-Dupont area of Toronto.

The rocky road to success found Stronach facing insolvency in 1990. In 1992, with a debt load of $273.8 million, he predicted Magna would be debt free in three years; it is only the beginning of 1994 and he has reached his goal. Stronach spoke recently with The CJN's *Stephanie Chapman.*

CJN: *How and why did your interest in Haifa University develop?*

Stronach: To a certain extent, I'm a victim — but I should say, a willing victim. Sometimes when we think there is a good cause involved, we participate. It always takes people to initiate things. So, you have a number of people — Canadians — and Haifa University is very dear to them. Karen Miller approached me and said 'Look here, I have a project and I believe very strongly in it. Would you participate?'

I listened. I think I'm reasonably tuned in to world affairs. I travel a lot and I see a lot of problems. In the world we all are neighbors, and sometimes [because we are so far removed from a situation] we can see things from a different view and hopefully be helpful.

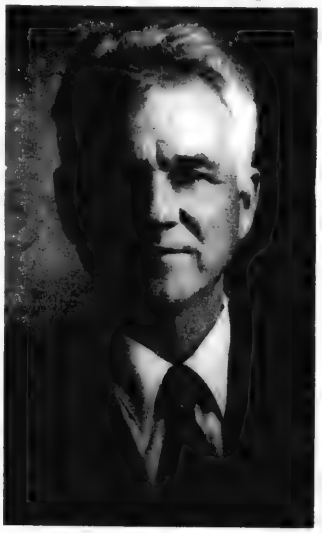
So, when it was brought forward to me, I said I would be very happy to participate. The project is basically a fundraiser that will raise between half a million and one million dollars that will be donated to Haifa University. Essentially what they have in mind is that it will be called The Frank Stronach Chair of Peace.

I think anytime we can make a contribution to peace, we should try. The world is a relatively small piece of real estate and we have to make sure that people can live in peace. When it comes down to it, people are people are people and it's really a matter of communication. Somewhere along the line, communication went wrong.

CJN: *Haifa University enrols a high number of Arab students and it is noted for its work in facilitating co-operation among Israeli Arabs and Jews. How do you see the two groups eventually working together and how will Haifa University assist in this process?*

Stronach: Naturally, Haifa University has a board. They have a basic approach and basic philosophies that have been in existence for about 20 years so I do hope that they can make a small contribution.

One thing in the world that people are really afraid of is being dominated. That's why we have a break-up in all the different states in Russia and other parts of the world. People are afraid of being dominated by somebody else. To a great extent, domination means economics, right?



Most countries in the world have established human charters of rights and I think we have to be very careful to guard that. For those countries that haven't got one yet, the rest of the world has to work on it. First and foremost, a human charter of rights is needed to be part of civilized society.

That's one aspect. I believe very strongly that we could also establish economic charters. As the world has agreed on human charters of rights, I think we could also agree on economic charters of rights. And by doing that, we could diffuse the fear of being dominated.

I have a lot of experience in this and I would reflect on it and say 'Look that's the way we could do it and I think it would be a great contribution.' So I think I can take something to the table. Maybe a new dimension.

The history of mankind has always been dominated by the golden rule — the man who has the gold makes the rule. So we really have to look at dismantling the fear of domination. Then we can live as neighbors within our own cultures and practise our own religion. It's healthy.

CJN: *How do you see peace being promoted through the business community?*

Stronach: Again, the world has been so preoccupied with human charters of rights, which we have to applaud; but at the same time, it's time to talk about the economic charter of rights. I think I'm somewhat a pioneer in this because I think we are the only company with an economic charter of rights. These charters, hopefully used throughout the world, would lead to peace. I think that's the only way to lead to peace.

CJN: *Outline some of your personal business philosophies.*

Stronach: My personal business philosophy is that business is relatively easy — whoever can make a better product for a better price will get the greatest market share. It sounds easy, right? But, our specialty is human capital. What can we do to stimulate labor for greater productivity and ingenuity?

CJN: *And what do you do?*

Stronach: We have a labor charter of rights. Everything we do is transparent. We have an economic charter of rights that guarantees the employees 10 per cent of the profits. We have big posters in every factory which outline the principles — a clean, safe environment, fair treatment, no discrimination, competitive wages. If we have an employee who feels that isn't so, we have a hotline number and we have labor inspectors that check up on complaints. And if something like that happens, we back the employees to the hilt.

It's bad business to discriminate or be unfair. Do you know why? It makes people unhappy. And when people are unhappy, you can't make quality products at a competitive price. Very simple.

CJN: *Would this translate directly into how you would implement those philosophies and apply them to Israel and the Middle East when peace comes?*

Stronach: You can apply those all over the world. If something isn't right, somewhere along the line, there has to be a recourse to correct it.

CJN: *You ran in the 1988 federal election as the Liberal candidate. How would you describe that whole experience?*

Stronach: From time to time, as a person, I think you have to look in a mirror. If you feel strongly about something, do something about it. In reality, we always say 'I hope someone will do something about it.'

At the time, [even though I'm not a Liberal and have never been party member of anything] when I told Bill Davis that I was seeking political office, he said 'Frank, don't be so stupid. First of all, you're running for the wrong party. Secondly, you're in the wrong riding — it's a very rural conservative riding — and thirdly, you're not prepared for it.'

I said 'Bill, I think I'm intelligent enough to know that, but sometimes, when we look in the mirror, I think we should do the things we should do. I'm doing it.'

And I said, 'I know it is easier to swim down the stream and it is easier to flow with the wind, but I think that I'm made that way that if I feel I should do something, I will do it.'

But over and above I said, 'It's not the greatest sacrifice for me because if I don't get elected, I'm going to re-elect myself as chairman of Magna.' I had a great fallback position.

It was a good experience because democracy is very complex. Even though I thought I had a fairly good understanding — but it's very, very complex — I think I learned a lot from the process and as a result, I'm a wiser man.

CJN: *You were quoted in a 1992 article, 'Never say never to politics.' Does this still stand true? Any future aspirations?*

Stronach: I would say there are some very concrete things in life that you wouldn't do but anytime you see you could have a positive input in society — you should not say never, never, never.

It would be very unlikely that I would run for politics for a simple reason. To be in Parliament is to serve society. If this what you truly have in mind, then you have to assess yourself from time to time and ask 'Could I serve in some other capacity?'

I think I can. That role would be to work on economic charters and labor charters and so on. I think I could serve society very well that way.

CJN: *Also in that 1992 article in the* Financial Post *you were quoted as saying, 'Magna will have a very disciplined growth. I feel strongly Magna will be a major corporation.' That was a little over a year ago; describe your company's progress.*

Stronach: We have grown again by 30, 49, 50 per cent. Magna's up to 4 billion in sales now, we have 22,000 employees worldwide and Magna's got no debt.

CJN: *So after you came through economic problems at the end of 1990, you are debt free now?*

Stronach: We are debt free now. We did it by being focused and disciplined. Most of all, I built the company from scratch so I know every building block. The perception was always worse than the reality. Yes, we had expanded a bit too much with bank loans. The banks got a bit nervous when the economy turned down in 1990 — which you can't blame them for — but Magna always was a good company and still is. And we proved it.

CJN: *What changes have you made in Magna to take the company into the '90s and beyond?*

Stronach: We are in the transportation business. Cars — the shapes, the way they are driven and the way the motor runs — may change, but cars will always be around because they are part of our individual freedom. I don't mean there won't be trains and buses but I don't think you can have individual freedom unless you have individual transportation.

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Astral empire undergoes $25 million expansion

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Harold Greenberg's Astral empire continues to expand, and the Montreal economy is largely the beneficiary.

Astral Communications Inc., of which Greenberg is chair and chief executive officer, is undergoing a $25 million expansion of its technical services. It has begun with the opening of two new plants in Montreal and Boca Raton, Fla.

The AstralTech Centre on Royalmount Avenue in Town of Mount Royal (TMR), inaugurated this month, has the capacity to duplicate 12 million videocassettes annually and has 250 regular employees (jumping to over 300 at peak periods).

A few days later, the Greenberg clan flew south to officially open AstralTech Americas, where compact discs, audiocassettes and videos are duplicated.

But the biggest news is expected April 5 when federal Finance Minister Paul Martin, Quebec Industry Minister Gerald Tremblay, and Montreal Mayor Jean Dore will gather at Astral headquarters to announce details of the construction of the new AstralTech motion picture laboratory and dubbing studios downtown.

The new video duplication centre on Royalmount represents an $8 million investment. The move into the 200,000 square-foot plant (previously owned by Benson & Hedges) doubles both the space and the capacity of this technical service, making it the biggest operation of its kind in Canada and the seventh largest in North America.

AstralTech previously had two video duplication centres, one on Cote de Liesse Road and one in Toronto. Montreal has come out the winner in the consolidation, because as Greenberg said: "I have faith in this province and in this country...My heritage is here."

In peak periods, such as before Christmas, the new facility can copy up to 50,000 feature-length videos a day on 4,000 industrial VCRs, running seven days a week around the clock. It's light years away from only nine years ago when Astral first got into duplication. Then, it boosted its ability to copy 350,000 videos annually and employed only 14 people. Then the video market took off.

Present for the opening ceremony were Sheila Finestone, federal secretary of state for multiculturism and the status of women; John Ciaccia, Quebec Minister of international affairs; and acting TMR mayor Pierre Brisebois.

AstralTech manufactures all videos for distribution in Canada for Buena Vista Home Video, which includes such bestselling Disney titles as *Aladdin* and *Beauty and the Beast*, as well as the soon-to-be-released *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, and Columbia TriStar Home Video, whose recent releases include *Cliffhanger* and *In the Line of Fire*.

The company also does work for Canadian producers and distributors like the National Film Board and Radio-Canada.

The new duplication centre resembles a medical laboratory. Technicians work in smocks and caps, and the air is recycled 25 times each minute to keep the room clean and dust free.

Once completed, the cassettes are taken to quality control where computers check that each one is perfect at a rate of 100 cassettes every 15 seconds. A technician, who works at a slightly slower pace, makes spot checks.

The two packaging assembly lines can wrap 140 cassettes every minute, which are then stored or distributed immediately.

With sales of over $300 million a year and 1,400 employees, the publicly-owned Astral Communications is one of Canada's leading entertainment and broadcasting conglomerates, financing and distributing movie, video and television programming, as well as providing technical services to the industry.

Astral Home Entertainment is the country's largest wholesaler of prerecorded videos, and the Astral Broadcasting Group owns the biggest pay TV movie service in Canada, The Movie Network. It also has major interests in Canal Premiere/Viewer' Choice Canada, Super Ecran and Canal Famille, other pay-per-view outlets.

Gathered at the inauguration of the AstralTech Videocassette Duplication Centre are (from left) federal Secretary of State Shelia Finestone; Astral chair Harold Greenberg; Quebec Minister of International Affairs John Ciaccia; and acting Town of Mount Royal mayor Pierre Brisebois.

And Astral has not abandoned the camera and photo processing business, from which Greenberg's empire grew. It still operates the Astral Photo retail chain in five provinces.

Greenberg, 63, dropped out of school at 14. In the 1950s he opened a second-hand camera store on Craig Street, in an uncle's old pawn shop.

But his big break — which he acknowledged at the inauguration — came in the early 1960s when he obtained the concession to the camera departments in the old Miracle Mart chain.

Greenberg saw the business as a way of keeping his family together after the death of their parents within the space of 16 months. He employed his three younger brothers, Harvey, Ian and Sidney, who are now top executives at Astral.

Greenberg hinted that Astral still has room to expand. "I'm committed to building the most modern CD manufacturing plant in this country," he said, pointing to the ample land at the back of the Royalmount Avenue centre.

The Boca Raton facility is capable of making 12 million CDs a year.

Device decreases tailgating accidents

By SIMON GRIVER
Special to The CJN

TEL AVIV — Accidents due to tailgating could be greatly reduced on the world's highways if an innovative device developed in Israel were to become standard equipment in cars.

Called Controlaser, it informs drivers of the distance and speed of the preceding vehicle. Invented and developed by Silicon Heights, a hi-tech company in Tel Aviv, it also calculates how long it would take to stop in a worst-case scenario.

"According to statistics, some 25 per cent of road accidents are due to tailgating," observes Avner Shur, managing director of Silicon Heights. "This isn't necessarily due to negligent driving, but because the human eye cannot judge speed and distance accurately, particularly when tired or under adverse weather conditions."

It struck Shur some years ago that while aircraft and ships have for many years used sophisticated instrumentation to monitor activity in their path, cars have always relied on the unreliable human eye. So he set about remedying the situation.

Installed above the dashboard near the windshield, Controlaser projects a light beam forward which is reflected by the vehicle in front. The instrument's computer then calculates the distance and speed of the car up front and also sounds a warning alarm if the driver is judged to be tailgating. The closer the gap becomes, the more rapid the alarm. The digital display clock of the instrument reads "safe" when the driver proceeds with adequate space between vehicles and changes to "slow" when the driver enters the danger zone. It is up to the driver to adjust his or her distance accordingly.

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TORONTO — The second annual Good Food Fesitval is a celebration of the delicious and varied world of good food, home cooking and eating well.

The event will be held May 6-8 at the Automotive Building Exhibition Place.

The festival offers more than 100 cooking demonstrations and nutrition seminars to help families learn about every aspect of food. Recipe ideas, preparation tips and techniques will also be explored. Alongside these activities will be hundreds of foods to be sampled, bushels of new products to buy and loads of expert advice freely given.

Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 778-6483.

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CIS Olim Big Business

ISRAEL — Aliyah is good for business, a recent survey conducted by the Tazpit Research Institute for the daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot* has found.

New immigrants from the former Soviet Union are big consumers — 92 per cent of the immigrant households surveyed had purchased televisions; 49 per cent had VCRs; 84 per cent owned a washing machine; 58 per cent an electric heater; 55 per cent an electric mixer; 14 per cent a personal computer; and 11 per cent an air conditioner.

Forty-two per cent of the households have purchased permanent housing and of those who arrived in 1989 or 1990, 53 per cent have bought housing.

The survey found that 36 per cent have been issued credit cards. Banks consider olim from the Soviet Union to be good credit risks; experience shows they are less likely than veteran Israelis to default on payments.

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Bank To Reopen On West Bank

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Jordan has received a license to open its doors again on the West Bank.

The licence, granted March 16, enables the bank to re-establish a West Bank presence for the first time since the Six Day War.

The bank's first branch will open in Ramallah, with others scheduled to follow.

The civil administration in the territories and Israel's supervisor of banks are involved in negotiations with other Arab banks to enable them to set up branches in the West Bank and Gaza.

Banking sources note that talks with local businessmen in the territories about establishing a Palestinian bank in the West Bank are also progressing.

A partnership between Israel's Bank Leumi and Palestinian interests to set up a joint banking project in the West Bank has been suggested by the Palestinians in December, shortly after Jordan reached an agreement on banking with Israel.

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Foreign Currency Boxes

TORONTO — Ever wondered what to do with your leftover rubles, yen and drachmas?

Mount Sinai Hospital has found a new and innovative way to put foreign currency to good use. The hospital has set up foreign currency boxes in its main lobby and admitting area at 600 University Ave.

All denominations of foreign bills and coins are accepted and redeemed by Thomas Cook Foreign Exchange. The proceeds will support patient care, teaching and research at the hospital and its Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute.

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Missile Stopping Shopping

ISRAEL — Marketing missle detection systems isn't as simple as placing your product in a briefcase and knocking on doors. There are trade shows to show off the latest in military technology.

Israel Industries Ltd. recently conducted a sales pitch in America for its new missile defence product, Piano.

Piano provides accurate early warning, not only against missile attacks, but incursions by enemy aircraft as well.

Piano was developed entirely at Israel Industries, which is a government-owned mix of development and manufacturing operations. Some of the firm may soon be privatized.

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Israel Cable Battles

ISRAEL — A recent Israeli court order to disband a program purchasing service on behalf of several cable TV companies has intensified cable competition.

Six years ago Israel Cable Programs (ICP) was formed to buy shows and arrange for them to be screened. However, Israel's newest TV channel, the Second Television and Cable Authority, known as New Channel 2, claimed the ICP arrangement harmed its ability to acquire programs.

The court bought the argument made by New Channel 2. However, any one company in the ICP conglomerate can purchase material for the others. Some of the ICP cable stations are partially owned by the same companies with investments in New Channel 2.

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Fighting Boycott Compliance

ISRAEL — Israel is strongly urging Sweden to stay away from the Arab economic boycott.

Despite signing a free trade agreement with Israel, Sweden reportedly complies with the boycott.

A Swedish economic delegation travelled to Israel for talks on the matter.

Israel's trade ties with Sweden are increasingly one way. Last year Israeli exports amounted to $59 million, but imports stood at $293 million, with car imports accounting for $136 million.

Israeli companies are finding Sweden's recession and the krone's devaluation are sizeable impediments to exports.

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Renewed Inflation Worries

ISRAEL — Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel has once again taken up the fight against inflation.

At the end of last year, the Bank raised interest rates on monetary loans as an inflation fighting measure. Now, Frenkel has sent a letter to Israel's cabinet warning that rising prices will result from the excessive amount of money in the economy.

According to Frenkel, the money supply grew by about 35 per cent in 1993, partly because the peace process gave the economy a big boost.

He is warning of even tighter money policies to ensure price stability.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO — On March 29 there was a big bash for the employees of Downsview Chrysler as they celebrated their first anniversary in their new quarters on Allen Road, north of Sheppard Avenue.

The dealership covers six sprawling acres. Business is conducted in a 46,000-square-foot building which includes offices, a show room, body shop, and service, leasing and parts departments. There are 80 employees.

The cars in stock — new and used — sit on a parking lot the size of a football field. It is so massive that in warm weather customers use a golf cart to get around the lot to view the cars.

In an average year, the company does about $38 million in sales. Roughly 1,600 new and 700 used cars are sold and 250 cars are leased annually. The body shop, service and parts departments bring in close to five million dollars a year.

Peter Kepecs, president of Downsview Chrysler, said the company was somewhat affected by the recession two years ago, but it escaped relatively unscathed. "We haven't felt it like GM [General Motors] and Ford."

He said that at least five Toronto-area GM dealerships have gone bankrupt, but he's not aware of any Chrysler bankruptcies. Kepecs thinks they were spared because Chrysler has been steadily increasing its share of the market: it has 20 per cent; GM has 30 per cent, but that's down from 55 per cent.

He said new and used car sales at his dealership were up 18 per cent last year and he expects this year's sales to top last year's figures, because many people need to replace their older-model vehicles.

"The average age of a car on the road today is seven-and-a-half-years old — that's the longest stretch [of people putting off buying new cars] in history," Kepecs said.

He also attributes the increase in car sales last year to the decline in interest rates. He does not think the recent rise in rates is going to significantly affect car sales.

He said Chrysler's biggest selling car is the minivan or magic wagon — the company sells more of these models than the combined sale of minivans in all the other car companies. Minivans make up 50 per cent of sales at Downsview Chrysler. Kepecs sees the success of the minivan as a reflection of Chrysler's inventiveness as a company and its ability to predict the needs of the market. But he also credits Chrysler's success to other factors.

He stressed the improvement in the quality of the product. He said the competition from the Japanese car companies forced Chrysler to produce a better car at a better price, to regain its share of the market. "We had no choice — we had to change," he said.

He added that the cars are made better and they require less maintenance; with the improved product, Chrysler could offer warranties which were attractive to customers. Most of their cars are warranted for 115,000 kilometres or seven years. It used to be 90 days.

Kepecs said it wouldn't be profitable for Chrysler to offer such extensive warranties if the cars needed a lot of repairs because Chrysler would have to cover the costs of such repairs.

He also thinks Chrysler, like other domestic car makers, is benefiting from the changing social values of the '90s — people are less inclined to flaunt their wealth. He said people are buying more moderately priced domestic cars because expensive foreign cars aren't the status symbol they used to be — "BMW, Jaguar and Mercedes are really taking a beating."

The cars of the '90s have many safety features. Chrysler was the first company to make duo air bags standard equipment on all domestic cars. The company also uses steel beams to strengthen the bodies of the cars. Anti-lock brakes, which kick in during bad weather, is an optional safety feature.

Kepecs said the air-conditioning systems have been modified to make the cars more environmentally friendly. Freon gas is no longer used to cool the air because it destroys the ozone layer. The new substance is not discharged into the air, but retained in the air-conditioning equipment.

Kepecs joined Downsview Chrysler in 1970, after completing a two-year program in automotive studies at Centennial College. He chose to work at a Chrysler dealership because he loved cars and thought the company had an exciting product.

He started in the parts department and then moved into sales, eventually becoming sales manager. He was offered an opportunity to buy into the company because the three owners were retiring or semi-retired.

He said they knew that absentee ownership would not be good for the business so they made him a partner. Kepecs will groom somebody within the dealership to take over as president.

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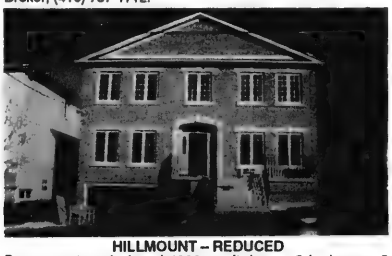

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'Soviet' women finding long lost Jewish roots

By ELEANOR SHAPIRO
Jewish Bulletin Of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — Before Svetlana Yakimenko met Sallie Gratch, "Jew" was just a word stamped in her Soviet passport.

Like most Jews raised in the former Soviet Union, Yakimenko — whose grandmother told stories of growing up Orthodox — came from a non-religious home.

The 40-year-old English instructor's first step back to Judaism was on a road near St. Petersburg and a chance encounter with Gratch, a social worker and Jewish activist from Chicago.

Today Yakimenko, along with Gratch and others, is helping to organize the International Conference of Jewish Women in Kiev, the first to take place in the former Soviet Union.

The two women recently visited the Bay Area to raise funds and encourage local women to come to the May 23-27 meeting.

"Women are the soul of life in the Jewish community," says Yakimenko, who describes them as more interested in rituals and ceremonies, as well as the Jewish way of raising children.

"They don't want their kids to be without roots," she says, "like they were all their lives."

Yakimenko's daughters, ages 11 and 15, are enthusiastic helpers who are looking forward to the event.

The word is being spread by a group called Kesher. Hebrew for connection, Kesher was founded by Gratch to link the emerging Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union with the larger Jewish world.

Strengthening Jewish identity, the Chicago woman says, makes Jews in the former Soviet Union "stronger as people, because they understand who they are," regardless of whether they ultimately emigrate or choose to stay.

For more than three years, Gratch frequently has joined Yakimenko in her search for isolated pockets of Jews in small towns throughout the former Soviet Union. They bring practical advice and modest funding, as well as gifts such as mezzuzot or menorot. Often, Gratch is the first Jewish foreigner they have met.

Gaining respect among neighbors

Those communities, which once kept their Jewishness private, "are regaining their pride," Gratch says. They also are gaining respect among their non-Jewish neighbors, by taking such steps as refurbishing the local Jewish cemetery or forming Jewish cultural societies.

Such a society was organized in Shpola, population 3,000, after Gratch and Yakimenko visited the town located two hours from Kiev.

When they first came, "word spread mouth-to-mouth among the 120 Jews. More than 100 showed up at the small club rented for the evening," Yakimenko recalls.

"When Sallie started to speak, people started to cry. It was the first time they had come together as Jews — and learned they were no longer separated from world Jewry."

The conference, says Yakimenko, is particularly geared for Jewish women in places like Shpola, so they can acquire the grassroots skills to organize institutions and the knowledge to live fully Jewish lives.

Although mail takes as long as a month to arrive, and phone lines are shaky, more women have contacted Yakimenko — mostly from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine — than the conference can handle.

Those who do come will be fully subsidized, with grants from the Nathan Cummings Foundation, the Max and Anna Levinson Foundation, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is also providing logistical support.

Participants will get hands-on experience ranging from performing an aliyah at the Torah and learning different ways of observing Shabbat to workshops on Jewish history and organizing social service agencies and schools.

And they will get a chance to meet women whose own grandparents might have come from the same towns and villages.

While arrangements are being made beforehand to facilitate those connections, Gratch is determined to take the conference beyond the "feel good" stage.

"The conference is a jumping-off point for both communities," she says. "Our interest is getting the people what they need."

Based on personal ties she anticipates will be created at the international meeting, Gratch hopes the Western participants will continue to raise money after they return home.

The Westerners, she says, "will have a better idea of what's required," so they can help the Jewish life again taking root, where it once flourished.

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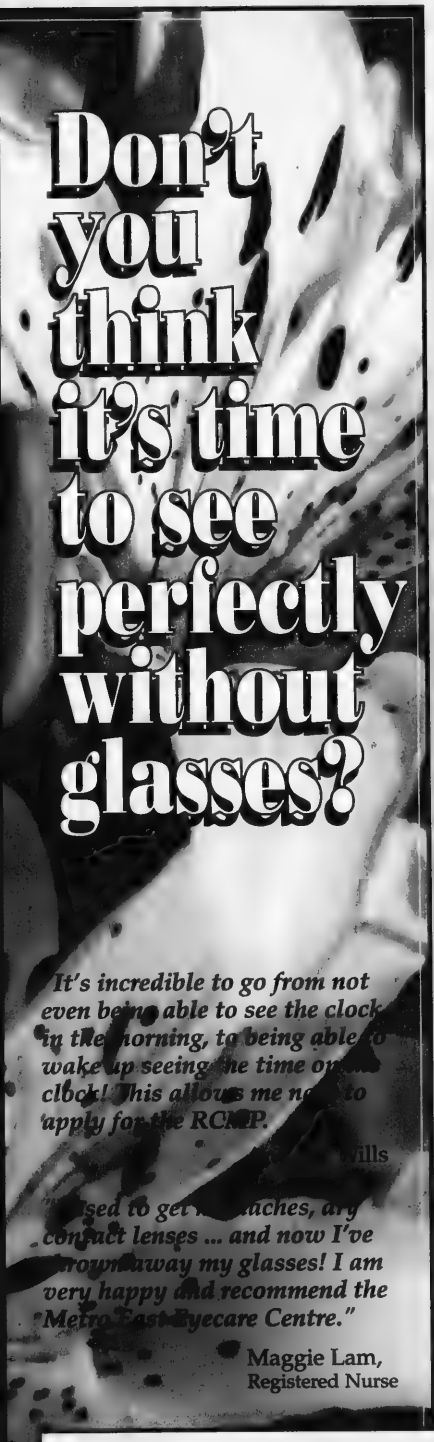
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Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman, last week presented Joyce Miedema of Bowmanville, Ont. with a medal proclaiming her and her late husband Righteous Among the Nations for the couple's hiding of Jews during World War II. See story, p. 2. [Ron Csillag photo]

Israel closes off Gaza, West Bank

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The closure of the territories, extended at last Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting for at least another week, threatens to cripple sections of Israel's economy and the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Such were some of the assessments made at the cabinet meeting about the implications of sealing off the territories.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told his cabinet that the closure "must reaccustom the country to being independent of the territories for its labor force."

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, of the Meretz bloc, warned that the closure could bring the territories' two million people to the point of starvation.

The Israeli Army's commander for the southern sector said the closure will make life "very difficult for the Gazans and is likely to increase violence there."

"If we want to advance peace, we have to let these people be more relaxed and allow (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat to come to an area where Hamas will not be in control, where there will be a better mood," Aloni said, referring to the Islamic organization that has taken responsibility for the recent attacks on Israelis in which eight were killed.

"When we are talking about making peace, their situation will never have been worse than it is today," Aloni said of the residents of the territories. "We cannot ignore their needs."

Israel has closed off the territories before, including in late March, 1993. This closure is seen by some to be a delicate maneuver that must provide for Israelis' need for security without jeopardizing the peace process.

In Israel, those most affected by the closure are the building trades and agriculture, which, since 1967, have become increasingly dependent on cheap Arab labor.

The order to close the territories came April 7 — one day after a suicide car-bomb attack in the northern Israeli town of Afula claimed the lives of seven Israelis, most of them high school students.

After Sunday's cabinet meeting, it was learned the closure would extend beyond Israel's Independence Day celebrations on April 14, the date originally selected as the final day of the closure.

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Reform in Canada debates outreach

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Reform Jewish leaders in Canada are expressing mixed reactions to — and in some cases outright rejection of — their U.S.-based leader's controversial call for outreach to non-Jews.

Still causing waves across North America are remarks made last autumn by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Reform Judaism's umbrella body, at its biennial convention in San Francisco.

In his keynote address, Rabbi Schindler called for the movement to reach out to non-Jews — specifically, for non-Jews to be given a greater role in Jewish rituals, including being allowed to handle the Torah scroll and recite blessings; to take part in life-cycle events; and to be buried in Jewish cemeteries.

Reform's spiritual guide also advocated setting up a $5 million capital fund, interest from which would be used to seek converts from among secular non-Jews and "reach out to all who are seeking religious meaning in their lives." This "active pursuit," he said, would be for "those of our neighbors who belong to no church."

Response to Rabbi Schindler's speech was lukewarm. Parts of it were rejected out of hand by those who believe Reform Judaism needs boundaries and that if Christians are handed extra privileges in synagogue rites, there is little point in being Jewish.

Predictably, Rabbi Schindler's ideas provoked less than favorable reaction from Conservative and Orthodox Jewry, with the former charging the proposals would "do violence to the integrity of Judaism" and the latter saying Reform was launching "another public relations numbers game."

While the latest ripple in the theological pond does not necessarily signal a widening gulf between Canadian and American Reform Jews — in the way a rift has developed between left-leaning U.S. Conservative Jews and their more small-c conservative Canadian counterparts — it has unleashed a full-blown debate on where the "Jewish" in Judaism begins and ends.

For the most part, Reform Jewish leaders in Canada are willing to give Rabbi Schindler the benefit of the doubt, up to a point. His call for a greater role for non-Jews in life-cycle events — for example, allowing a non-Jewish parent to drape a tallit on a bar or bat mitzvah child, or hold a baby at a bris — is generally being interpreted as one way of preventing the splitting of intermarried families and the alienation of non-Jewish spouses.

On the other hand, Canadians, and a lot of American leaders, seem to be saying that giving non-Jews an increased role in rituals and synagogue life would blur the boundaries between Judaism and Christianity, while arming Reform with cash to go after unaffiliated Christians would send a signal to mainstream Christians that it's acceptable to missionize to Jews.

Although each of Canada's 23 Reform congregations sets its own rules within a general framework, in the "overwhelming majority" of them, a non-Jewish spouse of a Jewish member is not considered for participation in ritual observance, says Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, the UAHC's arm here.

Canada's Reform temples admit families and none would allow an individual non-Jew to join, explained Rabbi Gottlieb.

The council recently passed a resolution calling for a "full and open debate" on Rabbi Schindler's proposals.

"While we affirm our support for the programs of the UAHC's outreach department, particularly those designed to encourage Jews-by-choice and to facilitate the integration of multi-faith families into the life of the synagogue, we recognize that a significant percentage of our rabbis and lay people are not supportive of an expanded role for the non-Jew," the resolution states.

The council has called on member synagogues to formulate their own policies. Congregations are advised to examine non-Jews' roles in membership, voting, participation in brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious classes and youth groups; committees and governing boards; life-cycle events, participation from the bimah, and cemetery privileges.

In the United States, all that is old hat. A 1991 UAHC survey found that in 62 per cent of U.S. temples, non-Jews may vote on congregational issues; 87 per cent allow non-Jews to serve on committees and half allow them to be committee chairs; 90 per cent allow gentiles to participate from the bimah in life-cycle ceremonies; 40 per cent allow non-Jews to kindle Shabbat candles in front of the assembled congregation and 22 per cent allow non-Jews to have aliyot.

As for increased roles for non-Jews in Canada, "there's been much more controversy and it's not found support in the Canadian Jewish community," Rabbi Gottlieb noted. "In the area of ritual, the Canadian Reform community maintains a clear consensus that there should be restrictions and boundaries."

As far as Rabbi Gottlieb is concerned, interest from a $5 million pool of money to fund outreach "is not an unreasonable amount to support such a program. There's no suggestion on the part of Rabbi Schindler that this outreach to [unaffiliated] Christians should have a higher priority than the work we already do."

But Rabbi Gottlieb would prefer the movement to more aggressively implement another call 15 years ago from Rabbi Schindler: that Reform convince non-Jewish spouses to convert.

In the meantime, a group of 25 Reform rabbis, including six from Canada, met recently in Chicago to formulate a response to the latest appeals.

A steering committee of 10 rabbis was set up, with Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion in Thornhill, Ont. as one of two co-chairs.

Rabbi Schindler's "primary concern," according to Rabbi Stroh, is that families with a non-Jewish member not be split. As for non-Jews being permitted to handle the Torah, Rabbi Schindler "has clarified his views: he's not recommending it as policy."

Nevertheless, Rabbi Stroh has also come down on the side of tradition.

"Non-Jews can come to services and take adult education classes. But it's not appropriate for non-Jews to participate in a way that implies Jewish commitment or that erases the boundary between Jews and non-Jews," he says. The Chicago group "is concerned that that boundary not be eroded."

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Survivor recalls day he was liberated

Now lives in British Columbia

By MAURICE LUCOW

Peter Gary — a survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, Majdanek, Dachau and Bergen Belsen — is a retired musicologist and composer who moved to Victoria from Los Angeles two years ago with his family. Since his arrival in the British Columbia capital, he has been involved in school educational programs about the Holocaust.

Gary recounts his horrifying experiences in the camps in One Man's Holocaust, *in which he tells of his and his mother's arrest in 1941 Budapest.*

Although Hungary was an ally of Germany, the country was not under German occupation at the time. Gary said he lived the life of a typical "spoiled upper class teenager, an only child," until the Nazis moved in and grabbed them. His father was not home.

The mother and son were taken with a truckload of other Jews to the Polish border. On Christmas Eve, the Germans machine-gunned the group in an open trench. Gary's mortally-wounded mother fell on him, but he was not hit.

Somehow, Gary and a few others made their way to Warsaw. He was shipped off to Majdanek, Dachau and, ultimately, Bergen Belsen.

Sick with pneumonia and typhoid, he worked by removing bodies from the barracks. On that "magic day," April 15, 1945 — his birthday — the camp was liberated.

Gary recalls the liberation in these excerpts from his book.

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Then . . . it happened. I could not believe it. The magic date, April 15. I had not worked for a week as I was too ill and undernourished. I was convinced I would be gassed at any hour. But the miracle was about to happen!

We woke at the crack of dawn but something strange was going on in the spring air. There were no dogs barking and I did not see any of the usual SS outside. Somebody rushed in to exclaim excitedly that all the guard towers were deserted.

We crawled or walked to the window. Mostly crawled, because by this time most of us were the living dead. Sure enough, no Nazis. Then from the other side of the open field, it seemed like a thousand ants were approaching. We heard the rumble of tanks but could not determine whose they were.

We soon found out. It was the British army. Five of us embraced with tears flowing down our faces. Is it all over . . . the horror of months and years? As for me, the suffering was 4½ years — an unspeakable time to live in deprivation. Now what? Where do I go from here? Will I survive? What will my life be?

The loudspeakers informed us in German, Polish and French that it was the British army and to stay in our barracks. But the near-dead began to emerge. All those who could move came out to take a breath of the fresh air of freedom. Freedom? What is it? What will it bring?

The soldiers were in shock when they saw us. Many were crying, giving up their jackets and food rations. Some medics with an officer came to determine who had a chance of recovery. These would be taken to a small SS hospital. The British wanted to save us all but they were not prepared for what they had to face in Belsen. Medical school had never trained them for this.

The officer, Dr. Geoffrey Deanbourne, moved among the inmates. "Not this one, not this one," he said. He finally got to me and again proclaimed, "Not this one." I snorted: "Thanks a lot. What you are doing is what the Nazis did to us. You're cruel. Oh please God, there must be an end to this." I was sobbing.

The doctor said: "Take him to the hospital." Two medics picked up my stretcher, put it on a truck and drove me and others to the hospital. The women nurses smiled encouragingly and assigned us a real bed, with sheets and pillow. They stripped the lice-infested rags off us and bathed us in warm water. A bed? Warm water? The first time in so many years I laid on white sheets with a pillow. I could not help crying continuously. They put a needle in my bony arm with a liquid in it. It hurt like hell.

A boyish looking doctor examined me and said: "You'll be as good as new in no time." I fell asleep and slept the whole day.

The next afternoon, Dr. Deanbourne came to visit me, pulled up a chair and questioned me about what happened in the camps. The more I told him, the more he wanted to know. It was close to midnight before he left me and I fell back to sleep. Next morning he returned, with a pack of goodies and a smile on his face. He was one of the kindest people I ever met, and he personally helped get me out of bed the first time after several days.

The doctor sort of adopted me. He had a family in England and showed me pictures. I had none. No pictures, no graves, nothing. But thanks to him, slowly, I came back to life, physically and emotionally. He tried to readjust me into the real world of humanity. He brought me books.

I settled in a room in one of the SS barracks, which had been turned over to the refugees. The thought of going home entered my mind — but going home? The memories, the bitterness, the hurt was too strong, even after I found out my father was alive. I had no desire to walk the streets shoulder to shoulder with the same people who actively or passively contributed, if not with a gun in hand, but with great delight, to our sufferings. On a more positive note, I felt that at my age I better start living my own life. No more the spoiled child. The boy is gone forever. I would like to see a man rise out of the ashes.

I applied to a nearby American military office for a job and was assigned to the CIC (Military Counter-Intelligence Corps) division.

I got my education in humanity as I learned of the enormous human suffering and loss of life in the nations of the East and West. And I learned they were preparing for more confrontations. The newly unleashed power of nuclear energy was demonstrated in the holocaust of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Will mankind never learn?

Yom Ha'atzmaut

By DROR ZEIGERMAN

Forty-six years ago the State of Israel was created as a Jewish homeland, fulfilling the Zionist dream of gathering the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael. In the 46 years of her existence, the State of Israel has seen her population grow from half a million to over four million Jews today

The gates of Israel were opened to allow oppressed people in countries around the world the chance to immigrate to Israel. Welcoming people from Eastern Europe, Russia, Ethiopia and the Arab countries became the main struggle of our country. These immigrants have become part of Israeli society as cultural, political and economic leaders. We are proud of their accomplishments and their major contributions to Israeli society.

In order to successfully absorb these people we need the support of the world Jewish community. This support will have to be political, financial and personal. Aliyah forms the essence of our existence and we must encourage aliyah from the West. If we succeed in absorbing these people, Israel will flourish. Successful absorption will open the way for economic independence.

In order for the Zionist dream to be realized, we must achieve peace with our Arab neighbors. In the past year we have made important progress with the Palestinians; the real test will be if both sides can implement the agreement. Israel has decided to speak with the PLO, our long-standing enemy, in order to prevent another war for the next generation.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut it is important to stress the consensus of the people of Israel: united Jerusalem will forever be the capital of Israel; our desire for peace makes us ready to compromise with our enemy; and we believe that peace will help us fulfill the Zionist dream of gathering Jews in the land of Israel to live in security. I hope that in the coming year Jordan, Lebanon and Syria will join Egypt and sign a peace agreement with Israel.

Only if we succeed with peace and absorption will we achieve the dream and provide a quality of life befitting a great nation.

We see the Jewish community throughout the world, including Canadian Jews, as partners in this exciting process. Israel shares strong ties with the Diaspora and Jews always have a home in Israel.

Dror Zeigerman is Consul General of Israel in Toronto.

Righteous Gentiles, survivors honored

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor joined members of the legislature and officials from Israel's consulate at Queen's Park last Thursday, April 7, to honor Holocaust survivors, partisans and, most notably, a Righteous Gentile couple.

Three former partisans and seven survivors now living in Metro received plaques of recognition, signed by Premier Bob Rae, from Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman and Minister of Citizenship Elaine Ziemba.

But the focus of the second annual Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah reception at the Legislature, sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, was the awarding of Righteous Among the Nations status to Joyce Miedema of Bowmanville, Ont., and, posthumously, to her late husband Pieter.

Joyce Miedema, now 79, helped her husband hide more than 20 Jews in their native Holland during World War II.

A minister in the Dutch Reform Church in the northern region of Friesland, Rev. Miedema was motivated by his faith to hide Jews in the couple's own home, other homes or in the forest, his wife told the gathering.

The Nazis began deporting Dutch Jews in 1941. In the spring of 1942, the couple temporarily took in two Jewish boys after no one else would accept them. Then Rev. Miedema found hiding places for 14 children who had to be evacuated from a Jewish children's sanatorium.

Later he built an underground bunker in the woods, complete with furniture and a kitchen, for four members of a Jewish family.

The couple took in a tailor, a medical student and a Jewish resistance worker who was later betrayed and shot.

After the war, Rev. Miedema received citations from the Resistance and the Allies, but their church was upset the couple had involved themselves in Resistance activities, and they were transferred to another parish.

The Miedemas came to Canada in 1952. Rev. Miedema died last August.

The couple were not honored before by Yad Vashem because "my husband did not believe his actions were worthy of praise. As a minister of the Gospel, he felt he was called to speak for those who had no voice," a tearful Joyce Miedema said.

She accepted her and her husband's specially-struck medal from Israel's consul general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman.

Also on hand were Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod; Liberal MPPs Elinor Caplan, Monte Kwinter and Steven Offer; Tory MPPs Charles Harnick and Don Cousens; Israel's vice-consul, Haim Waxman; and Canadian Society for Yad Vashem national co-

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From left, Cantor Louis Danto, Herman Gottesman, Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, Eva Kerenyi, Henry Zagdanski, Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba, Adam Fuerstenberg and Max Guttman at a Queen's Park ceremony toasting Holocaust survivors and former partisans. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Message from President of Israel:

Pride and hope mark 46th Independence Day

On its 46th Independence Day, Israel looks at its history and future with pride and hope. Pride at becoming an independent country, strong and vibrant, and hope for the chance to achieve peace after a century of wars and hostility. We share this pride and hope with our brethren and friends around the world.

Traditionally, Independence Day is a day of summing up and retrospection. We recall the days before the War of Independence, before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. We remember our history, more than 2,000 years of exile and dependence, days when Jews prayed for their own homeland in which to live as a free nation.

In 46 years, Israel has become a nation of 5.3 million people. Israel has become the second largest Jewish community in the world and will soon become the largest. During this period we have succeeded in building a strong and viable economy. Israel exports goods to a value of $23 billion a year. Israel's GNP has reached $65 billion. New factories are being built in Israel, new ventures are being undertaken and the future looks bright and promising.

In the last year alone, 77,000 new immigrants from the Russian Federation, the Independent Republics, Europe, South Africa, Latin America and North America came on aliyah and settled in Israel, making it their new home. This continual immigration has assisted the growing prosperity of the Israeli economy.

In my new capacity as President of Israel, I have been privileged to tour the country, meet its people and see its cities and villages. I cannot even try to share with you the striking impressions I draw from my visits. Only by seeing for oneself can one truly become aware of the tremendous development taking place in Israel.

Ezer Weizman

Independence Day is a day of reflection and pride in our achievements. It is also a day of reflection on what should still be achieved. There are places in Israel where further economic development is needed, where satisfactory housing is missing, where poverty reigns. Much has still to be done to make Israel a Promised Land for its people and for the Jewish world. I am sure that with the imminent achievement of peace and with the redirection of national resources, we will be able to realize the true meaning of Zionism.

The last year has witnessed the continuation of the peace process and the signing of the Declaration of Principles. Peace negotiations are being held between Israel and all its Arab neighbors. More than 15 years ago, the first peace accord between Israel and its largest Arab neighbor, Egypt, was signed. Now years later we approach the widening of the peace cycle. Obstacles and hurdles are to be expected, but I am certain that peace is inevitable — is bound to come to our region.

It is my first year in office as President of Israel, and I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this day, not only on Israel and its achievements and targets, but also on the relations between Israel and Jewish communities in the world. Together we face the threat of assimilation and the loss of Jewish identity. We should direct our attention and resources to Jewish education and the preservation of our Jewish identity. A new partnership should be formed, a partnership of equality. We face new challenges which require unity. Only in unity and togetherness will we be able to face the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the third millenium.

In conclusion, let us all look to the future. Israel today is stronger than ever before. Israel is a reality in the Middle East, with extensive economic and diplomatic relations with most of the countries in the world. We can look back with satisfaction, remembering that it was only 46 years ago that Jews had nowhere to go. The establishment of Israel is a victory of the Jewish people and the Jewish spirit. What better words can describe it than the old unforgettable words of Psalms:

בשוב ה' את שיבת ציון,
היינו כחלמים.
אז ימלא שחוק פינו ולשוננו רנה..
שובה ה' את
שבותנו כאפיקים בנגב.
(תהילים קכוי)

When the Lord brought the exiles back to Zion, we were like those who dream. Our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with song. . . . Restore us from captivity, O Lord, like streams in the Negev . . . Psalm 126.

Justice Minister Allan Rock to examine war crimes case list

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Justice Department's war crimes unit has submitted a list to Attorney General and Justice Minister Allan Rock to determine whether any of the cases warrant legal action.

"I have reports in hand from the war crimes unit and I am expecting more," Rock told *The CJN* last week.

Although he would not divulge the number of cases on his desk, he said the files contain recommendations as to whether to proceed with criminal charges, whether to refer cases to the Citizenship Ministry for denaturalization or whether to drop them entirely.

The cases represent work completed up to the end of March 1994, the deadline set by the previous Conservative government for the war crimes unit to report on the status of its ongoing cases.

The unit, which has been funded for another year, will continue its work for the foreseeable future, Rock said.

"I'm interested in getting them to complete their work and have it on my desk so I can do my job," the minister said. "I'm anxious to get these cases dealt with."

Rock's announcement came shortly after he met with a delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress, which in recent months had been increasingly critical of the war crimes unit's slow pace in advancing cases.

Prof. Irving Abella, president of Congress, said he and Milton Harris, chair of the organization's war crimes committee, met Rock in Toronto. Abella said he was heartened by the minister's attitude to the war crimes portfolio.

Allan Rock

It appears the minister "has lit a fire under the people in Justice" to proceed expeditiously, Abella said. "I really think the minister is committed to doing something regarding war criminals." Pointing to the aging of witnesses and suspects, Abella said "I think he knows it's his mandate and that if he doesn't go ahead, no one will."

Since the Criminal Code was amended in 1987 to allow for the prosecution in Canada of war crimes suspects, only four cases have been launched. One, involving former Hungarian gendarmerie captain Imre Finta, resulted in acquittal. Prosecutors dropped two other cases while a fourth, involving Radislav Grujicic, is under way in Windsor.

The unit's only success came in the case of Jacob Luitjens, a former University of British Columbia botany lecturer who had collaborated with Nazi forces in his native Holland. He was stripped of his citizenship for lying about his wartime activities and deported to Holland, where he is serving a jail sentence.

In Windsor meanwhile, the Grujicic case ran into snags when the 83-year-old accused man fell asleep in the prisoner's dock as the charges were being read.

His lawyer told Judge J.M. Donnelly that Grujicic had not slept well the night before.

Grujicic pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy, murder and kidnapping. Prosecutors allege that Grujicic conspired with German forces in Yugoslavia between June 1941 and October 1944 to kidnap communists for forced labor in Germany and to murder others.

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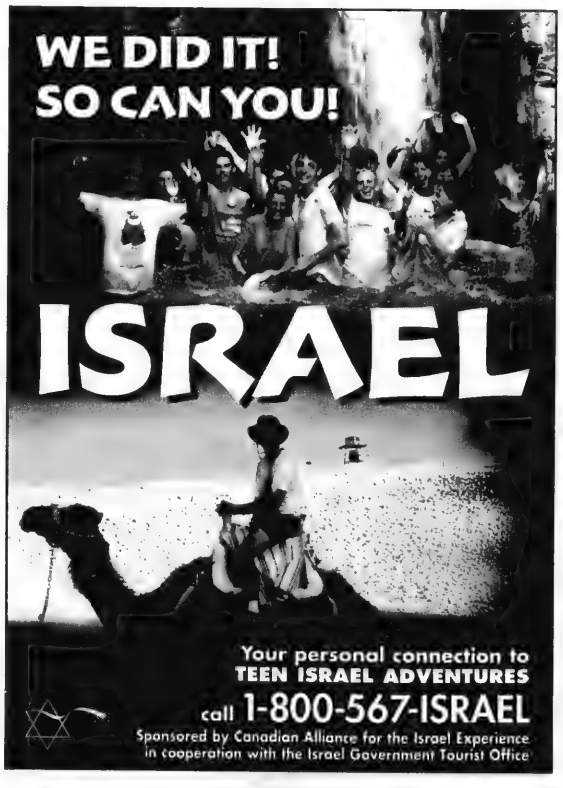
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PQ clarifies comments on Israel

By JANICE ARNOLD
and DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporters

MONTREAL —The international affairs spokesman for the Parti-Quebecois (PQ), Andre Boulerice, has stated flatly that opinions expressed by party treasurer Rita Dionne-Marsolais about Israel and about the Jews in Quebec do not reflect PQ policy.

Dionne-Marsolais characterized the Jewish state as an "aggressive country...made on the backs of the Palestinians," in an article in the March 30 Montreal *Suburban*. She was responding to statements about anti-Semitism made by Israeli MK Ariel Sharon during his visit to Montreal in March.

She described Israel as a nation that "built a country through war . . . Quebecers do not like war. We have quietly built Quebec over the last two centuries without taking up arms against anyone. We do not live on the backs of others."

She also said, "Palestinians were robbed of their country."

In an interview with *The CJN*, Dionne-Marsolais confirmed that the comments in the article were mostly accurate, but insisted they were not meant in a pejorative way.

However, officials at the Canadian-Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) and at the Canada Israel Committee-Quebec (CIC-Q) say they see no other way to interpret them.

CJC-Q director Michael Crelinsten said the comments "imply a profound misunderstanding of Israel and its history."

In a phone call to *The CJN* from Barcelona, Spain, Boulerice said he was surprised by Dionne-Marsolais' remarks because when she travelled to Israel last year on a CIC-Q-sponsored trip, she "came back so enthusiastic" and wrote positively about her trip in *La Presse* in January. She was especially supportive of those in Israel working towards peace.

Boulerice also stressed that only three people are mandated to speak about international affairs on behalf of the party: PQ leader Jaques Parizeau; Bernard Landry, chair of the national executive; and Boulerice himself.

"As soon as I come back [April 15], I will discuss this with her," he said. "Things are beautiful [between the PQ and the Jewish community] and if people want to change that they have to face me."

He said Israel provides a "model" and an "inspiration" to those seeking an independent Quebec.

Asked if Dionne-Marsolais' opinions nevertheless reflected what is said within the party, Boulerice replied, "Do Mordecai Richler's opinions reflect those of the Quebec Jewish community?"

He said Dionne-Marsolais should not have given an interview to the *Suburban*, a local publication he is familiar with.

He did indicate he was not a fan of Sharon, and had demonstrated against his visit to Montreal in 1983. He disapproves of Sharon's appearances here because he feels they "divide the community."

In the article, Dionne-Marsolais referred to a speech given by Sharon in Montreal, in which he said, "Anti-Semitism is spreading...all around the world. You know the day will come that people will...tell you 'we do not want you to live in Montreal, we do not want you to live in Toronto, we do not want you to live in Brooklyn.' "

Dionne-Marsolais said Sharon's remarks about anti-Semitism in North America wounded Quebecers. "We pay for Jewish schools and hospitals with our tax dollars," she added.

Boulerice commented, "Quebec has always been proud that it is the only place in the world, with Israel, where Jewish schools are subsidized by the state. And that will be part of the constitution of an independent Quebec."

Dionne-Marsolais told *The CJN* her comments were not intended as negative, but only that they reflected the "reality" of Israel.

Israel is an "extraordinary country, with extraordinary people," she said.

"But it is also very aggressive, and I do not mean that in a negative way.

"I'm not a person who values violence. It is obvious from the Holocaust that violence is part of the history of the Jewish people. I recognize and understand that, but I would hope that our societies have been progressing."

This does not deny the fact that Israel was "built 'on the backs of the Palestinians,' " she reiterated. "You know, there are always two sides to a coin. Those who read the book *Bloodbrothers* wouldn't be shocked [by my comments].

"It's a fact that the country was built through war. If they don't like war, they've been doing it a hell of a long time.

"I'm not saying you can't explain it. It's just the reality. Even with war you can build an impressive country."

Crelinsten said he was puzzled by her remarks. He said when Dionne-Marsolais referred to Quebec tax dollars paying for Jewish hospitals and schools, "she is also speaking about taxes the Jewish community pays.

"It would be most unfortunate that in referring to our tax dollars she was doing so in an exclusionary way.

"It is also our opinion that our Jewish schools and hospitals make a significant contribution to all Quebecers irrespective of their linguistic or ethnic backgrounds."

Thomas Hecht, chair of the CIC-Q, said he was "dismayed, shocked and exceptionally surprised" by Dionne-Marsolais' comments, especially in view of the positive reaction to Israel she displayed following the CIC-Q-sponsored trip.

Hecht disagreed "to the very core" with Dionne-Marsolais.

"To create symmetries between the Quebec situation and the Middle East is a wrong premise and draws wrong conclusions."

Depicting Israel as "violent" or "aggressive" demonstrates no comprehension of the "reality of history.

"These are wars Israel had to fight for its own existence," Hecht said.

The "realities" as perceived by Dionne-Marsolais, Hecht said, are not the "realities as seen by an objective observer, but by one with a special agenda that I'm not familiar with."

Sabina Citron accuses CBC of bias

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The CBC came under attack recently at hearings of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for "practising a very palpable anti-Israel, pro-Arab bias which has grown incrementally over the years."

Sabina Citron, representing the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA), charged the CBC with offering reports about the Middle East that suffer from "an absence of concern for accuracy" and from a lack of context.

Citron was speaking at CRTC hearings to determine whether CBC's television license should be renewed.

The CBC responded to its critics, including the CHRA, at the close of the hearings. Jim Byrd, vice-president of English television, read a brief statement that thanked Citron for "reminding us of the importance of maintaining high journalistic standards in all our endeavors and of the critical need to be sensitive at all times to the multicultural realities not just of Canadians, but of the global society."

Tom Curzon, senior director of media and public relations for the CBC, told *The CJN* that CBC reporters and editors are obliged to follow a guide "to ensure that we are fair, accurate and balanced." He said that over the long haul, CBC's coverage of issues, whether on television or radio, "ultimately is balanced."

Citron, meanwhile, maintained that the CBC suffers from a "pro-Arab tilt" requiring some "housecleaning" of staff. Furthermore, the CHRA opposes the CBC's proposal that it sell its news programming abroad. That would only spread CBC's biases to other countries, she said.

In a brief presentation to the CRTC, Citron accused the CBC of being "perverted into a tool of Arab propaganda against Israel." The CHRA is "asking for nothing more and nothing less than for accurate and responsible journalism and that the CBC accord Israel the same kind of respect and deference as any other nation."

In her address to the CRTC, Citron stated that at a time when the world is racked by two dozen conflicts and civil wars, most of which are far deadlier than those involving Israel, the CBC is continuing to focus on Israel.

Hundreds of thousands of innocents are being killed in these other conflicts "yet we hardly, if ever, hear about them," she said. "By ignoring these other tragedies the CBC is further creating a distorted image of the world around us, making the Arab-Israeli conflict appear far greater than it is."

A written brief submitted to the CRTC outlines several examples of what the CHRA claims is CBC "self-censorship by ommission:"

- it presented "a sanitized version of the intifada. . . We were not shown the masked and armed thugs and killers with fire arms, axes and knives."
- the broadcaster "never referred to . . . the incitement to hatred and violence by the Muslim mullahs in their mosques. . . nor the constant chants of 'kill the Jews' by these thugs and the 'innocent' pebble-throwing children."
- "during the Gulf War — Iraq's invasion of Kuwait — the CBC shifted the focus from Iraq to Israel in both radio and TV news and other programs."
- correspondent Paul Workman, referring to Israel's planned withdrawal from Jericho, stated that for Palestinians it is a matter of 'sovereignty'. The Sept. 13 accords refer only to limited autonomy, not sovereignty, the CHRA states.

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Michael Goldbloom to be named publisher of Montreal Gazette

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

Michael Goldbloom
[photo: courtesy The Gazette]

MONTREAL — Michael Goldbloom says he is looking forward to his new position as publisher of Montreal's only English language daily newspaper, the *Gazette*, with much anticipation, mixed with a smidgen of trepidation.

What is making Goldbloom a mite nervous is not the fact that at the age of 41, he will be the youngest and first Jewish publisher in the history of the 216-year-old Montreal newspaper, once closely identified with the city's Protestant English ascendancy.

Rather, he indicated in an interview with *The CJN*, it is the simple fact that he is taking over the newspaper's helm (succeeding David Perks, who will have served about five years) at a pivotal time in Quebec's history, with the province confronting fundamental issues that will define its future.

"It's a pretty extraordinary thing," said Goldbloom, "to be publisher at such a critical time. I hope to be able to make a contribution."

That self-effacing comment gives a clue to Goldbloom's low-key style. But it also belies the fact that his diplomatic instincts could serve the newspaper well at a period of its history beset by labor-management problems and by the declining profits and readership common to many print media.

Goldbloom, in fact, is a labor lawyer by training. But he is much better known to Quebecers as the man who co-founded and headed the province's most high-profile English-rights lobby group, Alliance Quebec, from 1981 to 1985.

Since November 1991 Goldbloom has been the president and chief administrator at the Montreal YMCA. He was previously with the law firm of Martineau Walker.

In Goldbloom's view, the fact that he is the newspaper's first Jewish publisher is not, well, all that newsworthy.

"From a broad perspective, that probably would not have been possible when my father [Dr. Victor Goldbloom] was my age," he said. Dr. Goldbloom, a prominent Montreal pediatrician, is now Canada's commissioner of official languages and was a provincial Liberal cabinet member during the 1970s.

"It is not a major moment in the life of the Jewish community, but it is a major indication, a healthy sign of how society has changed."

In Goldbloom's mind, the decision by the *Gazette's* parent corporation, Southam Inc., to appoint him as publisher was more a reflection of his having "deep roots" in the Montreal community as a whole. "My Jewishness," he believes, "was not a factor."

When Goldbloom takes up the reins of his new position on June 1, he will draw on his experiences both as a reporter for the *Gazette* and as a member of the editorial board 14 years ago.

He is the first Montreal native to be at the newspaper's helm in many a year. But Goldbloom, who is fluently bilingual, said he also needs time to settle into the job before more clearly defining what sort of "personal stamp" he might want to put on the paper or deciding how "hands on" or "hands off" he will be.

To be sure, Goldbloom, without elaborating, did say that he obviously has a "significant interest" in the *Gazette's* "editorial approach. If that weren't the case I wouldn't have taken the job."

In the broader sense, however, Goldbloom said he is committed to the *Gazette's* reflecting the sensibility and sentiments of all of Quebec society, while still serving as the "mirror" for its anglophone community.

Goldbloom is also pleased to be taking over the post at a juncture in history when English-speaking Montreal has become "more and more bilingual."

Besides Alliance Quebec and the YMCA, Goldbloom has ties with Ville-Marie Social Services (a network of social service agencies), Heritage Montreal (a group set up to preserve historical landmarks) and the Red Cross, to name just a few. He sees his new position as publisher as a continuation of his effort to take on roles of "community responsibility."

But as *Gazette* publisher, Goldbloom said he will also have to reconsider his affiliations, including those with Jewish community institutions.

In all likelihood, he said, he will no longer be able to serve "in a formal way," either as a member of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region's community relations committee or on the board of Federation CJA's Rapprochement Quebec.

Goldbloom considers the *Gazette* as "one of Canada's best" newspapers, and editor-in-chief Joan Fraser as "one of the best" in the business. But there is always room for improvement, he said.

"I've been reading the *Gazette* for 35 years, and have always been a fan."

How did father Victor react to his appointment?

"He was very encouraging," says son Michael. "He felt it was a unique opportunity and an important responsibility to assume."

Manitoba allocates $24 million to province's independent schools

Grants remain frozen

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Although the province has frozen grants to Manitoba's private schools at 63.5 per cent of public funding for the third year in a row, the government has made up for it to some degree by making available to the independent schools $24 million for next year, for gifted education, counselling, resource and remedial needs — with no strings attached.

"Previously, we have had to provide documentation when applying for funds in these areas," explains Dr. Arnold Carmel, superintendent of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WJBE). "The Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools has been arguing for three or four years that this isn't fair. We seem to have finally convinced the government that we should be treated in this regard the same way the public schools are treated. Now we will no longer have to justify our requests and we will be able to expand our programs."

In 1990, the newly-elected Manitoba Conservative majority government vowed to raise public funding for private schools to 80 per cent of public school funding per pupil. By 1994-95, the figure was supposed to reach 71 per cent.

"We understand the government's financial dilemma," says Carmel. "We are prepared to accept the continuing freeze, on the understanding that the government will live up to its commitment at some point when the economy is improved. We were only arguing that we should be treated as equitably as the public sector."

For 1994-95, the WJBE is projecting an enrolment of 840 students in its two elementary and one high school. That is an increase of 14 per cent since 1991. Carmel reports that enrolment has increased each year since 1991, mainly because a growing number of students are transferring from the Hebrew bilingual public elementary school programs to the WJBE's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

KUNOWITZ

Hugh Kline enquires about the origin of his late mother's surname Kunowitz.

There are actually four villages in Poland called Kunowo. Since the family originally came from Bochnia, I would infer that the Kunowo which gave his mother her surname was the one in south Poland (Leszczynskie).

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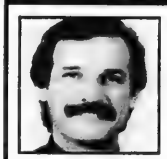

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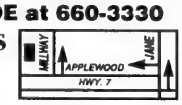

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WANTED: Jewish roots

Hidden Children seek out their past

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

On April 7, Israel marked Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. Among those who survived the Holocaust are tens of thousands of Jewish children who were hidden in Europe during the war. Last year, many of them, now in their 50s and 60s, met in Jerusalem for the Second International Gathering of the Hidden Children, organized by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith. CJN's Israel correspondent, Leora Frucht, spoke to three hidden children, who have since built new lives for themselves in Canada.

JERUSALEM — The notice on the bulletin board at the Jerusalem Convention centre was concise: "I'm looking for my sister, Tamara Kron, age four. Disappeared in the kinder action in November 1943 in the Shauler ghetto in Lithuania."

It was one of hundreds of such notices, posted next to black and white photographs torn out of family albums. Fragments of another life. Tiny vestiges of hope.

This haunting, relentless search for the past is one feature that united many of the Jews from all over the world who gathered in Jerusalem last year for the Second International Gathering of the Hidden Child. It was not the only thing they had in common. Children who were hidden during the war — some in convents, others in farmhouses, and still others by scrounging in the woods — have particular experiences that set them apart from other Holocaust survivors. Only in recent years have these survivors, now in their 50s and 60s, begun to realize the impact that "being hidden" has had on their lives.

Ruth Kron Sigal, a Vancouver psychologist, was 7 years old when she saw her younger sister, Tamara, for the last time. "The image is etched in my mind: she was standing there, arms outstretched, crying, 'why are you leaving me?' as they put her in the truck with the rest of the children." Ruth was spared. She was the only child from her ghetto in Lithuania to survive the kinder action — the German liquidation of the children of the ghettos. To this day, she continues to search for the sister she lost, putting up notices like the one on the bulletin board at the Jerusalem Convention Centre.

"I never miss a chance to search. The illogical part of me still believes maybe . . ."

After Ruth's miraculous rescue — due to the intervention of her uncle and a Gestapo commander who owed him a favor — she was smuggled out of the Shauler ghetto and taken in by a Lithuanian family. She spent four months hidden in a closet. The mother would sit outside the closet door, teaching Ruth Lithuanian. When she had mastered the language, she was let out of the closet. Her hair was dyed blonde, and she was introduced as Irene Rogowsky, a relative of Ona and Antonus Rogowsky, her care-takers. The couple hid 14 other Jews in the lofts of their farm. But Ruth was able to roam about freely, posing as — and gradually becoming — a member of the family.

By this time, Ruth assumed her real parents were dead. When her mother arrived a year later to retrieve her, Ruth did not want to go. "I had been taught to fear any connection to Jews. To me, being a Jew meant death." It took Ruth's parents several months to convince her to return. She did so on two conditions: her parents had to promise they would never speak Yiddish again and that they would take her to church every Sunday.

Ruth's terror of being associated with Judaism and her ambivalent identity are burdens that many hidden children bear. If Jewish adults survived by temporarily suppressing their identity, they at least knew who they were. But for young children with malleable identities it was another story.

Abraham Foxman, national director of B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League, says he could easily have become a Catholic priest in Poland. Hidden and baptised by his Polish Catholic nursemaid, Foxman couldn't relinquish his Christian identity even after he was re-united with his parents. "When I passed a priest on Simchat Torah, I would kiss his hand and cross myself," he recounts.

For more than a year after her parents' return, Ruth continued going to church. Even after she stopped, the deeply entrenched fear of being Jewish continued to exert a hold on her life. The 57-year-old psychologist, who heads the University of British Columbia's Women's Resource centre, takes two days off every Yom Kippur. But until recently, she never dared tell her colleagues what the vacation was for. "I continued hiding long after the war. Many of us are still hiding."

If Ruth eventually recovered her identity, there are untold numbers of Jews who to this day do not know who they are — children who were younger than Ruth when they were hidden, children whose real parents never came back. Lillian Nemetz, a Vancouver poet, believes that her sister may be one of them.

Nemetz, who was born Jagna Boraks, was nine years old when she and her younger sister, Basia were smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto and each placed in the home of a different Polish Catholic family. After about 18 months, Lillian's parents returned to get her. But when they went to retrieve their younger daughter, they were told that someone had informed on her. She was dead.

"We never got any proof that she was dead. But we searched for her after the war, and never found her," recalls Lillian, who still carries a photograph of her small, blonde sister, Basia.

Several things about Basia's disappearance are puzzling. If an informer had revealed the girl's hiding place, then her Polish caretakers would also have been killed for sheltering a Jew. But they were not. Lillian speculates that the elderly couple, who were childless, may have wanted to keep Basia as their own.

In 1967, Lillian returned to Poland in search of her sister. "The caretakers — who had been childless — now had a grandchild. There were toys all around — and a young girl playing. Their stories about Basia's disappearance contradicted one another. I know they weren't telling me the truth. But I couldn't solve the puzzle."

Lillian hopes to make one more trip to Poland. But she knows that she will never get her sister back. The little girl in the photograph is long gone. "Even if Basia is alive, she will have no idea — no memory — of who she is."

When Lillian's father sent her off with a small suitcase and false papers, he was doing everything he could just to keep her alive. But for the young child left to fend on her own, there was a terrible sense of abandonment. It is another scar that many hidden children bear.

"It's amazing how that sense of abandonment repeats itself throughout one's life," says Lillian, who runs a child survivors group in Vancouver. "It's a terrible thing when you think that, after having gone through a whole lifetime of struggle to overcome that horrible, lost, rejected feeling, you find yourself alone again," says the 60-year-old poet, who is divorced. "Being torn out of your home and separated from your family causes a loneliness that lasts a lifetime. And it is much more pronounced in old age. We child survivors are getting to that age."

Hidden children were above all robbed of their childhood. Ines Vromen Dreyfus was a 10-year-old girl living in Strasbourg, France when the war began. On her last family vacation in 1942, she was lounging near the hotel swimming pool when she overheard a conversation between her parents and other adults. " 'What do they do with the children?' someone asked. 'Bruler vif. Burn them alive,' " was the response.

Soon after, Ines — today, a resident of Ottawa — was hiding in an abandoned farm, together with her mother and grandmother. "I had become so strong from chopping trees that I was like a farm man," she recalls. One day, while in the basement of the farmhouse, she looked up to see the black boots of a German soldier next to the window. "It was nearly the end of the war, and now we were going to die. I felt such anger in me. With perfect coolness, I raised the axe. I began to aim. I thought only of kiling. Suddenly I felt a hand on my wrist. 'It's not worth it,' said my mother. 'There are three of them.' "

The most haunting part of the experience for Ines came later when she saw the face of the German. "He was nothing like the image I had of an SS man. He was so young, nearly the same age as me. And he had exactly the same color eyes as mine: blue-grey. We could have been neighbors in Strasbourg. We could have been playmates."

The most powerful legacy of the hidden children is the legacy of silence.

When Lillian Nemetz was reunited with her parents, they spent six months living under false identities, posing as Christians. "I was so afraid I'd make a mistake that I didn't speak for six months," she recalls.

Ruth Kron Sigal was posing as a Lithuanian child when she saw her cousins taken away in a transport. The truck passed right by her house. She saw their faces. They saw her. No one uttered a word.

"We learned not to cry, not to complain," says Dr. Robert Krell, a Vancouver psychiatry professor, who was hidden by a Dutch family for three years. "When I broke a Christmas tree ornament," recalls Krell, "I was sure I'd be sent away. We learned that silent children are prized. So we retreated into silence," says the founder of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society for Education and Remembrance.

It is a legacy that is not easily discarded.

"My first reaction to being interviewed now was fear," says Ruth Kron Sigal. "I don't want them to know where I live. They can find me. I know it's not rational — these fears, this mistrust. It's a sense that when you're least expecting trouble, that is when it will come. That's when they will find you."

"Silence is the vocabulary of the child survivor," explains Krell. "Silence is the comforter with which we wrap ourselves."

But despite the fear, despite the comfort of silence, hidden children are at long last beginning to talk about their experiences. "I know I've got to speak up," says Ruth, "because of the Holocaust deniers, because of the new generations that need to be told.

"I have recounted my story to high school students. I have allowed it to be viodeotaped. Despite my reluctance," says Ruth, "I have forced myself to speak."

That is, to a large degree, what conferences like the Jerusalem gathering of hidden children are about: breaking a 50-year-old silence and coming out of hiding.

Exhibit captures Holocaust's essence

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — The Art of Memory: Holocaust Memorials in History is the first exhibition to examine the aims and consequences of memorialization — shaping public memory of the Holocaust in the United States, Israel and Europe.

This new exhibit at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan continues until July 31. Over 200 images and objects are on display, including photographs, videos and multimedia presentations. Sculptural and architectural models, and designs for existing and planned Holocaust memorials illuminate their many dimensions, potentials and limitations.

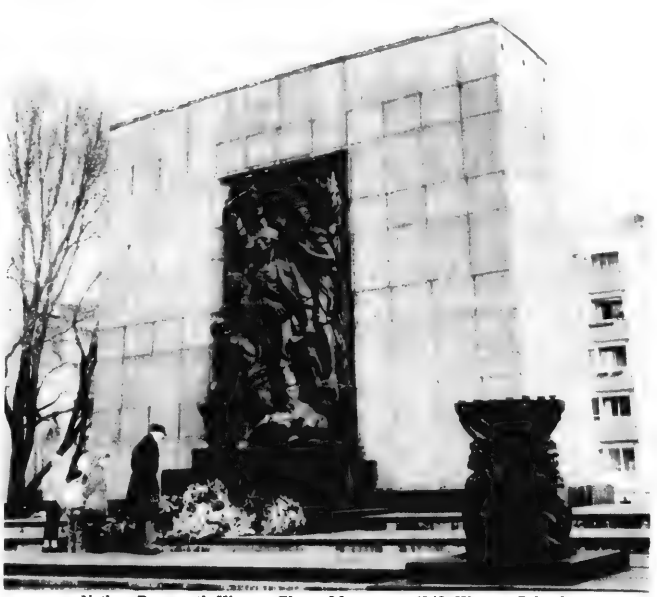
"In the last decade there has been an outpouring of books, films and visual art on the subject, as well as special exhibitions, remembrance ceremonies and reunions of survivors. On a larger scale, the Holocaust has inspired the planning and building of many public monuments and insitutions. It is these works and the process of their creation which provoked the staff and Board of Trustees of the Jewish Museum to address 'the creation of public memory,' as James E. Young, one of the organizers and guest curator has called it," says exhibition director Joan Rosenbaum.

Young, a professor of English and Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and author of *Texture of Memory: Holocaust Memorials & Meanings*, stresses the essence of the show.

"Depending on where these memorials are constructed and by whom, these sites recall the past according to a variety of national myths, ideals and political needs."

In Israel, Jewish resisters are immortalized for their heroism, and the memory of the Holocaust has been shaped by the ideals of the state. Thus a statue of Mordechai Anielewicz, leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, has become as much a symbol of the fight for Israeli independence as it is a Holocaust memorial.

Conversely, America sees itself as a safe haven from oppression. Nathan Rapoport's 15-foot bronze sculpture *Liberation* stands in Liberty State Park in New Jersey, a compelling tribute to GI's, and depicts an American soldier carrying a survivor out of a concentration camp. Rapoport dedicated his heart and his vast creative energies to "memorializing" Holocaust sculpture: His work entitled *Jacob Wrestling With The Angel* can be seen in front of the North Branch of the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto.



Nathan Rapoport's Warsaw Ghetto Monument, 1948, Warsaw, Poland.

Rapoport is also represented by his famous sculpture of the Warsaw Ghetto Monument, possibly the most widely known of all the world's Holocaust memorials. Asked about his choice of figurative over abstract sculpture, Rapoport responded plaintively, "Could I have made a rock with a hole in it and said 'Voila, the heroism of the Jews'?"

Reproductions of memorials elsewhere include Wiktor Tolkin's huge, forbidding monument which towers over Majdanek in Lublin, Poland and is the first memorial and museum. Holocaust memory is found also in a miniature model of a vast field of 17,000 granite shards recalling 850,000 Jews who perished at Treblinka. Also present is an architectural design of the U.S. Memorial Museum in Washington.

At the end of the exhibition visitors are invited to view a 30-minute video presentation, *Holocaust Memorials Visited and Revisited.* Author Primo Levi is among the survivors who offer personal reflections.

"Maybe a very great sculptor — a Michelangelo or Rodin — might have been up to the task," lamented sculptor Henry Moore, head of the international design jury for the competiton. Initially (later compromise was achieved), none of the submissions satisfied the criteria of all the jury of artists, architect, critics and the most critical judges of all — survivors.

The Art of Memory: Holocaust Memorials in History can be seen at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave. at 92nd Street. It then travels to Berlin and Munich.

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At their recent installation, both UJA's Barbara Bank and JWF's Glennie Lindenberg recounted personal journeys through their Jewish heritage that influenced their lives and their leadership philosophies.

The U.S.-born Bank described her early history in Boston as the "story of my generation."

"We were the idealistic children of the late 1960's, who fought passionately for civil rights and the end of the Vietnam War, but never felt closely connected to our cultural roots," she said. "I had always identified myself first as an American, then as a Jew."

Bank's father had told her in small fragments about his experience as a U.S. soldier in Europe during World War II, leaving out his association with Holocaust victims. However, before Bank left for her third year of college in Denmark, her father "revealed for the first time the sorrow he had felt as a medic giving care to the survivors of Dachau."

"And many months later, as a tribute to my father, as if guided by a powerful hand, I walked the tear-soaked grounds of the Dachau concentration camp and shared his grief."

Bank believes that despite diverse pasts experienced by Toronto Jewry, "the future we have chosen to shape is our common bond." Because of her personal history, she feels it is crucial to reach community members who are "disconnected and disinterested."

For Glennie Lindenberg, a trip to Poland with her husband, Nathan, her brother and her parents was a pivotal event.

They had travelled to visit the birthplace of both her parents and her in-laws.

The family search found its way to the little village where Lindenberg's mother was raised; to the town from which her father had been forcibly removed by the Nazis; to the cemetery where her father-in-law's family was buried.

With Shoshana Cardin are (left) Glennie Lindenberg, Jewish Women's Federation President and (right) Barbara Bank, 1995 UJA Women's Campaign Chairman.

"Using a photograph from my father-in-law that was taken after the war," she said, "we found, after an hour's search, the monument of his family. We could make out the words 'Israel Lindenberg', my father-in-law's father, after whom our son Ira was named."

As a result of the trip, Lindenberg now sees a profound "sense of continuity between past, present and future." She considers her voyage of discovery "a personal metaphor for the responsibilities of leadership from generation to generation."

Lindenberg assured installation participants that JWF would continue to lobby for issues of concern to women and the promotion of more women to senior community roles.

The influential Shoshana Cardin, guest speaker at the installation, advised Jewish women to make sure a Jewish perspective accompanies every leadership decision they make. "For me, being a Jew is primary," she emphasized.

Cardin also evoked biblical imagery to describe the special responsibilities of women, comparing them to the ancient prophets who had no problem petitioning G-d for both family and community needs. The Jewish community, she said, is everyone's "extended family," and the definition of Jewish needs should be all encompassing.

Cardin chairs the Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) in the United States, is U.S. national vice-chairperson of UJA, and formerly led the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

JWF Executive installed on March 8: (Left to right) Beverley Holtzman, Susan Michaels, Glennie Lindenberg, Rosalie Flomen, Jill Goldberg Reitman, Helen Redner.

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UJA Women's Campaign Executive installed March 8: (Left to right) Agi Mandel, Debbie Kimel, Marlene Axmith, Barbara Bank, Dodi Weill; not pictured, Maxine Granovsky.

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Mideast tensions no reason not to visit Israel: Ben-Tzur

Expects community to support country

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When IRA missiles recently fell upon London airports, causing temporary shutdowns, did tourism to England dramatically fall off? When a deranged gunman recently shot up a Long Island commuter train, did masses of travellers suddenly bypass New York? Are airports empty and foreign licence-plates rare in Los Angeles, Miami and other U.S. cities after well-publicized episodes of violence?

Ruth Ben-Tzur, Israel's consul for tourism in Canada, asks these questions to make a point. "I don't see anybody cancelling their holidays to these places," she told *The CJN* recently during an interview in her Toronto office. "If you still travel to Europe, Los Angeles, Florida or Manhattan, then you should still go to Israel. Why are we treated as though there's a double standard? Is there one kind of danger here and one kind of danger there?"

Born in Jerusalem, Ben-Tzur is a proud and passionate protector of Israel's reputation. A former public relations advisor to Moshe Dayan, she has served as director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada since July 1992. Promoting travel to the Jewish state is her key function.

After a disastrous Gulf War and more than four years of intifadah, Israeli tourism officials have been hoping the peace process would help make 1994 a bumper year for tourism. But Ben-Tzur ruefully admitted that travel to Israel has declined marginally after late February's tragic Hebron massacre. Even a couple of Jewish groups in Canada have postponed their trips, she said.

"I don't find any reason for that. There's no logic in it. There wasn't one location in their itineraries that had anything to do with the areas you see on television," she said, praising other Jewish groups here that have remained steadfast in their travel plans. (These include groups from Na'amat, and Toronto's Beth Emeth, Beth David, Adath Israel and Montreal's Beit Ora synagogues.)

"I expect the Jewish community to demonstrate their support of Israel. To make such a request, it's not like I'm asking anybody to sacrifice anything. All I want is for people to come and have fun, not to suffer. If we ever needed the support and solidarity of the Jewish community, it's now."

In the echo chamber of the media, Hebron's tragic gunshots are still loudly reverberating. The spate of television images and newspaper headlines have magnified the problems of the Jewish state and produced the misperception that it is unsafe to travel anywhere in Israel, Ben-Tzur said. But, she continued, all the actual trouble spots lie entirely within the Gaza Strip and the West Bank — "and since when do any Canadians go to see the Gaza Strip?

"Everyone knows the media is not so accurate when it comes to Israel. I expect Jewish people to read between the lines and understand that what the media says is one thing and the reality is something else."

During the Gulf War, Ben-Tzur said, her American relatives phoned one day and nearly panicked when no one answered; she had taken her children to the park. Later, they beseeched her and her husband to take their children and leave. "I told them, 'You go on crying at what you see on the television, and I'll go on having fun in my country.' What they were seeing on television had nothing to do with our daily life."

Ruth Ben-Tzur

A short article that appeared on the front page of *The CJN* of March 17, entitled Canada issues travel advisory, was inaccurate and misleading, according to Ben-Tzur. "There was no travel advisory (for Israel) in March," she said. "There was a travel advisory for only a few days in February, but then it became an ordinary travel information report."

However, Lily Campbell-Ferreira, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa, said no travel advisory for Israel was issued — neither in February nor in March. Such advisories are not "issued" at all, she said, merely kept on hand for the benefit of travellers who make use of the department's toll-free travel information service (1-800-267-6788).

Normally reserved for major disturbances, a travel advisory for Hebron, East Jerusalem and a few other areas of Israel and the "Occupied Territories" was in effect for several days but was downgraded to a routine travel information report early in March, Campbell-Ferreira recollected.

The department's current travel information report recommends that "Canadians defer travel for the time being to Israeli-occupied areas in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including East Jerusalem." By making no recommendation regarding travel within Israel proper, the report implies that the Department of Foreign Affairs Canada regards all areas within the pre-1967 borders as safe for tourists.

And that is precisely Ruth Ben-Tzur's point. "If I felt it was even slightly dangerous for tourists, I wouldn't dare sit here and tell you how safe it is," she said. "I can guarantee with 100 per cent certainty that Israel is as safe today as at any other time.

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Reform in Canada debates outreach proposals

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Canada, and Toronto in particular, has always been more traditionalist in their approach to Reform, although Rabbi Stroh does not foresee a U.S.-Canada schism.

As far as backing up calls for outreach with money is concerned, "it's not unheard of in history. Throughout the Talmudic period, Judaism was a missionizing religion. It's Rabbi Schindler's belief that Judaism has something to say; that it's not a private club."

But reaching out to Christians could cause a backlash, Rabbi Stroh warns.

"There's been a gentleman's agreement that mainstream Christians do not target Jews [for conversion]. This [proposal] could mean open season for Christians to go after Jews."

As for the $5 million endowment, "let's also have $5 million for Torah study. I want the Reform movement to be as concerned about being Jewish as we are about outreach and social action."

The Chicago group hopes to have some policy in place when the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the movement's rabbinical arm, holds its annual convention there starting May 29.

But already, Rabbi Schindler's proposals have generated "spontaneous negative" reactions from rabbis and congregational leaders, most of them in Toronto, said Rabbi Edward Goldfarb of Shaarei-Beth El Congregation in Oakville, Ont. and a member of the Chicago working group.

"I haven't done a poll but the vast majority, if not the entire [Chicago] group, appears opposed. And the numbers in opposition [in the general community] appear larger than anyone thought."

As Rabbi Goldfarb sees it, Canadian rabbis stand to the right of their U.S. counterparts, in a movement "that seems to be going toward the left."

Another member of the Chicago group, Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, says flatly that Rabbi Schindler's views "are decidedly not shared by the Reform congregations of Toronto."

The Canadian Reform rabbinate's senior voice, Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto, may have summarized the fears of his colleagues in a recent paper:

"If we go the way many of our congregations ... are bent on going," he warned, "Reform Judaism 50 years from now will be unrecognizable, if in fact, it will exist altogether.

"We are a particular religious people ... We gladly accept willing converts and are sensitive, courteous and understanding to others in our midst. But we have a right and duty to preserve our particularity."

In the minority on all this, it seems, is Rabbi Leigh Lerner of Montreal's Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom, who asked in his congregation's bulletin recently, "Have you ever seen the face of a non-Jewish father at a bris when the mohel takes the baby for circumcision and acts as if the father doesn't exist?

"I don't see how we can avoid involving non-Jews in synagogue life to some extent. Frankly, we should want to do so, for the sake of their desire to help us have a future, for the sake of our own future."

Hebron mosque guards say Goldstein acted alone

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein acted alone when he killed 30 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque, three Palestinian guards said on the last day of hearings at the government's commission of inquiry.

The guards gave their testimony last Sunday before the Shamgar Commission investigating the Feb. 25 mosque killings.

The guards had initially refused to testify before an Israeli panel, and only did so after they had been subpoenaed to appear before the commission.

The three testified that Goldstein, a Kiryat Arba settler well known to them, had carried out the murders single-handedly.

Their testimony contradicted that of other Palestinians who told the commission Goldstein had not acted alone.

A preliminary inquiry by the Israeli Army reached the conclusion that Goldstein did not have an accomplice.

"He was alone. There was nobody else with him," one of the guards, Ismail Hashlamon, told the commission.

Earlier actions

He also told the panel that, to his knowledge, Goldstein had not taken part in any earlier actions on the part of the settlers that he described as being intended to provoke Palestinians at the Hebron mosque.

Hashlamon said he was surprised that Goldstein had committed the killings, saying he would never have expected it of him.

Goldstein's widow, Miriam, appearing before the commission earlier this month, said her husband's actions on the morning of Feb. 25 were still a source of confusion to her.

She had originally refused to testify, but agreed to appear on the condition that she speak before a closed session.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also testified in a closed session of the commission, most of whose sessions were aired on Israeli television.

The transcript of Miriam Goldstein's testimony, released last Friday, indicated that she had no idea of what pushed her husband to commit the mass killings.

"It's still an enigma for me. That's the truth. I've been over and over it, and I can't arrive at an answer," she stated.

She indicated her husband had often complained that the Israeli Army was not doing enough to protect settlers in the territories from attacks by Palestinians.

Commission winds up

"He always complained about the helplessness of the Israeli government, of the Army, of the police — that they don't do their jobs properly and that we (the settlers) are abandoned," she told the commission.

She also testified that she had heard from others that her husband had been at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a site holy to Jews and Muslims alike, on the evening before the killings.

There had been a confrontation between Jewish and Muslim worshipers that evening, she said, adding that he had left because of the unpleasantness.

Previous witnesses had denied Goldstein was present on that occasion.

The Shamgar Commission — which includes two Supreme Court justices, a professor, a former Army chief of staff and a Palestinian judge — will now retire for several weeks to consider the testimony.

In the coming weeks, the commission may warn some of those who have testified that they may have incriminated themselves and should prepare for potential criminal prosecutions.

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Vatican hosts concert recalling Yom Hashoah

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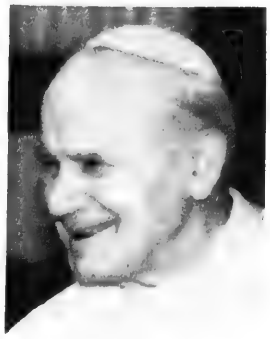

Pope John Paul II

VATICAN CITY — Highlighting the Roman Catholic Church's commitment to the fight against renewed anti-Semitism, Pope John Paul II joined with Holocaust survivors — including several from Canada — at a concert last week commemorating the Shoah.

On the eve of Yom Hashoah, thousands gathered in the Vatican's Paul VI auditorium to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London pay tribute to the six-million Jewish victims of World War II.

The concert marked the first time in the nearly 50 years since the end of the war that the Vatican has officially commemorated the Holocaust.

It followed the establishment in December of diplomatic ties between the Holy See and Israel.

The 7,500 guests included the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff; Avi Pazner, Israel's ambassador to Rome; Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro; and representatives of Catholic and Jewish groups from around the world.

Several Holocaust survivors from Canada, and their spouses, were in attendance.

The Vatican provided a kosher lunch.

Survivors from 12 nations wore special scarves marked with the letter "J" to identify themselves.

In a meeting with about 100 survivors and their families before the concert, the Pope expressed hope that listening to music together would confirm the shared resolve of Catholics and Jews "to consolidate the good relations between our two communities so that, with the help of Almighty God, we can work together to prevent the repetition of such heinous evil."

American Jewish conductor Gilbert Levine led the Royal Philharmonic in Max Bruch's setting of the Yom Kippur prayer *Kol Nidrei*, with cellist Lynn Harrell as soloist. The orchestral also played the *Adagio* from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The Cappella Giulia Choir of St. Peter's Basilica sang a piece for Psalm 92 in Hebrew that Franz Schubert composed for the inauguration of a new synagogue in Vienna in 1826.

Oscar-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss narrated parts of Leonard Bernstein's *Kaddish*, a symphony incorporating the Jewish prayer for the dead.

The program also included selections from Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* in Hebrew, with Gregory Daniel Rodriguez as soloist.

The concert opened with a brief ceremony in which Holocaust survivors lit six candles in memory of those who perished.

Following the performance, the Pope addressed the crowd, calling for a moment of silence to "hear the voices of those who say 'do not forget us.' "

The concert, which was broadcast live on European television and will be shown on public television in the United States, was the brainchild of conductor Levine, a Long Island native whose mother-in-law survived Auschwitz.

Levine is conductor laureate of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Krakow and acts as one of the Pope's musical advisers.

In 1988, Levine conducted the Krakow Philharmonic in a concert marking Pope John Paul's first 10 years in office. He also conducted the 1993 Vatican concert in Denver.

Two years ago, Levine suggested the idea of a concert commemorating the Holocaust to the Pope, who then offered to hold it at the Vatican.

Funding for the concert came from both Catholic and Jewish sources, including $50,000 donated by Holocaust survivors.

In the meeting with survivors, the Pope stressed his commitment to Jewish issues and warned against new waves of anti-Semitism.

"It is not enough that we remember; for in our own day, regrettably, there are many new manifestations of the anti-Semitism, xenophobia and racial hatred which were the seeds of those unspeakable crimes," he told the survivors.

"History cannot permit all that to happen again," he said.

The Polish-born Pope recalled that he had made pilgrimages to Auschwitz and Dachau as a young man and returned to Auschwitz on his first trip to Poland after his election as Pope in 1979.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, said he believed that the 73-year-old Pope has a special understanding of the Shoah because he lived through World War II in occupied Poland.

"I think what's important here is that we have a commitment from this Pope that the building of positive Catholic-Jewish relations is central to church teaching," he said.

He said that the concert "sends a signal to the whole world, particularly to people who are denying that the Holocaust ever happened."

Rudin, who helped organize the concert, called the event a "milestone."

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Territories closed following terror attack

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Last week, the Hamas movement said it would step up terror attacks against Israel and turn the Independence Day celebration into a period of mourning.

To counter potential economic problems Israelis may face because of the closure of the territories, Agriculture Minister Yaacov Tsur and the director general of the Prime Minister's Office, Shimon Sheves, are to work out a scheme that will mobilize thousands of Israeli high school students and army personnel to help with the harvest.

Government subsidies that would increase wages may also encourage Israelis to return to agricultural work.

Some of the shortfall in the labor force is to be met by permitting the entry into Israel of some 18,000 foreign workers, mostly from Thailand.

Some 15,000 of them will be employed in the building trades, and the rest in agriculture.

An historic first: UN denounces anti-Israel attack

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

UNITED NATIONS — For perhaps the first time since 1948, a terrorist attack against Israel has been denounced at the United Nations.

The UN secretary-general and the president of the Security Council last week condemned the April 6 suicide bombing of a bus in Afula, which killed eight Israelis and injured many more.

"The members of the Security Council view with shock and outrage the attack on Israeli civilians on a passenger bus in the town of Afula on April 6, 1994," said New Zealand Ambassador Colin Keating, who holds the rotating presidency of the Security Council.

"The members condemn this act of terror and extend sincere condolences to the wounded and the families of those who lost their lives," he said.

Statements from the council president enable the council to make its views known without convening the council or issuing binding resolutions.

Israeli Ambassador Gad Yaacobi specifically requested that the council not convene.

Last month, the council met to condemn the murders of worshippers in a Hebron mosque, which led to a resolution calling for foreign observers in the West Bank city.

In a letter to the secretary-general asking for condemnation of the killings, Yaacobi explained that the peace process is best advanced by the parties involved.

An Israeli official at the United Nations said the council president's statement fell short of general protocol. Instead of being prepared for publication as an official UN document, as is usually the case, Keating simply read remarks without entering them into the official record.

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's remarks came in an official statement by his spokesman, which said he "strongly condemns this act of violence" and extended condolences.

His remarks also expressed the hope "that this outrageous incident will not be permitted to impede the ongoing negotiations between the government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization."

The UN's denunciations of Arab terror against Jews are thought to be the first in more than four decades.

"As far as our long memory goes," said the Israeli official, "we remember that the Security Council did condemn such attacks — in 1948."

Arab League avoids decision on boycott

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — American Jewish groups are calling on the Clinton administration to take the League of Arab States to task for refusing to consider ending the economic boycott against Israel at its meeting late last month.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Anti-Defamation League each expressed disappointment at what they called a broken promise by Arab League officials to discuss terminating the boycott at their March 27 meeting in Cairo.

This promise was made to U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown by a high-ranking Arab League official in January during Brown's trip to the Middle East.

A source at the State Department said that the administration is "disappointed" that the termination of the boycott was not discussed.

The source said the administration will continue to raise the matter with Arab governments.

'Violates commitments'

At its March 27 meeting, the Arab League's council of foreign ministers agreed not to reach a final decision on lifting the boycott.

Qatar, Oman and Kuwait had apparently been prepared to lift the ban, at least partially, following pressure from the United States and Germany.

But Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa declared that "the reasons for the imposition of this ban have not yet been removed."

He explained that the boycott is "connected with the state of war between Israel and the Arab states, and Israel's conquest of Arab lands.

"We believe the boycott should be ended (only) with the ending of the occupation of all the Arab lands that Israel has conquered," he said.

Israeli political observers believe the Arab League decision is also partially a function of Arab fears of Israel's economic and technological strength.

Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan is on record as having spoken of an "economic holocaust of the Arab world" if the boycott is lifted without firm controls being in place beforehand.

An Israeli diplomat who requested anonymity told JTA that the Israeli government "would like to see concrete steps taken by the Arab League" to end the boycott, which has been in effect since before Israel's founding in 1948.

Secretary Brown announced from Cairo during his trip in January that Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel-Meguid had told him the league would consider rescinding its secondary and tertiary boycotts at its March meeting.

The secondary boycott affects companies doing business with Israel; the tertiary boycott is imposed on companies doing business with those firms.

Jewish groups have hoped since last September, when Israel and the PLO signed their autonomy blueprint at the White House, that progress would be made toward ending the boycott, which also includes a primary boycott of Israel itself.

Thus far, however, Jewish groups have been disappointed at the lack of results.

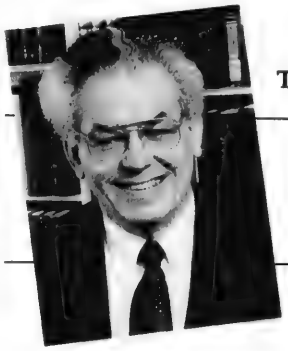
In a letter to Brown following last week's Arab League meeting, ADL's leaders wrote of their "serious concern about the failure of the Arab League to take action on ending the secondary boycott.

"The Arab League's failure to address the boycott issue violates commitments made to you and other senior Administration officials," wrote Melvin Salberg, the group's national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director.

More than 60 members of Congress had written to Secretary-General Meguid, seeking assurances that the boycott would be discussed at the Arab League meeting.

The March 25 letter, initiated by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), urged the Arab League to end the secondary and tertiary boycotts at its meeting.

"Even though some Arab nations are reportedly relaxing enforcement of the boycott, the League of Arab States must send a clear signal that the boycott has been voted out of existence," read the letter, which was signed by 63 other representatives.



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The News in Brief

Arabs Side-Step Condemnation

TORONTO — The Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) last week issued a statement that stopped short of condemning the Afula suicide bomb attack which left eight Israelis dead and injured dozens of others. In a letter to CJC president Irving Abella, CAF president Farid Ayad said his organization received the news "with deep sadness. The CAF offers its condolences to the families and friends of those killed in the bombing. This loss of life is all the more tragic as Palestinian and Arab Canadians continue to await news on the long delayed implementation of the first phase of the Palestinian-Israeli Accord.

"It is our hope that continued co-operation and improved relations between CAF and Canadian Jewish Congress may support the cause of just peace in the region," the statement said.

Canadian Jewish Congress had called on the CAF to use "its good offices" and ask PLO leader Yasser Arafat to publicly denounce the attack.

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BBC Slams 'Double Standard'

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) last week condemned the "silence" of the Canadian government and Arab leaders following the Afula attack.

In a statement from executive vice-president Frank Dimant and Israel affairs committee chair Sheldon Lerman, said BBC waited 24 hours for Canadian and world leaders to respond to the attack.

"We are extremely disappointed and disturbed by the silence of the Canadian government and Arab organizations thus far. We urge them to unequivocally denounce this cowardly act.

"We condemn the muted response to date and the double standard applied to violence in the Middle East. This is stark contrast to the forceful condemnation of the recent Hebron tragedy by all countries, including Israel and by Jewish organizations worldwide."

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CJC, CIC Condemn Attack

OTTAWA — The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) last week issued statements condemning the Afula attack.

CIC national chair Daniel Pekarsky called on the Palestinian leadership and the international community to condemn "a heinous act of terrorism against innocent Israeli citizens, the obvious goal of which was to destroy the peace process."

Moshe Ronen, national chair of CJC's Israel affairs committee, said Congress expresses its deepest sympathies to the families of the victims, and called on supporters of the peace process to denounce the attack.

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Ottawa Responds to CJC

MONTREAL — Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs has responded to Canadian Jewish Congress's concerns following the February execution in Tehran of an elderly Iranian Jew, Fayullah Makhubat.

The department last week told CJC that Canada's embassy in Tehran confirmed reports relating to the execution. Since then, the department has raised the matter twice with officials of Iran's embassy in Ottawa.

CJC says the department has assured it that Ottawa will continue to monitor human rights in Iran, especially in light of recent reports of persecution of other religious minorities.

"We are making it clear to the Iranian government that behavior of this kind amounts to its own withdrawal from the international community," Foreign Affairs Assistant Deputy Minister Marc Perron wrote to CJC's Alan Rose.

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Red Tape for Ukrainian Girl

WINNIPEG — Following the intervention of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, a 17-year-old emigree from Ukraine was allowed to join the March of the Living, which is now taking thousands of North American Jewish students to the sites of former death camps in Poland and then to Israel.

Tanya Roitman immigrated to Canada with her family three years ago from Ukraine. Not yet a Canadian citizen, she tried to get a passport from the Ukrainian embassy in Ottawa but was told she is a citizen of the Soviet Union, which no longer exists.

The council's Robert Freedman got in touch with the Department of Foreign Affairs, which arranged for the proper travel documents so Roitman could go on the trip.

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Immigration Down 15 Per Cent

JERUSALEM — Immigration to Israel dropped 15 per cent in the first quarter of this year, compared to the same period in 1993.

From January to March 1994, 16,695 immigrants arrived, compared with 19,566 in the same period last year, Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket said last week. A total of 13,126 olim came from the former Soviet Union during this period, down 20 per cent.

Of the 5,388 olim who arrived last month, 4,300 were from the Commonwealth of Independent States, Leket said.

In 1993, 77,000 people immigrated to Israel, according to Central Bureau of Statistics figures. Some 66,000 were from the CIS.

Meanwhile, as unrest in South Africa increases due to the upcoming elections, the agency expects some 3,500 Jews to leave that country this year. However, only about a third are likely to come to Israel, Leket said. In 1993, some 500 Jews moved to Israel from South Africa.

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Belgian Nazi Dies

BRUSSELS — Leon Degrelle, an unrepentant Belgian Nazi who found haven in Spain after World War II, died in the southern Spanish city of Malaga late last month. He was 87.

Degrelle, who headed the fascist movement in Belgium from the 1930s to the end of the war, was responsible for the deportations and deaths of about 25,000 Jews in Belgium between 1941 and 1944.

In the 1930s, Degrelle created a fascist movement called Rex, which collaborated with German Nazis and succeeded in placing several members in Parliament.

Degrelle, who became an SS general, was known to have met with Adolf Hitler several times. Hitler praised Degrelle as the son he would have liked to have had.

Degrelle was condemned to death by his own country after the war, but he fled to Spain, where he found haven among the followers of fascist leader Francisco Franco. He was given Spanish citizenship, effectively removing any chance of being extradited to Belgium.

Although Belgium asked the Spanish government for his extradition several times, the Spaniards would not comply.

After the war, Degrelle denied the Holocaust had occurred. He was a magnet for gatherings of former or neo-Nazis and liked to wear Nazi uniforms in Spain.

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Reunion for Dutch Survivors

TORONTO — Fifty years ago, a group of 222 Jews from Holland imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen were spared by being exchanged for German Templars then living in Palestine. The Jews reached Palestine on July 10, 1944. The anniversary of the event will be commemorated this year in Israel. Anyone who participated in the exchange is urged to contact Ya'acov Yannay, c/o Commemoration Exchange, Bergen-Belsen, 1944. P.O. Box 4118, Jerusalem, Israel, 91040. Tel.: (2) 639-258, fax: (2) 617-781.

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Holocaust Denial Law Proposed

BERLIN — In the wake of a recent ruling by Germany's highest appeals court, the country's main opposition party will propose a new law that would criminalize Holocaust denial.

The Social Democratic Party last week announced it will seek the new legislation following a recent ruling by the Federal Court of Justice, which found that denying the Holocaust was not in itself a punishable offence.

The Federation of Jewish Communities in Germany has already called for a change in the law in order to ban Holocaust denial.

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Syria Stays on Drug List

WASHINGTON — Syria will remain on a U.S. list of countries not cooperating in the fight against illicit drugs, despite indications last week to the contrary.

President Bill Clinton decided to keep Syria on the list, accepting a recommendation by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

But Christopher is said to have overruled lower-level officials in the State Department who sought to reward Syria for its cooperation in the Middle East peace process.

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Malaysia Reverses Stand

KUALA LUMPUR — The government of Malaysia last week decided to overturn its ban on the film *Schindler's List*, but it has not yet actually approved the film for screening.

Last month, the government banned the film, calling it too sympathetic to the Jews and too critical of the Nazis.

In announcing the reversal, the deputy prime minister said the censor's reasoning had been "unacceptable." He said, "The Nazis were brutal and cruel. And the victims, be they Jews or non-Jews, were victims, and our sympathies should be with them."

Front Line

Decision to set up Hebron commission ill-considered

By HILLEL C. NEUER

By the time Israeli political, military, and religious leaders had finished outdoing each other in apologizing for the Hebron massacre, everyone hoped that the peace process could finally be resuscitated, allowed to move on. Yet the ill-considered decision to set up a full-fledged, live-broadcast public commission of inquiry under Israel's chief justice — with its original focus slowly being replaced and expanded into an indictment of Israel's entire military administration — has killed any hopes of moving beyond Hebron. Instead, Israel's cabinet has only itself to blame for creating what everybody knew would become a powerful media weapon which the Arabs would repeatedly exploit to discredit the Jewish state, and hinder peace progress.

Friends of Israel find pride in pointing out, correctly, that few peoples in the world share the Israelis' hyper-moral sensitivity, which, over the years, continues to force exhausting self-examination after examination, commission after commission. The comparison is even more potent when one remembers that Israel faces numerous and constantly rearming Arab states which remain in a declared state of war, posing an ever-present existential threat to the tiny Jewish state. Can one imagine, say, the United States, during the heat of the Gulf War, beginning an open investigation which would summon and publicly interrogate top generals about their exact military policies — or with the power to subpoena George Bush?

Judicial investigations into Israel's highest echelons are by no means recent. In its early years, Israel was rocked repeatedly with inquiries into the Lavon Affair, which eventually resulted in the resignation of the defence minister and a split in the Labor party. Later, in the wake of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the Agranat Commission ended several careers, as a nation demanded accountability for a disaster which nearly spelled its demise. The 1980s also produced their share: the Zamir Commission, which scrutinized the domestic intelligence apparatus as never before, and the Kahan commission, which looked into possible Israeli negligence regarding the massacre by Lebanese Phalangists at the Sabra and Chatilla Palestinian refugee camps.

While it is true that the current Hebron commission is very much a product of domestic demand, it was also in large part conceived by the Israeli government — along with prisoner releases and other concessions — as a key overture in its political response to the international outcry, as a significant demonstration of good faith.

Now it is being reported that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin himself opposed the creation of the commission, and some analysts are beginning to examine the motivations of those ministers who pressed for it loudest, with one theory suggesting a plan by the coalition's left to weaken Rabin — by implicating him either personally or by extension as the defence minister — thus effecting a policy shift to the left.

To be sure, none of this has been substantiated; the only thing which is certain is that Israel continues to suffer serious damage, as new "revelations" continue to headline the international print and electronic media, further distorting an already skewed picture of Israel and the Middle East.

For example, it is suddenly a major story that the Israel Defence Force (IDF) operates under different regulations in its relations with Israeli Jews than in its dealings with Palestinian Arabs of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), who have been for years waging a violent uprising against Israel.

Context and history get buried beneath this media stampede, particularly the plain truth that Arabs in "Israel-proper" enjoy total civil, political and religious rights, with the irony that they are the region's only Arabs who can vote in completely free and fair elections.

Also forgotten or ignored are the tragic murders, since September alone, of three dozen Israelis by Palestinian terrorists. (We would probably be wiser not to hold our breath waiting for the PLO to begin its investigation into routine Arab violence against Jews, nor even for leader Yasser Arafat to issue so much as a verbal condemnation.) Unfortunately, by focusing our attention on one isolated act of Jewish terrorism, the commission — though unintentionally — effectively gives credence to the PLO-created image of Arabs as the victims, and not perpetrators, of civilian-targeted violence in the territories.

Israelis know that there were other options. The army just this year capably conducted a full, major investigation into a tragic training mishap, with lessons learned and officers punished. If, in determining what failed at Hebron, one nevertheless felt uneasy about having an army investigate itself, it would have been possible to incorporate civilian supervision. Alternatively, one could easily have kept the existing judicial board — along with complete publication and disclosure of the findings — yet without televising the entire proceeding, thus preventing it from becoming a circus.

Finally, one wonders, if the Arabs say they have nothing but contempt for the commission, and if its ultimate effect is to deepen, not defuse, the crisis for Israel — and consequently the peace process as a whole — what is being achieved?

(Hillel Neuer, former editor of Dateline: Middle East *is a Montreal commentator on political affairs.)*

How can Israel handle Jewish and Arab extremists?

By ALON BEN-MEIR

Israel, as a democracy with a determined government, can effectively neutralize the few hundred activist members of Kach and Kahane Chai, organizations that have been outlawed and branded as terrorist.

The more daunting problem that faces Israelis and Palestinians is how to handle Gush Emunim (the Block of the Faithful) and the Islamic resistance movement Hamas, two powerful organizations which diametrically and violently oppose each other. Each is committed to denial of the other's right to the land and to derailment of the peace negotiations by any means — including force — to secure exclusive sovereignty over the entire land.

The central issue in this conflict is the future status of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Israel and the PLO must address this problem honestly and directly in the hope of defusing the deadly tension and preventing Palestinian self-rule from exploding into a bloodletting disaster.

Gush Emunim is the driving force behind the Israeli settlements. It sees the creation of Israel as an ordained event ushering in the coming of the Messianic period. "Sovereignty over the entire land," said A. Ravitsky, professor of Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University, "became in their eyes almost the principal value of Judaism . . . This exclusivity of one value led to a loss of sensitivity about other Jewish values, like human life." Gush Emunim does not seek to displace the Arabs as long as it (the Gush) can have Greater Israel. In this respect it regards the Israeli-PLO agreement as a denial of the divine will and a cruel interruption in the process of religious redemption at whose core stands Yisrael Hashlemah (Greater Israel).

For Hamas, "the land of Palestine," as stated in its charter, "is an Islamic Waaf (trust) upon all Muslim generations till the day of resurrection; it is not right to give it up nor any part of it. Neither a single Arab state or states, nor a king nor a leader, nor any organization have such authority." Known for its hideous acts of violence, Hamas advocates jihad (holy war) in the struggle against Jewish occupation of Palestine.

This deep, contradictory religious commitment to the sanctity of the land, to which both groups are sworn, precludes on the surface any solution consistent with the Israeli-PLO declaration of principles. What is important to note, however, is that while Gush Emunim and Hamas are deadly enemies, each would tolerate the other's presence in their midst as long as it could assert total control over the land.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's ambiguity regarding the future of the settlements has heightened rather than eased the tension, creating a deep sense of vulnerability among many settlers. For Gush Emunim, the writing on the wall is clear. The mere fact that the future of the settlements is open for discussion two years after self-rule goes into effect, raises serious misgivings. Extending Palestinian self-rule to the entire West Bank, their leaders argue, would inadvertently lead, in time, to a Palestinian state, and time is a commodity many of them believe they simply do not have Their sense of abandonment by the government and uncertainty for the future were bound to intensify their radicalism and defiance of authority.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat's position, like Rabin's, suffers from a lack of credibility. Arafat insists that self-rule is the first step towards the establishment of a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Hamas does not subscribe to the PLO's position and continues to oppose the agreement on the grounds that it is selling out to the Israelis. The PLO's repeated demands to evacuate Israeli settlements often raises false expectations among the Palestinians and deep suspicion among the settlers. Moreover, the recent Hebron massacre came at the PLO's low point. Plagued by financial difficulties and an inability to show tangible progress in the negotiations, the PLO's weaknesses were further exposed while Hamas' status among the Palestinians was buttressed, making it extremely hard for the PLO to exercise its authority.

The Israeli settlements in the West Bank must not be treated like a football to be kicked around every time another act of violence is committed by either a Jew or an Arab against the other. The settlements are certainly not inconsistent with self-rule or a Palestinian state. To suggest that the existence of Jewish settlers in the West Bank negates Palestinian rights to the land also suggests that the presence of Palestinians in Israel as Israeli citizens nullifies Jewish rights to the pre-1967 land.

With the exception of relocating a few "political" settlements which have been planted in centres with dense Palestinian populations during successive Likud governments, most of the settlements will stay where they are. Once the final political borders between Israel and the Palestinian entity are drawn, some settlements will be incorporated into Israel proper, others may be relocated, and still others will continue to exist within the Palestinian political entity.

The future behavior of Hamas and Gush Emunim will be significantly influenced by Rabin's and Arafat's resolve to stay the course to peace. The PLO must not exclude but encourage Hamas to participate in the march for peace and Rabin must be direct and unambiguous regarding the future of the settlements to instil confidence among the settlers.

Gush Emunim and Hamas must know that Israeli-Palestinian interdispersement is a fact of life, making co-existence the only realistic option, one that cannot be undone short of a catastrophe. Only a compromise will guarantee rather than usurp each side's fundamental right to live freely in the land of their ancestors.

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Jewish civilization and architecture

By ARNOLD AGES

One of the most beautiful rabbinic interpretations of the role of Bezalel, has it that this great man was more than an architect — he was a peace maker.

In the later chapters of Exodus, Bezalel is described as the chief architect working under Moses in the construction of the portable sanctuary in the desert.

How does an architect become a peace maker? Just before the Israelites begin building their sanctuary, they sin grievously, forcing Aaron to cast a golden calf for them to dance around and worship.

After this episode, Bezalel and his associates are called upon to build the Tabernacle, its equipment and the priestly vestments, a process which will involve the entire Israelite nation. Bezalel, the chief architect of this project, uses the opportunity to construct a sanctuary which will bring serenity, tranquillity and harmony to a community under extreme pressure. It is a sign the Israelites have been forgiven for the sin of idolatry.

From the period of the conquest of Eretz Israel until the time of Solomon, little is heard in the Hebrew Bible about architects and architecture. In fact, when Solomon builds the great Temple of Jerusalem there are apparently no Bezalels available for the task; accordingly, Solomon contracts with Hiram of Tyre to furnish the expertise and the builders for Israel's greatest shrine. Solomon's Temple is an eloquent testimony to the glory of the God of Israel but it is filtered, ironically, through the Phoenician idiom of its builders.

Jewish civilization did not produce architects again until the late nineteenth century when the European enlightenment was in full bloom. The Encyclopedia Judaica lists more than a hundred distinguished Jewish architects who have, like Bezalel of old, tried to concretize serenity and harmony through innovative use of design, structure and space.

Arnold Ages

Jewish architects, not surprisingly, have been among the first to break away from conventional forms: Alfred Messel designed the first modern department store in Berlin. Eric Mendelsohn used unique sculptural techniques in his Einstein Tower in Potsdam. Julian Flegenheimer (the brother of the great French-Jewish writer, Edmund Fleg) incorporated regal concepts in his work on the Palace of the League of Nations in Geneva. It is interesting to note that many of the most advanced house and building designs in Brazil and its capital Brasilia, were executed by Jewish architects.

In modern times names such as Alexandre Persits, Bruno Zevi, Victor Gruen, Max Abromovitz, Cecil Blankstein, Sidney Bergman and Moshe Safdie represent but a small number of the talented Jewish architects who have left their indelible impact on synagogues, universities, sports arenas, shopping centres, railway stations, business buildings and apartment complexes.

Curiously, one name which is not found in the Encyclopedia Judaica's entry under architecture is Morris Lapidus, a 90-year-old who recently delivered a public lecture on his metier in Miami Beach's Bass Museum. Over the years Lapidus has been the architect other architects love to hate and it is only in recent times that his public ostracism has come to an end. Why was this endearing figure the lightning rod for so much criticism?

In their recent work on Lapidus (*Morris Lapidus Architect of the American Dream*) Martina Duttman and Friedrike Schneider show that the man who designed the Fontainebleau Hotel, The Eden Roc, The Sans Souci, The Americana, and other hotels, weathered severe storms of criticism from the architectural establishment, which saw his work as the epitome of kitsch and structural naivete.

No one apparently liked Lapidus' hotels — except the tourists — who have been flocking to the extravagant creations since the 1950s. They have come in their millions to admire the banisters, balusters, circular staircases, sweeping balconies, French doors, filigreed handrails, gigantic terrariums and oversized lobby chandeliers.

Lapidus, say Duttman and Schneider, understood what people wanted in a hotel: "forget the office, the house, the kids, the bills. People wanted fun, excitement, and all of it against a background that was colorful, unexpected ... A sense of freedom from the humdrum lives the guests had . . . The joyous experience of the perfect holiday." Morris Lapidus is an architect who understood those dreams and aspirations and went on to conceptualize in stone, bronze and glass what ordinary people could only imperfectly grasp.

Lapidus has lived long enough to see his signature language of harmony, once the object of derision, highly regarded by other architects all over the world. The praise, of course, is not universal, but Lapidus' style, like Art Deco, is finally recognized as a truly original contribution to American architecture.

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Yom Ha'atzmaut

Israel is celebrating its 46th anniversary on a knife-edge between hope and fear.

As these words were being written, three days before Yom Ha'atzmaut, it was not known if Hamas and Islamic Jihad would make good on their pledge to mark Israel's Independence Day with a rain of blood. But they have already made a deposit on that pledge, with the horror of the deaths in Afula.

The rage and fear of Israelis is understandable. If peace cannot bring stability and prosperity — a chance to live out of the range of bombs and knives and raise children whose education does *not* include weapons training — then what good is peace?

This is the precipice that Israeli negotiators must traverse in their discussions with their Palestinian counterparts in Cairo. The process of implementing the Declaration of Principles signed in Washington last September has assumed a momentum of its own. It is too late to turn back, yet the path to peace is blocked with the bodies of the victims of fanaticism and terror. The negotiators —and the politicians — must wonder if they are on a difficult climb to new heights of co-operation or on a headlong descent into chaos.

The ambiguous signals from the Palestinian side are not reassuring. When Baruch Goldstein opened fire in the Hebron mosque, Israeli Jews, from the president to the general populace, condemned the killings unequivocally. When a teenaged Hamas fanatic sought glory by killing innocent youngsters in Afula, the chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization was conspicuously silent.

Yasser Arafat's lack of forthrightness is of great concern. Does he not care and are all his promises to renounce violence worthless — or is he so weak that he *dares* not condemn Palestinian terrorism?

Yom Ha'atzmaut is traditionally a holiday of great joy, celebrating as it does the survival of the Jewish state against all odds. The fact that Israel's dedication to the search for peace has also survived 46 years of constant deadly threat is a tribute to the courage of its leaders and its people.

Where is the matching courage and dedication of those with whom Israel seeks to make peace?

Precious causes

For three days starting on the evening of April 16 after Shabbat, and continuing until April 18, the warm and generous community in Winnipeg will be hosting the seventh National Education Conference. Hundreds of educators and delegates from Canada and around the world will convene to exchange views, share ideas, formulate plans, renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The theme of the Conference is Education and Tradition: building blocks to a Jewish future. No subject could be more important and no time more appropriate for Diaspora educators.

Jewish federations across North America, including Canadian ones, have recently awakened to the multi-faceted challenges of modern Diaspora life: assimilation, intermarriage, dropout, non-affiliation and rapidly dwindling numbers. Jewish continuity is no longer a sloganized catch-phrase. It is a serious, deeply abiding worry.

The conference in Winnipeg intends to confront this worry head on. One of its three plenary sessions is dedicated to the role of Jewish education in preserving Jewish continuity. The diverse workshop sessions that are planned will explore the inter-related aspects of the highly complicated task of providing meaningful Jewish education in a modern world full of material diversions and competing distractions.

The conference program will actually begin with a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, led, appropriately, by Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Shelef. The joining of these two precious causes — Israel and Jewish continuity — is no mere serendipity.

Many leaders and educators in both Israel and the Diaspora are increasingly recognizing that intensive, meaningful Jewish education in the Diaspora will have to include some, as yet undefined, component of "Israel" involvement. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi of England, was the latest authority to express this view publicly.

As conference delegates prepare for their meetings this weekend, may they seek inspiration from the words of one of Rabbi Sacks' illustrious predecessors, Rabbi Dr. Joseph Hertz, of blessed memory. On the subject of Jewish education, he wrote:

". . . Talmud Torah c'neged culam. The dearest and most dominant desire is to transmit to the children . . . the spiritual wonders of Judaism, so that they ever love and live the Jewish life and rejoice in their full Jewish heritage."

We look to the conferees with expectation and with the hope that they will be able to strike the right balance of urgency, resolve and action, and that their important deliberations will be crowned with success.

Letters to the Editor

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THANKS TO SCHINDLER'S LIST

Last week I was having a conversation with a gentile girl who is 16 years of age. She noticed the Chai I wear around my neck and mentioned that she had just seen the movie *Schindler's List*. She said that she knew very little about the Holocaust before she saw the movie, but is now eager to learn more.

When she asked me if I had lost any relatives I told her that both of my great-grandfathers, my great-grandmother, and many relatives in Poland and Russia were rounded up and shot dead by Nazi terrorists. The movie made this realistic to her.

This one girl realizing what Jews went through is to me, a small step toward putting an end to Holocaust denial. I would like to say a personal thank you to a great individual — Steven Spielberg.

Marni Katzman
Willowdale

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PLENARY STARTED LATE

I attended the opening session of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region 28th Regional Plenary.

My first reaction was that I was struck by the lack of attendees under the age of 50. At the time, I could give no explanation for this. However, as the evening proceeded, the reasons became self-evident.

Firstly, the plenary started 40 minutes late. No apology or explanation was given.

Secondly, one politician, offering the usual profusion of greetings, was given the opportunity to speak for an interminable length of time, far longer than the guest panelists.

Thirdly, because of the delay in starting, the panelists, (the primary reason for attending the plenary), were all told they would only be permitted to speak for 10 minutes. It was to the credit of the panelists that they tactfully dismissed such a request.

Fourthly, numerous attendees obviously had their own agenda for the evening including harassment, heckling, raving and ranting and making themselves quite offensive.

Fifthly, a great many attendees decided to call it a night by walking out as the appreciator was thanking the panelists.

How does all of this relate to the lack of "younger attendees?"

It has been said that in today's society, more than anything else, the factor of time and its allocation, is perhaps the most precious and crucial.

People, especially those younger than many of the attendees, demand a high degree of communication standards from themselves and from their peers. For they have learned to scan and evaluate information much faster. They understand that today in business, and in one's personal life, one must seek to shorten the time it takes to reach consensus and implement policy. It's a fact of life.

Notwithstanding the inconsiderate tactic of the plenary organizers towards the attendees in wasting time, as well as the discourteous treatment by the attendees towards the panelists, I can now understand quite well the reasons why there was such a lack of younger people in attendance. Who, really, has so much time to waste?

Alan L. Simons
Toronto

CONGRESS RESPONDS

Those of us who organized the plenary were proud to see that the opening session, on a Saturday evening one week before Pesach, attracted a large and representative cross-section of our community. We were pleased that the standing-room-only crowd of over 400 included people over the age of 50, (after all, life and community activism was not meant to stop at 50). And, contrary to the perception of Mr. Simons, there were numerous persons under the age of 50 in attendance.

Admittedly the start of the session was somewhat delayed. This made it possible for Shabbat observers and representatives from the various levels of government to arrive.

The speakers were uniformly excellent. There were many questions from and lots of interaction with the audience. There was the odd heckle. All these are indications of democracy in action.

After the program, many, far from leaving, stayed behind for refreshments, live Israeli and Klezmer music, and "shmoozing" in an atmosphere of "freilichkeit" and goodwill.

From the overwhemingly positive response that we have received to the entire plenary, we can only conclude that Mr. Simons' dissent constitutes a minority of one. We cannot, of course, please all of the people all of the time but, if nothing else, we are heartened that it was a Congress program which prompted Mr. Simons to express his theories publicly.

Joyce Eklove
Plenary Chair
Toronto

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Dry Bones

THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS CLAIM THAT THE MURDER OF JEWS AND WESTERNERS IS A RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE OF ISLAM!
AND IF THAT CLAIM IS NOT TRUE!?
THEN WE SHOULD BE HEARING THE MOSLEM CLERICS CONDEMNING IT!
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NOT BACKING "JUDENREIN"

This is a composite reply to the three letters that appeared in *The CJN* of March 31.

First, the notion that Peace Now has suddenly come "out of the closet" with respect to Jewish settlement in the territories is utter nonsense. Peace Now has always opposed the creation of a large Jewish presence in the West Bank and Gaza.

This opposition has nothing to do with "ethnic cleansing." It is a political/economic assessment based on years of extensive research and analysis. Our Settlement Watch Reports represent the most intensive study of the dangers (financial and political) of trying to implement a "Greater Israel" policy in a hostile and volatile social environment. It takes a thousand soldiers and hundreds of thousands of shekels to protect the small Jewish enclave in the centre of Hebron.

It is abundantly clear that the settlement push during the past fifteen years has been a dangerous, expensive and counter-productive investment.

Does this mean that the West Bank and Gaza must become "judenrein?" Not at all. Bert Raphael is absolutely right when he says that "when a Palestinian State is eventually established" Jews who decide to become citizens of that state should be allowed to "freely elect to live there." But the right of eventual citizenship is not the same as establishing politically motivated enclaves tied to Israel and designed to impose political control over the area and to crush and destroy the legitimate national aspirations of the Palestinian people. It is this dangerous political objective that is at the heart of Peace Now's opposition to Jewish settlement. When we state that Israel must choose between peace and settlements it means that it must choose between a policy of territorial control and domination and a policy of disengagement and peaceful co-existence. It can't have both.

Mel Shipman
Chair, Canadian Friends of Peace Now
Toronto

The mystery of the unsuitable student

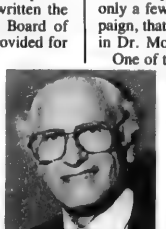
By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

It happened recently in Champaign-Urbana Illinois, locus of the University of Illinois. In consequence I was faced with a mystery, the solution of which will forever elude me.

We were at a pleasant dinner party when the talk veered toward my early days at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. I was asked how it was when, back in 1935, I had first entered its red-bricked precincts. It was tough, I reminisced — and now, almost 60 years later, I still appreciate how tough things are for every refugee who leaves home and goes to a strange country, torn away from a familiar environment and family. The first problem a refugee faces is losing a proper image of self. You don't quite know who you are, and neither do others.

It all goes back to the day when the late Rabbi Leo Baeck, president of our rabbinical seminary in Berlin, had asked five of us students whether we wished to accept a scholarship to Hebrew Union College in America. Would we! All of us jumped at the idea of being able to leave Nazi Germany. Hitler had been in power for over two years, and the idea of escaping what had become a prison was wonderfully attractive. Not long thereafter we left for the goldene medinah.

After a puzzling voyage — puzzling because everything we saw was new and often inexplicable — we arrived in Cincinnati. We met president Julian Morgenstern, who had written the letter of invitation on behalf of the Board of Governors and the faculty and had provided for us the key to life.



Rabbi Plaut

Not surprisingly, none of us assimilated easily in the new environment. Quite aside from the fact that we were inarticulate because of our faulty or absent knowledge of English, there was nothing at the school that reminded one of home. Unfortunately, most professors and students did not grasp what we refugees went through, what it meant to be strangers in a strange land. One might understand why the students could not appreciate our special position, but one would have expected that professors would have a better view of the emotional needs of five young men. But they really didn't, not even the president, who was a biblical scholar of renown, and was able to think clearly about past history, but, as it turned out, was not too adept at assessing the future.

About six months after our arrival he called me into his office and asked me to sit down. "Gunther," he said, "I have to tell you that we are very disappointed with you." I was deeply shocked, so that I no longer remember just what it was he was disappointed about. But the word and its implication stuck in my mind — yet it was only a few weeks ago, after my visit in Champaign, that I came to know what might have been in Dr. Morgenstern's mind.

One of the rabbis present at dinner heard my tale and said suddenly: "You know, I have read about Morgenstern and his relation to you and the other students. In fact, the matter has appeared in print. I'll find it and send you a copy." He did.

A few days later I received a photocopy of a few pages from the *El Paso Jewish Historical Review*, February 1987. The clippings were from an article entitled The Effort to Rescue Jewish Scholars from Nazi Germany and contained an excerpt of a letter that president Morgenstern had written to someone in Germany — probably Rabbi Baeck — in the late '30s, while we were still at the college.

Here is the section of his letter that hit home: "I must say to you very frankly (he wrote) that it is our feeling that the experiment with the Berlin students has been only partially successful. The faculty of the Lehranstalt [the Berlin seminary] picked out the five students of their institution whom they thought best qualified for admission to the Hebrew Union College and for service in the American Rabbinate. After three years of close contact with these five students . . . we feel only two of them measure up unqualifiably to the standards of our college and of the American Rabbinate. Of one other student we are somewhat uncertain, of the other two we have grave doubts as to their ability to serve in this country or elsewhere with adequate success. This will make clear to you the extreme care which must be practised in the selection of the two students from your institution [who were then expected to come]."

The author of the *Review* article criticized Dr. Morgenstern's lack of judgement and pointed out: "Two of the five have been presidents of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and they and the rest have served with distinction in the American Rabbinate."

Ever since I received the article. I have been wondering who was who in Dr. Morgenstern's opinion. After all, he had told me already how disappointed he was in me. Was I one of the two about whom he had grave doubts? I am afraid I will never know, for he died in 1976.

But whatever was in his mind, one fact remains: It was Dr. Morgenstern's invitation that saved my life.

Reach for the comfort of haymishe

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Yesterday in the next-door neighbors' swimming pool (hey, living in Florida is tough!), my daughters and their friends played a game I had never seen before.

The game is called Categories. The person who is "it" calls out a category, such as Fruit or Cars or Boys' Names, and while "it" covers her ears, the others assume individual identities within the named category. This leads to strange pronouncements, such as "I'm a banana" or "I'm a Chevrolet."

When all the assignments are firmed up, "it" uncovers her ears and calls out items within the category until she names one that somebody has adopoted. For instance, she yells "Banana," and then races the banana person across the pool. If "it" wins the race, she keeps being "it." If the banana wins . . . well you get the idea.

Because I believe adults who are watching children swim should really, intently watch — not read, chat or do their nails — I began to think in categories. I realized that supposedly unrelated items break down into two main categories in my thinking: stuff that is haymishe and stuff that is not haymishe.

By haymishe — which literally translates as homey, although the literal translation doesn't catch the true drift here — I don't mean only Jewish things, although you could extend that comparison to some degree.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

I also never set out to categorize things that are overtly, ceremonially Jewish, such as braided challah, as being haymishe or not. Instead, I found myself ranking things that are haymishe because of some quirk of their intrinsic nature, such as pumpernickel with raisins.

This goes beyond the obvious comparisons (i.e., bat mitzvahs are haymishe but Sweet Sixteens are not) and extends into groceries, clothing, shopping, sports, and more.

A few examples: big department stores with familiar names and charge accounts that have been in the family two or three generations are haymishe; funky boutiques filled with neon halter-top dresses and skinny tight skirts are not. Brocade, embroidery and good fabric are haymishe; feathers are not; sequins can be, but not too many of them.

Bagels are haymishe, English muffins are not, but scones can be. Thick jam with chunks of fruit is haymishe, but thin jelly isn't. Chocolate is more haymishe than vanilla; tea is more haymishe than coffee (except early in the morning).

From sports, it seems to me that horse racing is more haymishe than drag racing; diving is more haymishe than gymnastics; and basketball and baseball are more haymishe than football and hockey. Ice skating may have felt haymishe once but it doesn't seem to anymore (except for Elaine Zayak and Torvill and Dean).

Smoky bistros with good jazz singers seem more haymishe than nightclubs with strobe lights and loud bands, even great loud bands (which I acknowledge must exist somewhere, though I have not yet encountered one).

Theatre, ballet and symphony seem more haymishe to me than opera, even though opera combines all three.

Children and old people are haymishe, aging baby boomers are not; movies are haymishe but videos are not; phone calls are haymishe but voice mail isn't. Newspapers are more haymishe than magazines; full-length juicy novels are more haymishe than short stories; radio is more haymishe than television.

Be that as it may, within television situation comedies are more haymishe than police dramas; Ted Koppel and David Letterman (thanks to his Mom) are more haymishe than Jay Leno, and *Northern Exposure* is far more haymishe than *Picket Fences*. Or just about anything else on the air.

Now that you're into the cadence of this, try on your own. It's not tough, just opinionated and arbitrary. Right now, while winter is finally fading away, while world events are too prickly to bear constant discussion, while seriousness weights us down every second, reach for the comfort of the haymishe. It's free, it's legal, it's not even fattening . . . except for the schmaltz.

More remarkable tales from The Perky Abbos

By ALLAN GOULD

Several months ago, I published what I thought to be a remarkable discovery: several chapters of a modern version of *The Perky Abbos* (or *Excitable Fathers*). Naturally, my beloved printers at this newspaper managed to mangle that into "Perry Abbos," which makes no sense at all, but such are the joys of writing humor without seeing it just before it goes to press.

Anyway, I actually received several rave letters — and they weren't even from family this time! And so, responding to (semi-) popular demand, I here present a few more chapters of this remarkable new version of *Pirke Avot*, discovered in a small Toronto synagogue only recently.

THE PERKY ABBOS (EXCITABLE FATHERS) CHAPTER III

1. Marv, the son of Harv, said: Think about these things, and you'll avoid an audit: Keep all receipts from where you came and where you're going, and know that someday you'll have to give account of it all. Where did you come from? Some town in Poland. And where are you going? Las Vegas for the weekend. And before whom you will have to give account? Before Revenue Canada in Ottawa, cursed be they.

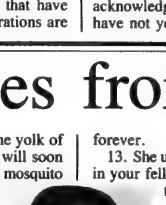
2. Reb Irv, the synagogue president, noted: Pray for the welfare of the government, because the way this economy is going, we'll all soon end up on welfare.

3. Rabbi Morris ben Ben, said, If two men sit together, and neither makes fun of others, then they were probably both asleep.

4. Rabbi Shirley declared, If three have eaten at a table, and no one offers to pick up the cheque, I wouldn't be a bit surprised.

5. Reb Charlie stated, He who keeps awake at night probably drank strong coffee just before retiring, which is pretty stupid, if you ask me.

6. Reb Nancy said, Whoever eats the yolk of the egg without the white of the egg, will soon have a higher cholesterol count than the mosquito population of Winnipeg in July.



Allan Gould

7. Reb Chalitza, son of Tracey, of the village of Thornhill, said, "When 10 people sit together and occupy a bar past closing time, they can expect a bouncer, if not the cops. But if there are only five, probably one strong bouncer should be sufficient. But their names shalt be remembered and appear in the papers, which is a shanda and a charpa.

8. Render unto the government what belongs to the government, for we all work for the government, whether we realize it or not. Oy, do we.

9. Reb Jake said, If you are driving along the highway, and you break off your thoughts and proclaim, "What a beautiful car that is up ahead!" you could well find yourself firmly attached to its rear bumper, and will be found guilty in a court of law. And thy insurance premiums shalt soar mightily.

10. Reb Sally, the daughter of Johnny, saith in the name of Meyer, Whoever forgets even one word of the Law is in Big Trouble. Remember that the difference between "Don't Steal!" and "steal!" is only one word — and five to 10 years in the slammer.

11. Rabbi Chana, sister of Dotty, saith, Fear sin, for divorce lawyers can cost an arm and a leg. And a wise lawyer can cost you two arms and two legs.

12. She also said, If you have more good deeds than college degrees, you might starve. But if you have more college degrees than good deeds, you could still starve. For this recession endureth forever.

13. She used to say: If you wish to take delight in your fellow creatures, visit a zoo. To expect to shep nachas from your own children is a lot less likely, lemme tell you.

14. Reb Dottie, daughter of Chris, noted: Sleep in the morning, for you went to bed awfully late last night. Don't drink wine at lunch, since you can no longer write it off as a business expense. Talking to children is a waste of time, because most of them nowadays don't appear to know the English language. And watching *Oprah* and *Geraldo* may be a waste of time, but how else can we see People Who Married Their Babysitter's Pets? We try to tape them when we're not at home; do you happen to have a copy of Oprah's show from last March 3? We had a blackout that day and our VCR didn't work.

15. Reb Edward of Montreal said, He who claims to love Pesach wholeheartedly probably never had 14 in-laws over for the first seder. He who mocks another man in public will probably do well on afternoon talk shows. He who pokes fun at a politician, however, is part of an ancient, revered tradition.

16. Reb Izzy declared, Grovel before your boss, for you want to keep your job, don't you? Be friendly to a younger employee, because he makes less than you, and you can always be replaced by someone cheaper, right? Tenure has gone the way of animal sacrifices. And receive all men with cheerfulness and smiles. Do this to women, however, and you could be up on harassment charges faster than a shlugged kapoprah.

17. Rabbi Achbar the Mousey said Joking and kibbitzing and clowns have their place, and that place is a Comedy Club. When the hell are you going to grow up, already??

18. He used to say, Man is beloved, but women are a lot smarter and better looking; my wife told me to say that. The people of Israel are beloved of the Holy One; now if we can only get our neighbors to start liking us, for a change.

19. All is foreseeen, especially with the new highway surveillance cameras; so learn to stay under the speed limit.

20. He used to say, The hand writes faster on the credit card than on the cheque to pay it, five months and 26 per cent interest later. And don't forget the collectors who will come to extract what you owe: Most of them used to work for Tonya Harding.

21. Reb Eli, son of Lazar Wolf, said Where there are no cops, there is no honesty. Yet where there is a robbery, there never seems to be a cop. Interestingly, when your car meter is 90 seconds expired, the cops are there in a flash.

22. He used to say: If you are smarter than others in a North American grade school, they will make fun of you. But if you are smarter than others in a high school, they will call you a browner. However, if you are smarter than everyone else in university, they will mock you and insult you and question your honesty. Astronomy and geometry are pretty good careers, but medicine should continue to pay pretty well, so don't drop that science course, please.

Please!! I beg you!!!

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Allan Gould is the author of 19 books. He still loves to plug his beloved humor book, The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and lists, *his serious anthology of over 300 gentiles through history,* What Did They Think of the Jews?, *and his recent anthology of the best of this country's comedy,* The Great Big Book of Canadian Humor.

Features

Herzl's conversion to Zionism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In an original and intriguing study on Theodor Herzl, the seminal figure in modern political Zionism, a Canadian historian convincingly refutes the conventional wisdom that Herzl's conversion to Zionism was the outcome of Alfred Dreyfus' sensational treason trial in 1894.

According to the still-prevailing view, Herzl, the assimilated correspondent of the *Neue Freie Presse* of Vienna, was so shocked by the conviction of Dreyfus, a patriotic Jewish officer in the French army, that he was jolted out of his assimilationist delusions and turned to Zionism as a solution to the rising tide of European anti-Semitism.

Jacques Kornberg, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, contends that the celebrated Dreyfus trial had no real impact on Herzl's embrace of Zionism and his authorship of *The Jewish State* — the political manifesto of Zionism — in 1896.

In *Theodor Herzl: From Assimilation to Zionism* (Indiana University Press, $24.95 US), Kornberg argues that Herzl's preoccupation with anti-Semitism, which spawned his romance with Zionism, went back much further in time. To be sure, mounting political anti-Semitism in Austria shattered his commitment to assimilation and brought him to Zionism.

In essence, Herzl adopted Zionism as a way of resolving a personal crisis over his Jewish identity. Herzl was painfully ambivalent about his Jewish roots. On the one hand, he was borne along by feelings of inferiority. On the other hand, he was animated by pride. He solved this psychological conflict by advancing a radically novel concept of secular Jewishness, embodied in the figure of the heroic and idealistic Jew dedicated to the cause of Jewish self-determination.

In keeping with the ideas of 19th century German liberalism, Herzl believed that ghettoization had isolated Jews from the mainstream of society and rendered them superstitious, fanatic, physically weak, cowardly and incapable of "honest manual labor."

His solution? Intermarriage and conversion, which would enable Jews to shed their distinctiveness and blend in. In the early 1880s, Kornberg writes, Herzl had every reason to be optimistic about Jewish prospects in Austria. Over the previous three decades, Jews had attained civic equality and achieved a measure of social integration. Of course, anti-Semitism existed, but it lacked respectability, was a marginal political phenomenon and was shunned by the emperor. What Herzl did not, and could not, foresee was the emergence of Austrian political anti-Semitism.

As Kornberg ably shows, Herzl was shaped by his negative view of Jewry, the result of anti-Semitic stereotypes he had absorbed. He was particularly repelled by East European Jews, an old German-Jewish sickness. Kornberg explains that in order to distance himself from these Jews, he invented a claim that he himself was of Sephardic origin. He did so because Sephardic Jews were apparently held in higher repute than Ashkenazic Jews.

Theodor Herzl

In an 1881 tract entitled *A Word About Our Jewry*, the German historian, Heinrich von Treitschke, had asserted that Sephardic Jews were more easily assimilated than Ashkenazic Jews. It would appear that Herzl, a well-read journalist, essayist and playwright, accepted this thesis at face value.

As a reporter in France, Herzl was not immune to the anti-Semitism he witnessed and chronicled. However, Kornberg adds, he was far more affected by anti-Semitism in Austria, which he visited regularly.

Kornberg contends that, in France, anti-Semitism could not translate its popular support into political gains, was rejected by the French government and was largely disavowed by liberals. But in Austria, it evolved into "a mainstream and respectable" movement.

By 1892, Herzl regarded the Austrian variant as a powerful backlash against Jewish civil emancipation and assimilation. As Kornberg puts it: "His shock was that of an assimimilated Jew who genuinely believed that Jews had found full acceptance and a home in Austria."

By way of response, Herzl recoiled from assimilation, declaring that Jewish emancipation had been a "failure" because of anti-Semitism. But could he fall back on his Jewishness, such as it was, for succor? Before doing so, Herzl seriously considered apostasy. His friends were horrified, and Herzl shifted to a new strategy.

Rejected by the Christian world, Jews would have to transform themselves, Herzl mused. They would rid themselves of their "faults," jettison their self-contempt, and find sources of pride and self-respect in their ancestry.

Since Herzl was distant from, and even averse, to existing modes of Jewishness, he turned to Jewish biblical history for an alternative model of Jewish expression. These ideas are found in his play, *The New Ghetto*, finished in 1894.

For Herzl, the solution to the ageless Jewish question lay in statehood.

Through it, Jews could realize their goals of emancipation and assimilation, overcome their defects and thereby purge the stigma of Jewishness from their tormented souls.

Herzl believed that such a state, established and led by West European Jews, could "improve" East European Jews, who would constitute the majority of its population.

As is evident, Herzl's attitude to his brethren in Eastern Europe was patronizing. Kornberg points out that Herzl viewed them as culturally backward, obscurantist and stubbornly separatist, an outcome of centuries of persecution.

Furthermore, Herzl's opinion of Palestine — the Jewish ancestral homeland — was just as jaundiced. On his one visit in 1898, he was repulsed by its filth and by its fanatical religious atmosphere. "Typical of the way Europeans saw the non-European world," Kornberg observes, "he considered Palestine a blank slate on which Jews could write at will."

Although he had no special affinity for Palestine, he agreed to focus his diplomatic efforts on that largely barren Ottoman outpost because he had realized the passion it evoked in East European Jews.

Interestingly enough, Herzl saw no value in reviving Hebrew, a theme that captured the imagination of most Zionists. As he made it clear, he had no desire to create a "linguistic ghetto." The aim of Zionism, he maintained till his death in 1904, was to end centuries of Jewish isolation and rejection.

In this connection, Herzl had an unlimited faith in Zionism's ability to heal the breach between Jews and Christians. Naively, he boasted that once his plan for Jewish statehood was implemented, "anti-Semitism (would) immediately grind to a halt everywhere."

To say that he was wrong would be to indulge in understatement. Yet, for all his fanciful notions, Herzl broke new ground, and laid the foundations for Israel. For this alone, he will always be remembered.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

They died recently, leaving footprints in the sand...

Robert Kempner, a leading prosecutor at the 1946 Nuremberg war crimes trial, prepared the case against Hermann Goering, one of Hitler's chief henchmen (who committed suicide before he could be hanged). A year later, Kempner — a German Jew who emigrated to America — found what became known as the Wannsee Protocol, a record of a 1942 Nazi conference in Berlin where the Final Solution was formalized. Nine years ago, Kempner won reparations for a group of Jews who had been enslaved by the Flick industrial empire during the war.

Bernard Bellon made his mark as the author of *Mercedes in Peace and War*, a critical account of how the noted automobile manufacturer prospered on the backs of its workers, some of whom were concentration camp inmates, during the Third Reich. A history professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, he left unfinished a manuscript on foreign workers in German industry during World War II.

Max Henry Fisher edited the *Financial Times* of London, one of the world's great newspapers, from 1973 to 1980. A refugee from Nazi Germany, he ended his career as a banker in the house of S.G. Warburg.

Andrei Sedych was editor of *Novoye Russkoye*, the oldest daily Russian newspaper in the world, for 15 years. Born in Odessa as Jacques Zwidak, he lived in Paris before emigrating to New York City in 1944. He wrote several books, including *This Land of Israel*.

Cyrus Leo Sulzberger was an American foreign correspondent and international affairs columnist for the *New York Times*. He joined the daily in 1939, when his uncle, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, was publisher. Sulzberger, who retired in 1977, received a special Pulitzer Prize citation for his work.

Reizl Bozyk was an enduring star of the Yiddish stage in Poland, Argentina and the United States. In 1988, she appeared in her first and only Hollywood film, Joan Silver's *Crossing Delancey*.

Harold Rome self-deprecatingly described himself as "an architect with no buildings to build. " In fact, Rome — a graduate of the Yale School of Architecture — was a Broadway song writer whom one critic called "a Noel Coward with a social conscience." Among his hits were *Call Me Mister, I Can Get It For You Wholesale* and *Pins and Needles*.

Herbert Tarr left the rabbinate in Long Island, New York, and turned to writing best-selling novels. He wrote *The Conversion of Chaplain Cohen, Heaven Help Us* and *So Help Me God*, among others.

Irving (Swifty) Lazar was a literary and entertainment agent par excellence who represented the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Richard Nixon, Herman Wouk, Humphrey Bogart, Cole Porter and John Houston. Lazar, who enriched himself and his clients, liked to say: "In a deal, you give and take. You compromise. Then you grab the cash and catch the next train out of town."

Rabbi Malcolm Stern was past president of the American Society of Genealogists. The book for which he is best known, *American Families of Jewish Descent*, was published in a third edition in 1991.

Rabbi Marshall Meyer founded the first rabbinical seminary in Latin America in Buenos Aires, where he lived for 25 years. Rabbi Meyer, a human rights campaigner, was a vocal critic of the military junta which ruled Argentina from 1976 until 1983. After returning to the United States, he helped found *Tikkun*, a liberal journal.

Lawrence Kadoorie was the scion of the famous Asian business clan. Kadoorie played an integral role in Hong Kong's boom after World War II.

Rita Klimova was Czechoslovakia's first ambassador to the United States after the collapse of communism in 1989.

Ben Feldman was the greatest life insurance salesman of all time, selling policies worth more than $1 billion (US) for New York Life Insurance. He crossed the $1 million-a-year-mark in 1946.

Junk mail inundates Israel

By CARL ALPERT

Have you been getting complaints about slow delivery of your mail to Israel? As a matter of fact, Israel's postal service has improved enormously in the past few years, and speedy deliveries are a matter of local pride. The difficulty, however, is that Israel is now being hit by that plague which Americans call junk mail.

With the diminution of advertising in the press and on radio and television, more and more of the advertising shekels are going into direct mail promotion. The Advertisers' Association reports that direct mail campaigns, once almost infinitesimal, now account for 12 per cent of all Israel's postal traffic, and the percentage is rising steadily. The reason: the extraordinary success of this medium in producing results. Mail order catalogues have been bringing in a 15 per cent response rate, and solicitation of contributions for philanthropic organizations yields up to 40 per cent, a fantastic result by normal American standards.

As all mail promoters will know, success is dependent on the quality of the mailing lists. Such lists are available, and for a price pass from hand to hand. The secret is, where do they come from? Some are the results of ingenuity. Thus, lists of voters are by law published by the Ministry of the Interior, and these designate both the address and the age of the citizen.

One agency lifted a corner of the veil when it reported that while it certainly does not have a list of people who suffer from heart disease, it can pick out all the voters residing in an upper class neighborhood who are 65 and over, and gamble that they are good prospects for solicitations in matters of diet, special cures, etc.

Direct mail gaining ground as advertising goes into decline

Yeshivas, which clutter up the mail considerably, pass their lists around freely, and it is not rare to get four or five solicitation letters, say around Pesach or Rosh Hashanah, from different institutions, but all in the same style of envelope and approach, indicating that they were even dispatched by the same mailing house.

A few years ago, there was an uproar when hundreds of girls, just entering their teens, were sent personal letters about feminine hygiene, with sample tampons enclosed.

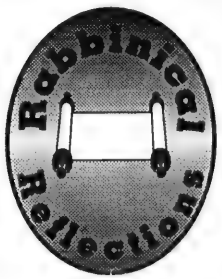
Catering halls got hold of birth lists, and parents of 12-year-old boys got letters inviting them to hold the bar mitzvah party at the right hall, even indicating the exact date of the forthcoming bar mitzvah. The backlash came when some of the letters went to homes where the boy had passed away, and the parents were shocked to get invitations to celebrate the happy event.

If one is a subscriber to the Israel Philharmonic, for example, one gets mail from all kinds of musical or other cultural enterprises.

Similar lists on computers in schools, universities, hospitals, banks, insurance companies, etc., all containing bits of information that are useful to would-be advertisers, and available to anyone who knows which keys to tap. The parents of children who are failing at school may be solicited by mail for private tutoring classes, and it is not difficult for them to guess where the list came from.

There is supposed to be legislation on the books protecting the citizens' right to privacy, and more stringent laws are being drawn up, with teeth in them. At the moment an investigation is going on regarding leaks from various registries that are supposed to be restricted. Thus far, the files of the income tax office appear to have been inviolate.

The lists mysteriously continue to circulate, and in the meantime, many Israelis are finding it necessary to enlarge their mail boxes.



By RABBI ALLAN M. LANGNER

One of the great blights upon modern society is that of alcoholism. It is estimated that more than one million people today in the United States and Canada are alcoholics. Some four million people are near-alcoholics. There are countless millions who drink immoderately. These are cold figures. Translated into the human equation, it denotes untold ruined lives, ruptured families, appalling suffering and pathetic tragedies.

Both medical and social scientists have had great difficulty in coping with this problem. Despite the good work of such organizations as Alcoholics Anonymous, the numbers of those who are, or are near-alcoholics are steadily increasing. The fundamental and perplexing question is: What drives a person to intemperance, to imbibe excessively?

Modern writing is replete with stories dealing with this question. Some years ago there was a well-known book which later became a famous motion picture entitled *The Lost Weekend*. It was the chilling tale of a man who did not quite become the raving success he once imagined he would be. Consequently, he turned to the bottle — with disastrous results. Other books, films and plays have followed with sobering effects.

In biblical times there were people known as Nazarites. These were individuals who took a vow to abstain from such activities as drinking wine or other intoxicating drinks and cutting their hair.

The word "Nazarite" betokens separation or withdrawal. These people withdrew from normal living and followed a stringent code of behavior. If one wished to leave the Nazarite life, one was obliged to bring a sin-offering to the Temple. The reason for this, according to our rabbis, was that this sacrifice was an atonement for a sin. What sin had the Nazarite committed? It was the sin of denial — that is, denying oneself the joys of living.

Why should anyone wish to narrow his sphere of living? Why should anyone run away and seek to escape from happiness as if it were a plague? From whence this unnatural impulse, which runs counter to the universal law of life?

The answer is that many take this course, not out of choice, but as a reaction to untoward, often crushing experiences in life. They reach a point when they can no longer endure the give-and-take that attends ordinary living. Since joys are never wholly unconfined and untouched by sorrow, the tendency is to withdraw.

In a sense, such people attempt to punish life. They say, in effect: If life can be so cruel, if society can accord me such shabby treatment, then I want no part of it. I will chastise society by denying myself and withholding any contribution I can make. I will live for myself, by myself, and within myself.

Such is the reasoning of many who resort to austere practices, and thus turn their backs on life. Such is also the reasoning of many who overindulge in bacchanalian carousing. Extremes often bare similar patterns.

What such individuals fail to grasp is that one cannot escape life by withdrawing from it. If one is an ascetic out of conviction, it is one thing. But if one turns to self-abnegation simply as a means of recoiling from the rigors of living, then it is another matter. Similarly, if one reaches for the bottle to lose oneself in an unreal world, then far from retreating, one is only adding to the already taxing struggle for existence.

The unshakeable fact remains that many today drink heavily for the sole reason that they are ill-equipped and ill-prepared to face life. Each time a crisis appears, their impulse is to withdraw and retreat. But far from running away, they only run to situations far more deadly and destructive.

Drinking, the Bible states, may cheer and gladden the heart, only if drink is taken in great moderation. But when a person reaches a point where he feels he needs a drink, if this becomes necessary in order to relieve him of his anxiety, his frustrations and depression, then this is a drink he must not take, for drinking does not help one to overcome anxiety. It only brings one into an unreal world. This unreal world becomes harder and harder to leave in due course, and the end result is hopeless inebriation and dipsomania.

Life, even at best, is complex and entangling. Let us not add to its complications. Let us not face real problems with unreal solutions. Otherwise, the unreal soon becomes real.

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Lubavitchers fight to see rebbe

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Tensions are running high at the Lubavitchers' ongoing vigil for their ailing rebbe, as demonstrated by the arrest last week of three Lubavitch youths charged with assaulting a chassid as he tried to enter the rebbe's hospital room.

Police charged Brooklyn residents Yanky Prager, 21, Jack Hershkop, 21 and his brother Aaron Hershkop, 17, with third degree assault, claiming the three youths beat 47-year-old Chaim Halberstam at the Beth Israel Medical Centre in lower Manhattan.

The brawl took place outside the intensive care unit where Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the 92-year-old Lubavitch leader, breathes with the help of a respirator.

Halberstam, one of several people who regularly takes turns watching over the rebbe, reportedly left the rebbe's room in order to participate in evening prayers. When he tried to re-enter the room his path was blocked by the alleged attackers.

Halberstam, who runs the World Lubavitch Communications Centre, which distributes recordings of the rebbe's teachings, was brought to the Beth Israel emergency room and given stitches for a wound over his left eye.

From his office at Lubavitch headquarters in Crown Heights, Halberstam — who has criticized some in the Lubavitch movement for not being aggressive enough in the rebbe's medical care — said the incident was part of a "game of power" between people within the Lubavitch movement who are battling for access to the rebbe.

Halberstam said the attackers could not have gained access to the heavily guarded seventh floor of the hospital without approval from someone in the Lubavitch leadership.

Prager, one of the three men charged in the attack, said he had come to the seventh floor to pray and was asked by someone in the Lubavitch movement — whom he would only identify as a "higher authority" — to prevent Halberstam from going back into the room.

Prager said that, contrary to the police report, Halberstam attacked the group of young men, forcing them to restrain him in "self-defence."

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Organizations and People

Israel-PLO peace said still possible despite ongoing problems

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Yes, peace is attainable," was the consensus reached by Lawrence Hart and Rashad Saleh at a debate held last week at Temple Sinai. The forum on Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations, which gave rise to lively but civil discussion, attracted about 200 people and was staffed by at least three uniformed police officers. (The debate took place on April 5, the night before the terrorist attack by a Hamas suicide bomber in Afula.)

Hart chairs the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC), Central Region, and Saleh is chair of Palestine House. Their debate was co-sponsored by the temple's social action committee and the BBC Institute for International Affairs. Rabbi Michael Dolgin, assistant rabbi of Temple Sinai, moderated the discussion.

Saleh maintained that Arabs and Jews lived harmoniously for centuries until "the emergence of the Zionist movement."

Recent changes in the world as well as in the Middle East specifically, such as the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the effects of the intifadah, have given "either side no alternative but to co-operate [in the peace process]," said Saleh.

"Israel must concede land for peace, must end the occupation and all its byproducts [including] intimidation, racism and denial of human and national rights," he said, adding that "the issue of Arab Jerusalem has to be addressed."

Hart disagreed: "It was stated quite clearly [in the Declaration of Principles (DoP)] that the status of Jerusalem would not be discussed in the immediate future, and certainly not in the next three years," Hart said in his rebuttal.

Hart also noted that the PLO's offer of peace and recognition "implied the suppression of violence in the territories." That "has not come to pass," he noted.

Saleh attributed Palestinian post-DoP violence to "Israeli intransigence in moving ahead and implementing the DoP.

"By Dec. 13 Israeli withdrawal [from Gaza and the West Bank] should have started," he said. "Israel was dragging its feet."

Saleh also accused the Israeli government of starting the violence two weeks after the signing by rounding up Fatah leaders who had come out of hiding. "That's how Israel embraced the agreement," he said. "That for sure created bad feelings between the Israeli and Arab communities."

"We now need to build on the bridges that have already been built," Hart said. "We need to acknowledge that Rabin did go out on a limb." Referring to last week's agreement to deploy over 100 Norwegians, Danes and Italians as observers in Hebron, Hart said that having such an "outside force" was "unheard of in modern [Israeli] history."

Hart noted that "we haven't seen any progress in the revocation of [parts of the Palestinian covenant referring to the destruction of Israel]."

Saleh said there would be no such changes "until the Israelis withdraw from the occupied territories and [there is] a final solution to the problem there. It's not up to Arafat. It's up to the Palestinian [National] Council."

Saleh noted that "things are changing rapidly" and said that "maybe by next summer" there will be changes in the covenant.

On the subject of Arab inequality in Israel, Hart noted the presence of an Arab Israeli judge on the commission examining the Hebron massacre, and wondered whether a Jewish judge would be in that position were the situation reversed.

"Although some complain [Israeli Arabs] don't have the same privileges, they do have the same rights," Hart said.

"Sure, Israel is democratic for Jews," said Saleh, whose words were at odds with his relaxed manner. "Jews all over the world have the right to return. I think Palestinians who lost their home 40 years ago have more right to return than those whose ancestors lost their homes 2,000 years ago." Saleh claimed that the PLO is the "only democratic institution in the Middle East."

He lauded the "humanitarian signs" shown by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and "many Israelis in the peace camp" in the wake of the Hebron mosque massacre, but added that "we have to blame the Israeli government for putting those settlers there."

A question and answer session following the debate elicited a blunt question for Saleh: How can we trust Arafat and the Palestinians?

"The coin has two sides," responded Saleh. "How can we trust the Israelis? Treat us with respect and see what you get in return. We are very well known [for] honor." Saleh said that Palestinians in Israel (then Palestine) and in Toronto took in European Jews fleeing the Holocaust.

The questioner sat down shaking his head.

"We lived before [in peace], and we are going to in the future," insisted Saleh.

When asked what initiatives could overcome mutual suspicion and stereotyping, Hart pointed to economic development as "an obvious area of emphasis," while Saleh said that economic development was "not even an issue" for Israeli Arabs. [They] are looking for security, safety and protection," he said. "If the Israelis can offer them that, I think trust will be built and both communities will live together."

An audience member who said she "desperately wants to trust" asked about plans for future dialogue "where maybe we won't be quite as civil...but understanding the ground rules."

Saleh noted that he has been involved in dialogues with Peace Now, B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress. "The process is going on."

Hart agreed that more discussion is needed. "I think there is a need to educate each other, to discuss [our] different interpretations of history," he said. "In many areas, we're poles apart. It's encouraging that we're able to have this kind of debate."

Canadian-Israeli similarities

TORONTO — "Canada and Israel have a lot in common and much to learn from each other," says Professor Arie Schachar of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"One of the objectives of the Canadian Studies Program at the Hebrew University is to raise faculty and student awareness of these similarities."

The Leon Safdie professor of urban studies, Shachar also serves as director of the Hebrew University's Institute of Urban and Regional Studies, and for the last 12 years has been chair of the University's Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies.

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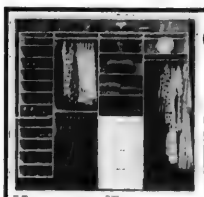
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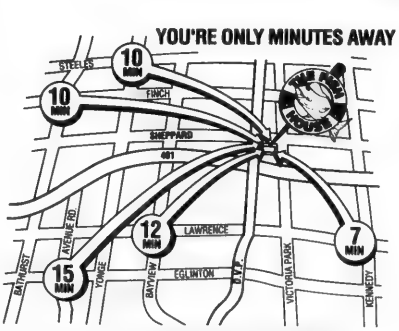

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Hate, bias crimes seen as threat to society

Could result in increased tension, says Congress

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Hate or bias crimes create the potential for escalating violence through reprisals.

This was the warning given to the police multicultural committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police by Erwin Nest, director of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Pacific region, at a recent meeting.

"By making members of minority communities fearful, angry and suspicious of other groups, and of power that is supposed to protect them, these incidents can damage the fabric of our society and fragment communities," Nest said.

Nest told the chiefs that failing to recognize and effectively address bias crimes could cause an isolated incident "to fester and explode into widespread community tension."

Because of the relatively small number of hate crimes, many law enforcement agencies have been slow to establish separate policies and procedures for investigating and documenting these crimes, Nest said.

"There has also been a reluctance to establish separate hate crime reporting forms or to modify existing crime reports," he added, or to keep hate crime statistics.

Nest said studies have shown special reporting systems can have a salutary effect on law enforcement, as well as "demonstrate to the community that law enforcement officials have genuine interest in the problem of hate crimes and a commitment to vigorously pursuing the perpetrators."

The Vancouver city council's advisory committee on race relations is just one group which has produced a definition of what constitutes a bias crime.

The Vancouver definition says "a bias-related incident is an act or attempt by an individual or group directed at a person, property or public order that demonstrates intentional hostility to another because of that person or persons' race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or ethnicity."

Nest said threatening phone calls, hate mail, vandalism, cross burning, destruction of religious symbols and fire bombings are not included in the definition but the Vancouver police department has given assurances that all of these acts are covered in training members of the force.

Nest believes a good definition will allow statistics of bias-related incidents to be kept. "By compiling statistics and charting the geographic distribution of these crimes, law enforcement officials will be able to discern patterns and anticipate an increase in racial tensions in a given community or jurisdiction."

The Vancouver police board approved the definition of bias-related incidents and it has been incorporated into the regulations and procedures manual of the police force, Nest said.

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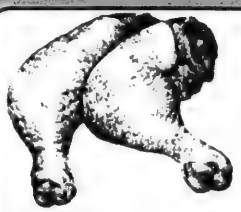

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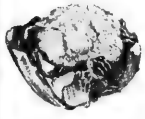

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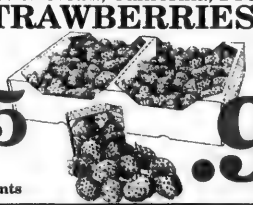

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MPPs pay tribute to Holocaust survivors

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chairs Miriam Gelbloom and Joel Dimitry.

Former partisans receiving the provincial commendations were Noah Norman Shneidman, Maria Son and Norbert Kerenyi.

Survivors receiving the citations were Herman Gottesman, Henry Zagdanski, Cantor Louis Danto, Eva Kerenyi, Max Guttman, Adam Fuerstenberg and Ernest Raab.

In his remarks, Jackman said, "The Holocaust was something revealed to the average Canadian after the fact. The Holocaust is not just for Jewish people, but for all mankind ... a reminder of what can happen."

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Moments later in the House, MPPs acknowledged the presence of all the recipients.

Harnick cited the film *Schindler's List* and told the House he hopes it's the start of an educational process that will become part of school curricula.

He paid tribute to survivors, saying their stories "are a song, a hymn of praise, a testimony to the eternity of the Jewish people and the greatness of their spirit."

Ziemba too rose to mark Yom Hashoah.

She cited the B'nai Brith Canada League for Human Rights 1993 audit of anti-Semitic incidents in this country, which indicated a 30 per cent rise in anti-Jewish activity last year over 1992.

"That is totally unacceptable to all of us and also quite frightening."

Ziemba called on all Ontarians to build a peaceful and harmonious society.

Kwinter referred to a poll in the United States that showed a significant number of Americans believe the Holocaust never happened.

"Try telling that to the 350,000 survivors of the Holocaust, a number that is diminishing every year... Try telling that to my uncles, who were imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen and who saw their relatives killed. Tell them that it was a figment of their imagination."

Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman (far left) and Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba (right) join former partisan fighters (from left) Noah Norman Shneidman, Maria Son and Norbert Kerenyi, who received provincial commendations last week at Queen's Park.

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Organizations and People

March of the Living participants discuss plans

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In preparation for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Poland and Israel, teenage participants, midrachim (chaperones), Holocaust survivors and consultants to the 1994 March of the Living met recently at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) of Toronto for their final orientation session.

The theme of the session presented by Mark Charendoff, director of Judaic and Cultural Development of the JCC, was an introduction to Israel. Five other sessions, including a Shabbaton, covered a number of topics, including the Holocaust and Poland. The coordinator of the March of the Living is Chaia Berkowitz, associate director of Judaic Cultural Development of JCC, and the co-chairs are Hilda Cohen and Ralph Shedletsky.

The session on Israel was designed to give the participants a knowledge and understanding of the geography and history of Israel from early Zionism to the present. Following Charendoff's overview, which included the changing borders in the Middle East in the 20th century, the participants broke into groups to discuss the factors essential for the survival of the Jewish people. Their assignment was to reach a consensus by prioritizing the 10 most important factors for Israel's survival.

From across Canada, more than 350 students between the ages of 15 and 18, including 121 from Ontario, will join thousands of other Jewish young people from around the world. They observe Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) in Poland and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) in Israel.

All the participants have been involved in an intense educational program which will continue throughout their trip and after their return to Canada.

David Phillips, a Grade 11 student at Northern Secondary School, the grandson of Holocaust survivors, told *The CJN*, "The March of the Living is an excellent opportunity for me to learn and get more of a feel for the Holocaust that my family went through. Already I have learned much about European Jewry and have discussed what I learned with my own friends. Through this trip, I hope to make new friends and learn how to stop discrimination of all kinds."

Jodi Kouitz, a Grade 10 student at Forest Hill Collegiate says she is looking forward to "this incredible trip more than anything I have before. The friendships that I have made will last a lifetime and the sights that I will see and the experiences will be imprinted in my memory forever. No matter how much we read, learn or hear about the Holocaust, we can never prepare ourselves enough for what we are about to experience."

Josh Wolff-Delvca, a Grade 11 student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto said that the training sessions were very informative. "I feel that they have prepared me well for the 1994 March. I feel that by attending the March of the Living, I am fulfilling my duty as a modern Jewish teenager by keeping the memories of the Holocaust alive as well as transforming a part of my heritage to a part of my every day life."

Three participants in the 1994 March of the Living are seen preparing for their trip to Poland and Israel. Seen (from left) are Jodi Kouitz, Josh Wolff-Delvca and David Phillips. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Holocaust survivor Irving Eisner, author of *Dachau: Prisoner 89012*, who has been an educator at the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto since 1946, is one of the three survivors accompanying the Ontario group as a chaperone, guide and living witness.

Eisner says, "To me, it is a privilege — a sad one — to go and to be able to say kaddish at the grave somewhere in Birkenau of my dear mother, three sisters, a brother and six million of my people. I am going to say to the kedoshim that we are here, we are your descendants, we come to proclaim to the whole world and say, never, never again."

In Auschwitz-Birkenau, the group will participate in a symbolic March of the Living, retracing the steps that hundreds of thousands of Jews and others were forced to take on the way to their annihilation.

There will be a religious service commemorating all the victims of the Holocaust. Groups will visit a number of Polish cities that were once vibrant centres of Jewish life and learning, including Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin, and visit other Holocaust- related locations such as Treblinka and Majdanek.

The groups will be in Israel for Independence Day, where they will join with millions of Israelis in celebrating the miracle of the founding of the State of Israel.

In Israel, programs for all groups will be revised to avoid visiting the West Bank.

Cohen says that the March of the Living is, in effect, "a training ground for the future generation of Jewish leaders in Canadian life."

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Canada's immigration policy: Humanitarian or hard-nosed?

Refugee determination process 'improving'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Anab Osman came to Canada as a refugee, like scores of other Somali women.

Fearing murder, rape, torture and humiliation, they fled the chaos of their native country to find safety in Canada, she said.

Many lost their husbands, their children, their property and generations of inheritance. "They lost these things for good."

Speaking at a forum that opened Refugee Awareness Week, which commemorates the 1985 Supreme Court of Canada decision giving refugees the right to a full hearing, Osman gave an emotional and often painful account of her experiences in Somalia.

The war in that East African state was "unexpected, senseless and crazy," she said. "It was neighbors and families who killed each other."

People fled the carnage, walking from city to city hoping to find safety and calm. Many carried their children on their backs. Many starved to death, she said.

Girls were violated to humiliate their families. Others were kept by their enemies "for months for their use."

Try to put yourself in their shoes and consider their jarring experiences, she told about 50 people at Toronto City Hall.

Osman's moving tale brought into perspective the horrors that prompt refugees into seeking new lives elsewhere.

Michael Schelew, deputy chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), said that since accepting that post a few months ago he has attempted to establish procedures to help board members reach decisions on refugee determination in a more equitable manner.

He said he's advised board members that if a person is credible and comes from a country with a record of rights violations, then there should be no reason to deny that applicant refugee status.

Lawyer Lorne Waldman said the question of refugee rights is so heated that some advocates for refugees have received threatening telephone calls and even bullets in the mail. But he knows of many Canadians who have been "transformed" by meeting refugees and hearing their stories.

Acknowledging changes implemented by Schelew, Waldman said he has seen some improvement in the calibre of refugee board members. He called for "an open, transparent process" so all board members are selected in the same way.

Elsa Musa, refugee and emergency co-ordinator for the Anglican Church, said about 80 per cent of the world's refugees are women and children. They are often subjected to atrocities to "punish" the community they come from.

Ezrom Mokjakala, a native South African who is co-chair of the Toronto Refugee Affairs Council, said refugee-receiving countries put their economic interests ahead of humanitarian concerns when considering which refugees to accept.

Parvathy Kanthasamy, a research associate at the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, said the IRB does not rely on Amnesty International reports and that of other groups which have outlined human rights violations in Sri Lanka, where thousands have disappeared while in custody.

She also questioned whether, in rendering their decisions, IRB members understood the plight of people who were forced to flee for their lives without any identification documents.

Nanda Na Champassak, a representative of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, said there are about 20 million refugees and displaced people worldwide. About 30 per cent are in Africa.

Refugee Awareness Week, which was proclaimed by Toronto Mayor June Rowlands, includes programs that showcase refugee artists, advocacy workshops, a candlelight vigil and a festival dance with world music.

Unskilled immigrants lower wages

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN & RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canada is in danger of creating a permanent underclass of unskilled workers, if it does not reduce the current numbers of unskilled immigrants entering the country, warns the author of a book on Canadian immigration policy.

"The current immigration policy makes no sense because it is designed for a world that no longer exists, says Daniel Stoffman, a former journalist with the *Toronto Star* and recipient of the 1991 Atkinson fellowship in public policy. "It is designed for a world where there are labor shortages when in fact, there are job shortages."

Stoffman was part of a recent symposium and panel discussion on the impact of immigration and refugee policy on community, race and ethnic relations in the 1990s. The evening at North York's city hall was presented by the North York committee on community, race and ethnic relations.

The panel also included Gordon Chong, general committee chair; Harry Herman, former member of the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board, convention refugee determination divsion; Howard Greenberg, immigration lawyer and chair of the immigration section of the Canadian Bar Association; Ted Richmond, Ontario Council of Agencies Servicing Immigrants; and Elyse Graff, executive director, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Stoffman said that the immigration policy, "an ultra-right wing policy with the endorsement of ideological right-wingers, consists of high immigration with concentration on unskilled labor.

"Immigration is being used to put pressure on labor unions and put a downward pressure on wages," he said. "It also creates a permanent underclass which is not a positive factor for race relations."

Stoffman pointed out that the percentage of immigrants coming in on the point system, which allows newcomers to enter Canada based on merit, has been cut by half since the early 1970s. The direct result, he said, is that the recent immigrant is three times as likely to be illiterate as a Canadian-born person.

He also noted that the numbers of unskilled immigrants coming to Canada, including many who spoke neither English nor French, rose while the federal Conservatives were in power.

Stoffman said he advocates lowering immigration levels from 250,000 a year to 150,000 and favors selecting those who are skilled and educated.

He expressed concern that the "poisonous" combination of bill 79, the Ontario government's employment equity legislation, together with current levels of immigration, will create social tensions as white able-bodied young men find themselves stuck at the back of employment lines and at the bottom of promotional ladders.

Panelist Greenberg objected to what he called Stoffman's presentation of the government's immigration policy as a right-wing conspiracy.

"It is a frightening thought if that was true, but what a serious allegation to make," he said.

He reported that with the government's recent changes to the immigration system greater numbers of educated immigrants with high level language skills have been coming to Canada.

"We have to understand that immigration can be positive and the policy can be changed to be made better," he said. "I do not think that everyone in Canada should look like me or look like you."

Herman contended our refugee policy is unfair to both taxpayers and refugees as we spend enormous amounts of money on "refugees from non-refugee countries" who have the money to come to Canada.

With regard to Stoffman's speech, Richmond said that part of the neo-conservative agenda is to pose things only in economic criteria.

"A fairly substantial body of evidence reveals that not only is immigration beneficial, but also that the overall effect immigration has on raising the income of non-immigrants is neutral," he said.

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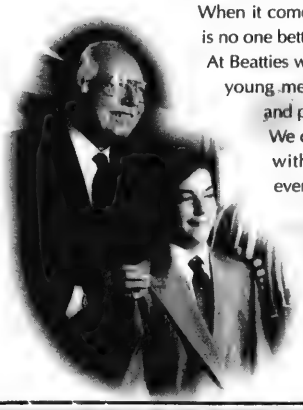

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

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Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, April 14, is deadline for April 28 issue. Thursday, April 21, is deadline for May 5 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive calls and sort mail. Phone number is (416) 422-2331; fax, (416) 424-1886.

Thursday, April 14

YOM HA'ATZMAUT
Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations at the JCC North Y branch 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. include flag raising ceremony at noon, Israel expo, clowns, choirs, dance groups, crafts, vendors, fun and food for all ages.

Friday, April 15

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY
Temple Sinai's Our Musical Heritage series presents a celebration of Yiddish song at the Oneg Shabbat following evening services. Our Yiddish Heritage features **Cantor Thomas Schwartz**, music director **Ben Steinberg**, the Religious School Choir, baritone **Leonid Karpinsky** and **Harry Atkin**.

VEGETARIAN ONEG SHABBAT
Celebrate Israel's birthday at a Vegetarian Oneg Shabbat, 6:30 p.m., Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., followed by Yom Ha'atzmaut service 7:30 p.m. Speaker **Lorne Shelson**, B'nai Brith, will discuss The Middle East Process.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR
Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** presents a program of semi-classical, Jewish and popular music, 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, April 16

YIDDISH WITH A TWIST
Singer **Allan Merovitz** (of Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band fame) and guitarist/pianist **Brian Katz** present unique arrangements of traditional Yiddish music, 9 p.m., Free Times Cafe, 320 College St. Call 967-1078 for information.

Sunday, April 17

DISCOVER YOUR JEWISH ROOTS
Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada's workshop, noon to 5 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, offers lectures and discussion groups and includes topics on computers and genealogy, Holocaust research, and how to trace your out-of-town relatives without leaving home. For further information, call **Karen Fejer**, 485-4593 or **Ruth Serber**, 924-6747.

ABOUT AGUNOT AND WIFE ABUSE
Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, will give a lecture entitled In Her Place: What Judaism Really Says About Agunot and Wife Abuse, 8:30 p.m. Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Lecture is open to the public. No admission charge. Call (905) 886-5730 for information.

A COMMEMORATION
Morris Winchevsky Community School and the Secular Jewish Association are holding a commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Holocaust with their youth groups and the Toronto Jewish folk and Habonim youth choirs, 8 p.m. Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. For information, SJA, (905) 731-7066 or UJPO 789-5502.

PNAI MEETING
PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meets 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am; **Max Goody** speaks on An Historical Misappraisal. Visitors welcome.

DEBUNKING JEWISH MYTHS
At Temple Sinai's adult education seminar **Rabbi Michael Dolgin** will discuss Debunking Jewish Myths: Five Things to Unlearn About Judaism, 10 a.m. Admission free.

RSVP
RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives), a round-table discussion for singles 27-43 features **Mitch Mandel** speaking on The C and M Words (Commitment and Marriage), JCC North Y branch, Room 206. Doors open 7:30 p.m., program 8 sharp. $10 per person. RSVP **Rosanne**, 631-5658. First 50 people to RSVP receive JCC Health Club pass. Presented by JCC New Leadership Division and Aish HaTorah.

Monday, April 18

JEWISH SURVIVAL
David Hartman, founder/director of Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, delivers the inaugural Sol Lederman Memorial Lecture on the theme, Jewish Survival: Are We at Risk?, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation. The community is invited. Admission free. For information, Canadian Friends of Shalom Hartman Institute, 237-0446.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS
The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., library, Holy Blossom Temple. For information, call, in confidence, 763-9111.

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There's a blood donor clinic, 2-8:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. Bring identification with full name and signature or photograph. For information, 974-9900.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP
Wagman Centre Creative Writing Group will give a public reading, 10-11:30 a.m. Fireside Lounge, Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

Tuesday, April 19

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE
New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, presents a Middle East Update with **Moshe Arens**, former Israeli minister of foreign affairs, on the topic Middle East Peace: An Impossible Dream?, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. Tickets $33, students $25, available at the door.

SHIRA CHAPTER-IN-FORMATION
B'nai Brith Women of Canada's Shira Chapter-in-formation, now meeting Tuesdays, presents **Litsa Sourtzis**, of the Japanese Martial Arts Centre, in a discussion and demonstration on Women's Self-Defence. New members welcome. For information, **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313.

TANACH STUDY GROUP
Jacob Israeli will lead the Tanach Study Group, Book of Kings II, Chapter 10, 8:15 p.m., Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

CARRYING OUR MEMORIES FORWARD
The Jewish Feminist Anti-Facist League hosts an evening of readings, music, slides and art dedicated to the legacy of the Holocaust, entitled Carrying Our Memories Forward: An Evening of Resistance and Survival, 7 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Bloor branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Wheelchair accessible, childcare available, free.

Wednesday, April 20

THE NASTY GIRL
As part of Holocaust month, Overbrook Cultural Club presents a video, *The Nasty Girl*, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst-Sheppard). Members free, non-members $2. For information, **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

MUSICAL MOSAIC OF JUDAISM
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education committee programs focusing on The Art of Jewish Living features **Ben Steinberg**, who will discuss and demonstrate the Musical Mosaic of Judaism — The Role of the Synagogue in the History of Jewish Music, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

SISTERHOOD ALL-DAY INSTITUTE
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood All-Day Institute — Registration, 9 a.m.; workshop with **Karen Shopsowitz** featuring her film *A Place to Save Your Life*, 10 a.m.; lunch at noon; workshop with teacher **Rachel Turkienicz**, PhD candidate at Brandeis University, using biblical texts to address some of the larger questions that arise, 1 p.m. Members $7.50, non-members $8.50. Prepay at synagogue office, 633-5500.

COOKING DEMONSTARTION
Akim chapter presents **Rose Reisman** in a cooking demonstration using her latest book, 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Country Club. For information and tickets, **Sara**, (905) 731-1017. Proceeds go to children with special needs in Israel.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN ART
At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the fourth annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lectures, a series of three lectures focusing on Jewish Participation in the Arts, begins Saturday, April 16 following Mincha at 6:30 p.m. and Seudah Shlishit, with **Prof. Selma Sage**, Women's Studies, York University, discussing Jews, Books and Video Tapes (or how a goodly heritage went beyond words!).

Series continues Tuesday, April 19, with **Srul Irving Glick**, Beth Tikvah composer-in-residence, describing Beauty, Holiness and Popularity in Jewish Music; and concludes Thursday, April 21, when film reviewer and radio commentator **Aldo Maggiorotti** presents A Film Tribute to Jewish Entertainers.

The community is invited; admission is free.

FOR ENGAGED COUPLES
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am extends an invitation to all engaged couples to come to brunch Sunday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. There will be a mutual exchange of ideas on such topics as the first year of marriage, family relationship, communication. For information and registration, call **Debbie Dash**, 633-5500.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM SEMINARS
Jews for Judaism once again offers its popular eight-week counter-missionary seminar series, What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries, beginning Wednesday, April 20, 8 p.m. at Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost is $36 for series. To register, call 789-2851.

IN SEARCH OF HOLINESS
The Moshe Weisfeld Memorial Endowed Lectures at Beth Tzedec Congregation present **Rabbi David Novak**, University of Virginia, speaking on the theme, In Search of Holiness — Thursday, April 21, 8 p.m., Torah Reading as Sacred Worship; Saturday, April 23, pulpit lecture 10 a.m., The Nature of Kedushah/Holiness; Shabbat Study Luncheon address, Who Is My Neighbor? — Social Ethics and Holiness (prepaid reservations for luncheon by April 19). No charge for lectures. Call 781-3511.

HUGE BOOK SALE
You'll find a wide selection of books, records, tapes and CDs at Toronto Women's ORT Chai chapter's book sale April 25-29, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION
Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn annouces the second annual cooking demonstration at Scaramouche restaurant, Monday, April 18 (sold out), Wednesday, April 20, and Thursday, April 21. Luncheon follows. For information, **Cecile Goldenberg**, 489-2600, or **Dina Polan**, 633-3940.

A LITTLE NIGHT MAGIC
Toronto Orthodox Young Adults (TOYA)

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RABBINICAL ORDINATION

Eight Ontario natives were among 144 rabbis who celebrated their formal ordination at the quadrennial Rabbinic Convocation of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS). Front row, from left are Rabbis David Rosenberg of London; Aaron Cohen of Toronto; Avraham Aryaih Witty and Maury Kelman, both of Downsview. Back row, from left are: Rabbis Jacob Lustig, 1986 RIETS alumnus; Hillel Horovitz of Toronto; Aaron Selevan and Barak Saffer, both of Hamilton. Rabbi Selevan was granted Smichah Yadin Yadin, an advanced ordination certifying him to serve as a Posek. Rabbis Israel Harari of Willowdale and Michael Skobac of Toronto (not shown) also received formal ordination.

Organizations and People

What's New

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presents *A Little Night Magic*, an evening of mystery and enchantment with the only kosher dinner show in town for Jewish university students and young adults. Sponsored by Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation (BAYT), it all takes place Sunday, May 8, 8:30 p.m. at BAYT, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Tickets $12 in advance, $14 at the door. For information, **Shimmy**, (905) 731-6972, or **Tovit**, 730-9671.

TORONTO JEWISH FILM FEST

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival (TJFF), April 28-May 5 at the Bloor Cinema, is an international collection of dramatic and documentary films featuring the Holocaust, love and contemporary European and Israeli films. There will also be a discussion of the Holocaust, Righteous Christian Rescuers, and the rise of the new right in Europe, with visiting filmmakers and other invited guests. Pass (excludes opening night) $50, opening night $12, individual tickets $7, seniors/students $5. For information, call (416) 324-8226 or (416) 324-8642.

CULINARY EVENINGS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is presenting culinary author **Rose Reiseman** (Tuesday, April 26), and Scaramouche chefs **Joanne Yolles** and **Kevin McKeachie** (Wednesday, June 1). Boutiques open 7 p.m., demonstrations 8 p.m. Cost is $30 both evenings, $18 each evening. Tickets at synagogue office, 633-3838.

CALL A NEWCOMER

Do a mitzvah! Make a friend! Call a newcomer! The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff** at the JCC, 636-1880, ext. 261, for further information or to apply.

NOSTALGIA FILM NIGHT

Chai Shalom invites you to a nostalgia film night with film collector **Aldo Maggiorotti**, Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Charge is $6 per person. For information, **Paul Sheffield**, 445-8153, or **Ruth Sherman**, 638-2233, or **Marlene White** (evenings), (905) 731-2515. Tickets at synagogue office, 633-3838.

BETA SIGMA RHO FRATERNITY

The initial response to the May 14 Beta Sigma Rho Fraternity reunion was overwhelming, necessitating a change of venue to larger facilities. It will now be held at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Reunion mailing address, 72 Palm Dr., North York, M3H 2B8. Contact **Marv Pearl**, 633-9401 or 393-0180, fax 393-0184.

FILMS ON JEWISH HISTORY

Wychwood Public Library, 1431 Bathurst St., is offering two films on Jewish history and heritage — *Into the Future*, a documentary from the television series *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews* hosted by **Abba Eban**, Thursday, April 14, 2 p.m.; and *Crossfire*, the first major post-war Hollywood film to deal with anti-Semitism, Thursday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

AISH HATORAH PROGRAMS

When I Grow Up — How to Instil Jewish Values in Our Children, **Rabbi Baruch Taub** of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, Monday, April 18, 8 p.m., Aish Thornhill, The Promenade, Suite 303.

Medical Ethics: What the Doctor Didn't Say, **Dr. Michael Kirzner**, Monday, April 25, 8 p.m.

The Laws of Shabbat, **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**, Thursday, April 14-June 30, 8 p.m.

How to Raise a Mensch, Part 2, **Sara Chana Radcliffe**, six-week course for moms and dads beginning Tuesday, April 26, 8:30 p.m. Aish HaTorah Thornhill. Cost $60 per person, $90 per couple. Call 636-7530 to register.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

Yad Beyad Adult Volunteer Program in Israel is recruiting now! Come to Israel for two weeks in the summer to teach conversational/business/medical English to immigrants. Training is provided. You will be immersed in a community and experience Israeli life in a unique way. Call 782-2898 or 785-6540.

FOR WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, B'nai Torah and Clanton Park Synagogues are co-sponsoring an all-day educational symposium for women about women. Workshops will address issues facing the Jewish woman in her role as daughter, mother, wife and self. Opening remarks, **Rabbi Yitzchak Kirzner**, luncheon speaker **Rabbi Baruch Taub**, closing remarks, **Rabbi Raphael Marcus**, Sunday, April 24, 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Baycrest Terrace. $15 including lunch. For information, **Selma Elzas**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

RIKUDIYAH '94

Israeli Dance Festival for Children celebrates Yom Yerushalayim, Monday, May 9, 7 p.m. Tait McKenzie Gym, York University. Co-sponsored by Jewish Community Centre and Board of Jewish Education, festival features 20 dance groups comprising 300 children. Special performance by Me'irim Dance Company directed by **Shua Saltzman** from the Koffler Centre School of Dance, JCC. Tickets $5 adults, $1 children under 12, on sale at JCC North Y and Bloor branches after April 18. For information, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Jewish Community Centre courses — The Ten Commandments, **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**, Monday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., North Y branch; Modern Jewish Literature: The Genuis of Shmuel Yosef Agnon, **Reena Zeidman**, Wednesday, April 20, 8 p.m., Bloor Y branch. For information and registration, 631-5660.

SERIES FOR COUPLES

Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family & Child Service offer a six-week series beginning April 26 for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Disuss the common concerns and challenges this partnership presents. Topics include parenting styles, relationships with parents, children, in-laws and improving communication. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215, for details.

MEDINA THEATRE WORKSHOP

Medina Theatre Ensemble presents a provocative new Canadian play, *There Comes a Time*, written by **Fran Biderman** and **Roselle Stone**, conducted by actor/director **Sean Mulcahy**, Sunday, April 24, 1:30-5 p.m., JCC Bloor Y branch. Medina members $10, non-members $15. Registration limited. Call **Luni**, 924-6211.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Country line dancing with **Karen Fisher** takes place at Koffler Centre School of Dance Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. No registration required.

SUMMER STAGE

Leah Posluns Theatre School presents Summer Stage in July for children and teens ages 10-19. Instructors are theatre professionals, and classes include theatre exercises, improvisation movement, voice work, acting techniques. Classes culminate in a performance. Call **Valerie** or **Rose**, 636-1880, ext. 287 or 298.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Groups — Positive Parenting groups for teens, preschoolers, school-age and pre-teens (begins in April); Widows/Widowers (begins April 26); You and Your Aging Parent (begins May 2). For information regarding fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Solel Congregation, Mississauga, is holding a family service, April 15, 7:30 p.m.; a regular service Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. For information, (905) 820-5915.

at the JCC

RSVP (Relationships Seen Through Varied Perspectives), a round-table discussion program for singles 27-43, Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. at Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, Room 206. Speaker **Mitch Mandel's** topic is The C and M Words (Commitment and Marriage). For details see What's New column, Sunday, April 17.

Senior Adult Services, North Y branch, continues its Learning Experience program with **The Care of Teeth and Dentures with Barbara Siegel**, North York Public Health Department, Tuesday, April 19, 1 p.m. For information, call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

The North Y branch Program Department is accepting new and innovative ideas for programs. All interested instructors are asked to call Program director **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Volunteers are needed for North Y programs — Bachelor Auction, June 23; Community-wide Garage Sale, Oct. 16; Trade/Consumer Shows; Program Fundraising Techniques. Call Program director **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Register now for 1994/95 JCC Valley Pintsize/Nursery/Junior Kindergarten for ages 18 months to four years. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, (905) 889-0813.

for seniors

A 10-week session of duplicate bridge, co-sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Senior Adult Services of Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, runs Sundays 6:45-9 p.m., through June 19, alternating at Bernard Betel and the JCC. Members $3.50, non-members $5 per evening. For information, call instructor **Larry Cara**, (905) 881-6260.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's orientation meeting for the Western Canada trip is Monday, April 18, 1 p.m. Ongoing programs continue. Call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, April 15, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the board room. For information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events — Saturday dance April 16, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Atlantic City Casino trip April 18-21 (a few seats left); Niagara-on-the-Lake Tuesday, April 26, transportation, kosher chicken lunch (members $20, non-members $23). North York Board of Education programs have resumed. For information, call 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Bingo and free evening April 21. Yom Ha'atzmaut party Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m. Members $7, non-members $8. Call 661-4689 or **Avner**, (905) 771-0250.

LZA Seniors Club announces trips to Stage West in June, Catskills in July, Stratford in the fall and other outings. Cultural Group gets together Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Ladies Line Dancing begins Tuesday, April 19, 1 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

At **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave., singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** performs An Israeli Celebration Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.; **Stephen Speisman**, director of Ontario Jewish Archives, discusses A History of Jews in Toronto, Thursday, April 21, 2 p.m. Admission free, seating limited. Call **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511, to reserve.

Funtime Seniors invites you to join a seven-day trip to Cape Cod, leaving May 15. Includes meals, entertainment, tours and more. A day away to the Skyline Hotel, Wednesday, April 27, for a *Viva Las Vegas* stage show, and a day at Stage West, Wednesday, May 11, are also planned. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Sunrise invites you to join a trip to Puerto Plata May 7-14. For reservations, **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonia**, (905) 889-9436.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Holocaust Memorial Service, Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m., followed by discussion 10:45-11:30 a.m. Open to the community.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture, The Benefits of Self-Help Groups with **Jorie Morrow**, Seniors Program co-ordinator, Self-help Clearing House, is Thursday, April 14, 1:30 p.m. Admission free.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents an evening music appreciation course, From Romanticism to Reality — 19th Century European Operas with lecturer/composer/musician **Morton Silverstone** Wednesdays, April 20-June 22 (April 27 changed to April 26), 7:30 p.m. No charge for seniors 60 plus residing in Metro Toronto, small charge for others. Course is in partnership with North York Board of Education. Registration required. Call **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Yom Ha'atzmaut luncheon Wednesday, April 20, at noon with entertainment by **Rachel Kastoryano** and **Michael Khinkis**. Members $7. Concert 1:30 p.m. members $2, guests $3.

Books will be on sale (5 cents and up) Tuesdays, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the foyer.

Duplicate bridge with instructor **Larry Cara** takes place Sunday, April 17, 6:45-9 p.m.

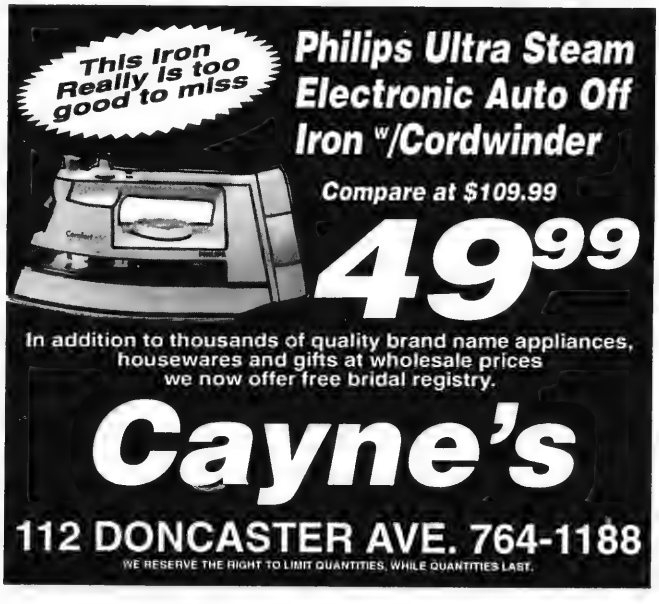
The movie *Dave* will be shown Sunday, April 17, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Also Sunday, April 17, dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

GALA BENEFIT CONCERT

Canadian friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital held a recent gala benefit concert featuring cellist Ofra Harnoy, recipient of the 1994 Juno Award for instrumentalist of the year. Funds raised from the concert support research in Alzheimer's disease at the hospital, which will celebrate a century of medical service to the people of Israel in 1995. From left are Janice Segal, Judy Scheininger, Renee Rubinstein, Judith Rubinstein, Eli Rubinstein and Mary Saguy.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Organizations and People

A $100,000 'get well card'

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Corresondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) is sending Larry Rosenberg, its immediate past president, a "get well card" with a difference.

The organization has launched the Larry Rosenberg Stay-Well Fund in Cancer Research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with a fundraising target of $100,000.

Last August, Rosenberg was diagnosed as having an inoperative brain tumor. With his usual positive approach to life, Rosenberg is convinced he is going to beat the odds.

"When [current CFHU Winnipeg chapter president] Howard [Morry] first mentioned this fund and asked if I wanted it, I said absolutely," Rosenberg proclaimed. "Nothing is more important than supporting the Jewish community and the State of Israel. As a past president of the Winnipeg chapter, I feel very honored by this."

Just 38, the chartered accountant and partner in Arthur Andersen & Co.'s Winnipeg office has already made a substantial impact on his community. In addition to his work with the CFHU, where he co-founded the very successful Professional and Business Division and served as national co-chair of the CFHU Young Leadership Division, Rosenberg has won the Winnipeg Jewish Community Centre Max Nathanson Young Leadership Award, has chaired the Combined Jewish Appeal's Accountant's Division, is a member of the finance committee of Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg and is a board member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.

At the moment, he says, he is taking a break from his community activities and conserving his energy.

CFHU Winnipeg executive director Anya Makow reports that $12,000 has already been raised toward the Rosenberg fund. The organization is planning to approach Arthur Andersen branches across the country as part of the campaign.

Jewish school team is tops in basketball

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Winnipeg's Jewish high school, has won the Manitoba provincial Double A varsity boys' basketball championship for 1994.

Led by playoff Most Valuable Player Guy Kedem and tournament all-star Jeremy Shinewald, the JWC team edged a team from Morden 91-89 in the final game March 20 to take its first title since 1989.

According to Greg Beddome, one of the coaches, the game featured a nail-biting conclusion. For most of the contest, JWC had a sizeable lead. They were up by 13 points at the half and 19 points near the end of the third quarter.

Dedicated players

In addition to Kedem (whose father, Ze'ev, is the Jewish National Fund shaliach in Winnipeg) and Shinewald, other team members include fellow Grade 12 students Josh Share, Randal Shore, Michael Schacter and Shane Kozlowich, Grade 11 students Richard Tapper (who won a sharpshooting skills competition at the championship tournament), Kolbi Ludwig, Kovi Smolack and David Begleiter and Grade 10 student Jared Steinfeld.

Team managers were Shana Wolch, Arona Podheiser and Adena Borodkin. Kevin Abrahams is co-coach.

"We have had a dedicated, committed group of guys who enjoy playing the game," said Beddome. "I have been coaching the Grade 12 players since Grade 9. How we do next year depends on the freshman, their attitude and commitment. They still have a lot to learn."

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Heard about the new musical at the North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre running May 17-May 29. Group Bookings available at discount rates (From $11 to $19.50) per person for How to Live Alone Until You Like It...And Then You're Ready For Somebody Else. Call 484-1132

R.S.V.P (Relationships seen through varied perspectives) Sunday, April 17, 1994, J.C.C., North "Y" Branch , 4588 Bathurst St. J.C.C. New Leadership Division in Association with Aish Hatorah presents our 3rd round table discussion. Singles 27-43. Speaker Mitch Mandel. Topic: The C & M Words (Commitment & Marriage). Room 206. Doors open 7:30 p.m. program 8:00 p.m. SHARP. $10, refreshments served. RSVP 631-5658. First 50 to RSVP receive a JCC Health Club pass

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South African changes expected to affect Jews

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — After the transition to multi-racial rule later in April, the 120,000 Jews of South Africa will share the fate of the country's five million whites, says Nathan Lochoff.

A Victoria resident who came from South Africa six years ago, Lochoff has kept in close contact with the rapidly-changing scene in his homeland.

Whatever happens after the black-led African National Congress (ANC) takes power, Jews will be in the same boat as all whites, but they will not be singled out as Jews, Lochoff told *The CJN*.

Lochoff attended law school in Johannesburg with Nelson Mandela, who will likely be the next president of South Africa, and worked for Mandela and his partner, Oliver Tambo as a barrister. Racial laws allowed Mandela to act only as a solicitor. He and Tambo could not appear in the higher courts, and Lochoff handled their cases.

In 1990, South African President F. W. de Klerk, head of the National Party, freed Mandela, who had spent 25 years in jail for attempting to achieve equality for the blacks.

Lochoff visited his old home shortly after this, and looked up Mandela, who immediately recognized him. They discussed the future, especially the situation of South African Jews.

Lochoff said Mandela had been widely supported by Jews in the early days of his struggle, and Mandela told him he will be forever grateful, especially to the Jewish lawyers in Johannesburg and the Jewish doctors of Capetown who were very solicitous of him while he was in jail.

There is a good possibility, Lochoff added, that Richard Goldstone will be appointed by Mandela as chief justice of South Africa. Goldstone is the Jewish judge who headed a commission of inquiry set up by de Klerk, which recently reported that a "third force," consisting of high officials in the police department, has been trying to destabilize the efforts of Mandela and de Klerk, to bring democracy to the country.

As for Israel, Mandela told Lochoff, "I am a Zionist. I believe in the right of the Jews to live safely and securely within their own borders in a state of their own." But he did not define those borders.

Asked if Mandela is a Communist, Lochoff said the ANC leader was never a Communist "and was always, to my own knowledge, very anti-communist. But the ANC, it has to be admitted, is an umbrella party. It isn't monolithic, and has had within it all the people involved in the struggle against apartheid — including a large number of Communists."

Lochoff thinks the economic situation and the question of wealth is a "very profound and almost insoluble problem" Mandela will face. The economic structure has been an "inverted pyramid." A small percentage of whites own virtually the whole wealth of the country, while the blacks, who constitute such a large majority, are impoverished.

'Road to democracy is bumpy'

"The road to democracy will be bumpy and it's not inconceivable that things will get worse before they get better," he said.

But, added Lochoff, "my own feeling is that the ultimate outlook for this extremely favored country, from the point of view of natural resources and climate, and every other way, has a very fine future. What will happen until that future starts remains to be seen."

A major problem is that Mandela is 75 and "how long he personally will remain is doubtful." What will happen when he is gone is hard to foretell, said Lochoff.

Fortunately, there are capable deputies, one of whom is Cyril Lamposa. "I don't know him personally, but from what I've read about him, he appears to be a person who would follow in Mandela's footsteps completely," Lochoff said.

There are others who are highly able and stable "but whether they will be able to withstand the masses, who have been deprived of all political and economic rights for so long, who didn't get much education during the many years of disturbances, and who are being called the lost generation, is hard to say."

On the whole, Jews have been permitted to live a Jewish life in South Africa since they began settling there in the 19th century. Lochoff said there are occasional incidents like graffiti on the walls, "the sort of thing that happens here . . . there were one or two cases of bomb attacks against synagogues.

"There is a Jewish day school system throughout the country attended by a large number of Jewish children."

However, as political uncertainty grew and economic sanctions began to bite, Jews started leaving South Africa in large numbers for Israel and other destinations. Many came to Canada, especially Toronto.

The big problem in leaving is that emigrants can't take their capital or assets and are permitted to draw only dividends or interest. Lochoff said he personally is living solely on his South African income "and whatever little I've been able to accumulate since I've been here. It's a sort of sword of Damocles hanging over our heads and one doesn't know what will happen."

(Former MP and B.C. premier Dave Barrett and his wife Shirley are currently in South Africa as part of a Canadian team observing the country's first one-person one-vote national elections.)

Correction

In the March 31 issue of *The CJN*, Felix Opatowski's wife was referred to as Miriam, who is really his daughter. His wife's name is Regina. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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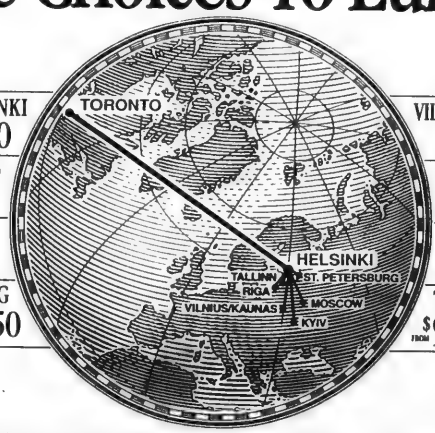

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Harold and Paula Taub

JNF to honor Windsor couple

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

WINDSOR — Paula and Harold Taub, a couple described as "dedicated leaders in both the Jewish and secular community," have been named Windsor's 1994 Negev Dinner honorees.

Jewish National Fund of Windsor president Jerry Goldberg announced the dinner will take place June 15 at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre.

Lawyer Alan M. Dershowitz, whose clients have included Anatoly Sharansky and Jonathan Pollard, is the guest speaker.

Dinner chairs are Joseph Eisenberg and Fred Katzman. Alan Ackerman, Gary Katz and Rabbi Jonathan Plaut are campaign chairs.

Paula Taub, born Paula Levine in Detroit, began her community involvement as president of Lillian Wald chapter, B'nai Brith Girls. A graduate of Wayne State University, she moved to Windsor following her marriage to Harold.

Deeply immersed in Jewish communal activities, she was president of her Hadassah-WIZO chapter, chaired the building planning committee for the expansion of Beth El synagogue and served as the comgregation's first female president.

Active in Windsor United Jewish Appeal (UJA) for over 20 years, Paula has served in various capacities, including that of women's division chair.

Active canvasser

Currently vice-president of Windsor JNF, she is also a long-standing member of the Windsor Jewish Community Federation board of directors and has for many years been an active canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Fund.

In 1991, Paula was a member of Beth El's first b'not mitzvah class, celebrating her bat mitzvah after two years of study.

Harold is a native of Windsor. He attended the I.L. Peretz Shule, Assumption University and Osgoode Hall Law School, was named Queen's Counsel in 1984 and is now a partner in the law firm of Muroff, Taub and Rohaly.

He has been active in B'nai Brith and the Jewish Community Centre, especially in the theatre workshop and as chair of the playbill committee.

He also served as co-ordinating chair of planning, financial and building aspects for the I.L. Peretz senior citizen residence.

It was during Harold's term as Federation president that Windsor won the Council of Jewish Federations of North America's Charles Goodal Award for Outstanding Small Communities for its summit committee, created to maintain unity and communication among the community's religious institutions. The committee still functions today.

Long involved in UJA, Harold was this year's campaign co-chair, and is currently chair of Beth El's endowment fund committee as well as a member of the JNF board.

Since Harold's first trip to Israel in 1969 to attend the first International Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, both he and Paula have visited Israel eight times.

The couple's two children are Sharyl, an MBA graduate of the University of Windsor, married to Detroit attorney Alan Ackerman and a mother of three; and Jeffrey, a pediatric hematologist oncologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan, married to Rene, an administrator with a business firm.

CZF helps youth to visit Israel

MONTREAL — For close to 25 years the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) has been offering Jewish youth the opportunity to visit Israel and connect with the land and its people.

This year is no different. Youth aged 15 to 24 can choose between seven itineraries ranging in length from one month to just under six weeks.

Mara Levine, 16, had been to Israel nine times to visit relatives before she went again last summer on CZF's Kibbutz encounter program.

There the Montreal teen spent six weeks working on Kibbutz Nachson near Tel Aviv and travelling around the country. She said she learned more that summer than on any of her previous visits.

"I loved the Negev and the hiking we did there. I would have spent the entire summer doing it if I could have," she said.

"At one time, we spent the better part of a day in the Ramon crater. We had to descend with a metal ladder so steep it was like rappelling. Lots of people didn't do it and I feel sorry they missed out."

Levine and her group of 40 also went to Ranana, Rosh Hanikra, Eilat and everywhere in between. There were 25 Montrealers, with the balance coming from Toronto and Ottawa. Levine said it is an experience she'll never forget.

"I think that, thanks to this program, I really matured over the summer. I dealt with situations I had never dealt with before and learned a lot about interactng with other people."

Zionist perspective

Jesse Guberman, 18, had his bar mitzvah in Israel. He went back last summer with the Israel Dimensions tour, along with teens from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

"We were all of the same age group and could really relate to one another," the Montreal high school student said.

Tour participants are shown Israel through a Zionist perspective in a safe but balanced manner. "The worst thing I have to say [about the trip] is that it would be nice to spend more time everywhere," said Guberman. "For that, I'll just have to return some day. Who knows, maybe I'll make aliyah."

Sharon Kivenko, 18, spent four weeks last summer hiking through the country with CZF's Israel Trek.

"I loved it," said the Montreal native. "It was great to test our limits, to know what we were capable of."

The 25 people in Kivenko's group hiked from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean, with a stopover near Kibbutz Sde Boker, home of the late Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, for a survival program.

"We got to know everyone [in the group]. On a trip like this, you need people you can really rely on and the initmacy you develop helps push you through the hike."

The CZF trips range between $3,400 and $4,500 and include airfare, accomodation and entrance fees. Participants can cycle through Israel, or join Israel on Ice for a unique hockey experience. For more information contact the CZF Youth and Hechalutz Department at (514) 486-9526 or the nearest Israel Program Centre.

RAE VISITS AMAL SCHOOLS

On a recent visit to Israel, Premier Bob Rae and his wife Arlene Perly Rae visited one of the Amal Schools in Petah Tikva. This is one of the schools that was the recipient of funds for perpetual scholarships in the name of Hannah and Al Perly, Arlene's parents, that was raised at a reception held last year at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. Amal Schools, which are trade union and directed, can be found in Jewish, Arab and Druze communities. With the Raes are (from left) Hadayan Nasereden, scholarship recipient from Nisra Villa and Gila'ad Karmanshay, scholarship recipient from Amal Petach Tikva.

For me it goes back to when I was a kid. I've always been close friends with animals. Because we always had animals.

My horse, Andy, was my soulmate and confidant. I think the reason that girls latch on to horses so much is because when you're a kid, you're powerless. And when you're a kid and a girl, you're even more powerless. So you feel empowered when you have a horse because it's this big animal you have control over. And no one else has more control over it because it's your horse and it knows you. Even my parents were afraid of him.

I don't have him anymore. I rode and jumped competitively from age 10 to 17 in Nova Scotia. He was my absolute obsession and my whole life for those years before I got into music. I guess you can say I switched obsessions.

Now he lives happily on an island off the coast of Nova Scotia with a couple of true Maritime eccentrics. They live in a castle they built themselves and every year they build more onto it. They're the only ones on the island, except for their 52 cats - and Andy.

The incredible thing about animals is that they don't judge you in the same way people do. They don't care about your failures and successes. It's pure, unconditional love.

I've always felt that you should just let animals go. Not give them too many rules. You know, just like people.

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Spring kosher cooking classes

TORONTO — The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Haraboni of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its lineup of spring COR cooking classes.

Vivian Anhang

"Our cooking classes continue to attract large numbers of participants and . . . we are pleased to present three new and exciting sessions," says a spokesperson for the council. "For the spring season, by popular demand, we are also repeating Mediterranean Cooking."

The classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist with many years' experience in presenting food-related programs to all segments of the community.

The classes will again be held at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and convenient public transportation. The adult fee for each class is $15; students under 16 pay $10 a session.

Hot and Cold (V23) is a new class on May 3. The cooking demonstration will feature hot or cold Shabbat and summer dishes, including a fruit soup, sweet and sour fish, meat, potato kugel, stuffed zucchini and apple pie.

Mediterranean dishes on agenda

On May 10, Mediterranean Cooking (V11) will be repeated. This class will feature a selection of Mediterranean-Middle Eastern dishes including stuffed grape leaves, eggplant salad, egg lemon soup, khoubs, baked lamb shank and tomato sauce, black-eyed beans and baklava.

A new class, International Salads and Desserts (V24) on May 24 will take you around the globe with dishes including Israeli avocado salad, Greek salad, Chinese sprout salad, French cafe au lait, kahlua cheesecake and Danish pastry.

Healthful Living (V25) will feature a lecture and discussion on healthy eating and lifestyle. Dietitian/nutritionist, Sharon Gottlieb will be featured and a cooking demonstration of low fat high fibre recipes will include vegetable soup, marinated fillet of sole and apple crisp.

The classes, which are open to all, are limited in enrolment, with registration on a first-come first-served basis.

To register, send your name, adddress, postal code, phone number (home and work) and a postdated cheque dated the day of each class to: Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

If registering for more than one class, please send a separate cheque for each class and for each participant. For more details, call (416) 635-9550.

Organizations and People

Dan Ronen named Eggleton's liaison with Jewish community

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Metro lawyer has been named special assistant for Jewish community affairs to federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton.

The non-paying position requires Ronen, 30, to keep Eggleton apprised of the community's concerns and priorities.

Eggleton, who served as Toronto's mayor for 11 years before being hand-picked by Jean Chretien to seek a federal seat, represents the Metro riding of York Centre, in which Jews comprise nearly 20 per cent of the population.

The riding, formerly held by Robert Kaplan, includes the Bathurst Street corridor from Highway 401 north to Steeles Avenue.

As mayor, Eggleton was a visible presence on the Jewish scene. He took part in rallies for Soviet Jewry and visited Israel, as well as the site of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

"I am interested in the same issues my constituents are interested in ... war crimes, hate propaganda, Canada-Israel relations and the security of Israel," Eggleton told *The CJN* in explaining why he needs Jewish eyes and ears in and around his riding.

"Notwithstanding all the good words, these issues require more attention than they are getting."

According to Ronen, Eggleton "has a genuine interest in the Jewish community and an affection for it. There's a high percentage of Holocaust survivors in his riding. And he wants to be informed."

Art Eggleton (left) with liaison Dan Ronen.

As Treasury Board president, Eggleton, 50, controls the country's purse strings. He's also infrastructure minister and is seen as a powerful member of Chretien's inner circle.

By keeping Eggleton informed of the community's concerns, Ronen feels he will also ensure that the cabinet is up to speed when it comes to Jewish matters.

Ronen said he's already received a number of calls from the public expressing dismay at the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling that Imre Finta will not be retried for alleged war crimes.

Ronen said he has "regular and direct" contact with Eggleton. Among Ronen's duties will be to alert the minister to community rallies, especially around Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Ronen feels one reason he was chosen for the position is that he is not presently affiliated with any of the major organizations in the community, namely, Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith or the Canada-Israel Committee.

Instead, his background has been in the North American Jewish Students Network, where he served as chair of Network's central region, and later as its president.

Role of media topic of forum

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "To get the truth is not entirely the media's responsibility," Lorrie Goldstein, associate editor of the *Toronto Sun*, said at a St. Lawrence Centre Forum recently.

Goldstein was one of a panel of media representatives discussing whether the media escalate conflict and whether they have a responsibility to diffuse conflict.

He was responding to a questioner's comment that the media have presented a biased view of events in Bosnia in the former Yugoslavia.

"It depends on whose ox is being gored," Goldstein said. "Somebody's truth is somebody else's propaganda."

He used as an illustration the separate visits he has had from representatives of the Jewish and Arab communities in Toronto. "I wish I could put them in the same room together; their issues are a mirror image of each other. It depends on what side you are on."

'Libel chill'

"I don't think my job is to solve disputes," said Christopher Thomas, host of CBC's *Radio Noon*.

Thomas said "libel chill" was a more serious factor in influencing news coverage than pressure from advertisers.

In answer to a comment from the audience that business has an inordinate influence on the media, Goldstein replied, "I'm not in social work, maybe some of the other panelists are. I'm in business to make some money and If I can do some good along the way, okay."

He criticized some sections of the media for asking Canadians what they think on issues, and then blasting their opinions. "I don't think the 53 per cent of Canadians who think immigration levels are too high should be called intolerant."

Other panelists were Victor Malarek, host of CBC's *Fifth Estate*; Lorna Simms, editor of *Dawn*, a newspaper on black culture; and Elizabeth Flynn, Association for Media Literacy. Zuhair Kashmeri, a senior editor at *Now* magazine, was moderator. The Society for Conflict Resolution and the Association for Media Literacy were co-sponsors.

JERUSALEM PAVILION PREPARATIONS

Plans are underway for this year's Jerusalem Pavilion sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada. A traditional favorite of Metro International Caravan, Jerusalem Pavilion runs from June 18-25 at the downtown Jewish Community Centre. Shown (from left) are 1994 chair Lorne Bernstein, mayor Linda Kochberg, honorary mayor and chair Monty Mazin and vice-chair Michael Kates.

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Violence casts pall over Yom Hashoah

United Nations accused of hypocrisy

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Recent acts of violence in Israel cast a shadow over last week's community Holocaust remembrance program held at the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

"Our foes today are even less predictable than those of half a century ago," charged Sabina Citron, founding member of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA), the group which sponsored the event.

"Why is the PLO covenant, which still speaks of the destruction of Israel, still in place?" Citron asked. "Could it be we are so blinded by our hope for peace that we do not see the attempt to rewrite history and delegitimize the State of Israel?"

The PLO cannot "have it both ways," said Citron. "They cannot pretend to negotiate peace with Israel while having an agreement with Hamas and other organizations still sworn to the destruction of the Jewish state. There is something terribly evil going on here. It's time for us to stare the truth in the face before Israel is dismantled piece by piece. Perhaps it is time to take a serious second look at the so-called peace process."

Referring to Palestinian attacks said to be in revenge for Kach extremist Baruch Goldstein's Feb. 25 massacre in Hebron, Citron asserted that [Arabs have already] "bludgeoned and inflicted 1,000 deaths on Baruch Goldstein.

"What more do they want?" she asked. "If the Arabs believe in collective guilt and revenge, then they are ironically acknowledging that Baruch Goldstein may have been justified in taking revenge for his friends who were brutally murdered."

Citron accused the United Nations Security Council of "perfidy," "hypocrisy" and a "double standard" for its attitude toward Israel following the Hebron attack. "Perhaps the UN Security Council should now be challenged to condemn Hamas and the international community should declare such terrorism a danger to world peace and peaceful co-existence."

She also had strong words about Canada, "which sees itself as a model of moderation and protector of human rights.

"[Canadian courts ignore] existing laws dealing with war crimes and crimes against humanity, [and have] for several decades now," Citron stated.

Dan Ronen, recently appointed special assistant for Jewish community affairs to MP Art Eggleton, said that the recent Supreme Court decision in the Imre Finta trial is "not a bar to criminal prosecutions." Eggleton "is unrelenting in his efforts to ensure that all Nazi war criminals living in Canada are brought to justice," Ronen said, adding that Eggleton has taken up the issue with Justice Minister Allan Rock on numerous occasions.

Ronen also expressed Eggleton's condemnation of last week's terrorist attacks in Israel and his call to "all parties at the negotiating table to disassociate themselves [from those acts] and to condemn them."

"Israel stands for the belief that the Holocaust will never happen again," said Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich of Pride of Israel. It also stands for courage, strength, bravery and power, he said.

"Every day that a Jew breathes, every bar or bat mitzvah every mitzvah done" serves as punishment for the Nazis, said the rabbi. He called the Holocaust a "grim lesson."

The legacy of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, among them 1½ million children, is that we must continue to learn about the history of the time, said Haim Waxman, vice-consul of Israel. "We must fight those who try to say the Holocaust did not exist. We should fight anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism. We should not be silent and complacent when we see wrongs being done to others. We should stay united and remember we are one people with a common destiny."

Forty-six years after the establishment of the State of Israel, "Jewish blood is still being shed," said Waxman, "this time not by Nazis but by terrorists who wish to kill every possible chance for peace in the Middle East, but we shall not be deterred from our chosen path. In spite of all the attempts made by our enemies, we will continue in our struggle for peace with our neighbors, and this peace will come.

"We will continue to build a prosperous economy, a vital society and a Jewish culture," Waxman said. "This is our answer to the Nazis. This is our answer to all our enemies throughout the ages. Am Yisrael Chai."

Arnold Friedman, CHRA chair, stressed the importance of educating Jewish children about the Holocaust in his concluding remarks.

Other participants in the program included Cantor Joseph Cooper of Beth Tzedec Synagogue and the Associated Hebrew Schools choir under the direction of Yehuda Gilden. Six Holocaust survivors and their families lit memorial candles: Dave Wiener, Vera Waldman, Rose Ehrenworth, Esther Frieberg, Mike Englishman and Mendel Apelowicz.

Memorial candles were lit by Holocaust survivors and their families at last week's Yom Hashoah service at Pride of Israel Synagogue.

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Organizations and People

Canadian baseball great 'Goody' Rosen dies at 81

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Goodwin "Goody" Rosen, perhaps the best baseball player produced in Canada, died last week at age 81.

Rosen, an all-star centre-fielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers, grew up playing sandlot baseball with the "Lizzies" playground team, coached by Bob Abate.

He began his trek to the major leagues with numerous stops in obscure minor league towns, often encountering hostility from anti-Semitic ball players along the way, recalls Mickey Firestone, a longtime friend of Rosen's.

He played in the American Association with Louisville as well as in Arkansas after stints with Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Royals of the International League.

In 1937, he joined the Dodgers and played 22 games, driving in six runs and averaging .312.

He was leadoff man with the Leo Durocher-managed Dodgers until 1939 and rejoined them again in 1944, spending much of the intervening period in Syracuse.

In 1945 he batted .325 in 145 games, including 197 hits and 75 ribbies, but the next year he was traded to New York Giants.

He closed out his major league career with a 22-home run, .291 season. In his six seasons in the big leagues, Rosen compiled a .291 average in 551 games.

On his return to Toronto, he entered the restaurant business and was later a salesman for a tire company.

"Goody Rosen was one of the greatest Lizzies athletes of all time," said Mort Greenberg, himself a Lizzies alumnus. "He was the best Jewish boy from Canada to ever make the major leagues."

Greenberg remembers Rosen's "tenacity. He would not be deterred from his goal of playing in the majors."

Firestone said that even after Rosen had retired from baseball, his competitive fire did not ebb. "He was good in every sport," Firestone recalled.

He and Rosen were members of the Maple Downs Golf & Country Club for 38 years and often vied for the honor of club champion (each was able to win the title).

"He was a competitor, a hard worker and very opinionated about old-time ball," Firestone said. "He thought the present-day players didn't measure up to the old timers."

During his stint with the Dodgers, Rosen met Babe Ruth, the team's first base coach. He was also known as Ruth's "humidor," because he would hold Ruth's cigars for him in his suit jacket.

Goody Rosen in his playing days.

Book focuses on teenagers' emotions during march

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Of all the Holocaust education programs created in recent years, the March of the Living has to be one of the most dramatic.

Since its inception in 1988, thousands of teenagers from all over the world have made a biennial pilgrimage to Poland, to better understand the horrors of those places barren of life and seemingly of hope.

The trip concludes with a visit to Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut, the joy of that day an antidote, at least somewhat, to the sadness of Auschwitz and Majdanek.

To those who suggest — or fear — that the March of the Living is merely an excuse for teenagers to get out of school, or that it trivializes what happened, I recommend *For You Who Died I must Live On...Reflections on the March of the Living*, edited by Toronto's Eli Rubenstein of United Israel Appeal (Mosaic Press, 1993), winner of the 1994 Canadian Jewish Book Award.

Subtitled *Contemporary Jewish Youth Confront the Holocaust*, it is impossible to read more than a page or two without wiping away tears.

Youngsters on the 1992 March, which also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, share their pain and sorrow, in poems, short essays, photographs and sketches.

The photographs have become almost traditional; the youngsters wrapped in the Israeli flag walking along the train tracks leading to the camps and crematoria, comforting each other, lighting candles.

What I found most moving were those of teenagers alone in the crowd, surrounded by others, but with suddenly adult, pain-wracked eyes. Or the young, unidentified girl huddled alone in the middle of a now-empty field.

The stories tell what happened — the marches, the prayers, the unexpected kindnesses, the even-more unexpected anti-Semitism, The silence. Warren Levitan, 17, of Montreal, writes "We are four thousand long, four thousand strong...I cannot see the end of the blue and white sea. The colors of Israel. The colors of the talit. ...I want to sing 'Am Yisrael Chai,' but we are silent."

Sharon Feder of Vancouver, also 17, writes how she felt after seeing the piles of shoes at Majdanek.

"You fall on your knees and reach out, out towards the shoes. You cry, you yell and yet you cannot reach them...You search desperately for those who filled them, but they are nowhere: it is hopeless. You stand and walk out leaving a piece of you behind.

"Have you heard enough? Well, this is just the beginning."

Toronto's Lisa Grushcow, 15, describes in poetry how the march affected her even after she returned home: "it is only now/in Canada/that i leave my room at night/and stand sobbing by a tree...that Auschwitz begins to seep through/the glass/guides/grass;/it seeps in torrents."

They describe the cheering as the plane landed in Jerusalem, the emotional visit to the Western Wall, now with renewed appreciation for its meaning, and for the symbol of hope that the state of Israel is, whatever its problems.

Dara Horn, 15, of Short Hills, New Jersey, describes planting a tree on Yom Hazikaron, the Israeli Remembrance Day, promising that "this tree will live as long as a tree ever can, even when there is no longer such a thing as a tree or a person that looks away when someone cries for help. This tree will never turn away."

The March of the Living was designed not only to stand witness to the truth of the Holocaust, but also to affirm that Hitler did not win — that whatever was done to us, the Jewish people have survived.

The teenagers on the March understood that. This book makes the reader understand that too.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Spouses in debt: can they take your house? *(first of two parts)*

On February 21, 1994, panic gripped many lawyers, accountants, and other self-employed professionals. The Toronto Star published an article which inaccurately indicated that in Ontario, creditors could seize a debtor's home even if it was registered solely in his or her spouse's name. Fortunately, the paper published a correction on February 25, 1994. However, the number of calls professionals received over the issue suggested that many may not have seen the retraction, or were confused.

In any event, the following explains some established principles and laws in this province as developed by the Legislature and how the Judges have now interpreted the Ontario Family Law Act and our debtor-creditor laws.

1. If a house is registered in the name of both spouses, either as "joint tenants" or "tenants in common", creditors who succeed in obtaining a judgement against one of the spouses (or the Trustee of a bankrupt spouse on behalf of such creditors) can force a sale of the house and seize the debtor spouse's share of the equity. (By equity I mean this spouse's half-share of the sale proceeds minus the mortgages, other liens against title, real estate commissions, and lawyers' fees to close the sale).

2. If the matrimonial home is registered solely in the name of the non-debtor spouse (usually the wife), then in most cases the debtor spouse's creditors cannot have the house sold nor seize any part of the equity. On separation (or the wife's death), the husband may have a right to make a claim for a payment from the wife (or her estate). That payment could equal half of the matrimonial home's equity. (Sometimes, the husband's business or other assets are worth the same as, or more than, the "wife's" home, so that no such payment is available). However, the Courts have decided that the right to such a possible "equalization payment" that might be available on marital separation or death is not the type of legal right that can be seized by creditors.

However, there are some important exceptions to the above principles. In my next column I'll examine a few circumstances in which you might, indeed, lose the roof over your head.

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Torontonian recalls martyrs of Holocaust at Halifax service

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — The audience was silent as it listened to Toronto's Max Eisen trace the brief but interminable time he spent in German war camps during World War II.

Tears appeared when Eisen told of the horrors he experienced as a displaced Czechoslovakian who became part of the Nazi's purge of Hungary in 1944.

Speaking at Yom Hashoah 1994 in Halifax, Eisen admitted his was only one story of survival. But he said, "Our martyrs left us with hope and trust. We are a link to the past — now and for the future."

His speech was part of an evening of remembrance presented by the Atlantic Jewish Council at Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

More than 150 people saw a slide/music presentation highlighting the March of the Living 1990 and 1992. Four of the 18 Atlantic Canadian teens on the 1994 March spoke to the audience by telephone hook-up. Six candles were lit to honor the six million who died in the Holocaust, the last one by survivor Dr. Laszlo Fried of Halifax.

Eisen, now 64, and with twin sons carrying on a manufacturing business he started in Toronto in the early 1950s, spent two busy days in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

He addressed more than 1,000 students at Fredericton High School April 6, "the biggest crowd I ever spoke to," he said. The next day, he met with 300 students at Halifax's J. L. Ilsley High and on the morning of his April 8 departure, he talked to 3,000 more students at three other Halifax schools.

"Holocaust Memorial Days are held to remind you, and me, that our forefathers gave us strength to build a new generation out of their ashes, with a new vigor," he said.

Eisen suffered with little or no food

In his Yom Hashoah commemoration speech, Eisen said his small community of 40 Jewish families lived a peaceful life until 1939. "Then [after the partition of Czechoslovakia] it became problematic overnight," he said.

After several years of persecution, his family was sent to Auschwitz in March 1944 and separated. "It was the last time I saw my grandparents, mother, two brothers, sister and aunt," he said.

He remained with his father and uncle, and worked as a slave laborer with them until October 1944, when they, too, were taken from him. "I then knew I was on my own," he recalled.

Until liberation in May 1945, he suffered with little or no food, clothes unfit for the cold Polish winter and inhumane living conditions. Then freedom came.

"I returned to my home town in Slovakia but someone was living in my house and I was not welcomed, even in my home town. I went to Marienbad, outside of Prague, where I finally got a job, apprenticing as a dental technician."

By 1948, when the Communists took over Czechoslovakia, "we knew we had to get out," but Eisen, then 19, faced many barriers when he tried to leave the country.

"Canada made all sorts of excuses why Jews should not be admitted," he said, but he was finally given a visa in 1949. "When I came down the St. Lawrence (River) into Quebec City, I was the happiest person in the world, to arrive in this wonderful land."

He said he and 45 other Torontonian survivors speak to schools and community groups about the Holocaust "so the lesson can be learned that this kind of human behavior holds no place in society."

Eisen was brought to Halifax by the Canadian Jewish Congress Holocaust Remembrance Committee's Holocaust Sensitization Program, with the assistance of Canada's Heritage Ministry.

Short term set for work/study

NEW YORK — Livnot U'Lehibanot (To Build and To Be Built), the 14-year-old work/study program in Israel, will now be offering a short version of its successful three-month program.

Three-week sessions will begin May 29, June 27 and July 24. With campuses in the mountain top city of Tzfat and historical Jerusalem, Livnot will also continue to offer its traditional three-month program; the next one begins June 5.

Both programs include the study of Judaism in an open and questioning atmosphere in daily classes taught in English. Participants also work in the community, restoring and rebuilding the land and doing community service work. There are numerous hikes throughout Israel. Time is spent in both Jerusalem and Tzfat.

Participants in all programs are men and women ages 21-30 with minimal Jewish background. For more information, call (212) 752-2390 or write Livnot L'Lehibanot, 110 East 59th St., 3rd floor, NY, NY 10022.

Multitude of Orthodox women's roles to be examined at seminar

TORONTO — The many roles played by today's Jewish woman — daughter, mother, wife and her own person — will be the subject of an all-day seminar sponsored by the Orthodox Outreach Program of Jewish Family & Child Service and Beth Avraham Yoseph, B'nai Torah and Clanton Park Synagogues.

The event will be held at Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer, in North York, on Sunday, April 24, from 9:45 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Specially trained Orthodox facilitators will lead programs dealing with such matters as communication; juggling "superwoman" roles (including stress management); parenting teens, children and large families; the single, Orthodox woman; and caring for parents while being responsible for children, husband and home.

Selma Elzas, who is working on this program through JF&CS told *The CJN* that for the past several years JF&CS has been training Orthodox facilitators to work with their own community, where many find it difficult to access regular programs of the agency. "Because they (the facilitators) are part of that community, they will have more credibility," Elzas said.

The purpose of the Orthodox Outreach Program, as of JF&CS in general, is to strengthen family life.

The program, she said, is endorsed by the Vaad Harabonim, and especially by Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, Rabbi Akiva Stefansky of Beth Jacob High School, Rabbi Moshe Lowy of Agudah and Rabbi Jacob Hirshman of Kollel Avreichim. They all, she said, took an active part in training the facilitators.

Rabbi Kerzner will be presenting the opening remarks at the seminar; Rabbi Raphael Marcus of B'nai Torah will be giving the closing comments; and Beth Avraham Yoseph's Rabbi Baruch Taub will be the luncheon speaker.

Cost for the day is $15, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, contact Selma Elzas, (416)638-7800, ext. 799.

Women to look at Shoah's legacy

TORONTO — On the 51st anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto, the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League is dedicating an evening, Tuesday, April 19, to the legacy of the Holocaust. It will focus on Jewish women's responses to the Holocaust, as survivors, as victims, as children of survivors and as anti-fascist activists today.

The theme of the evening is how women resisted, how women died, how women survived, and how women remember.

There will be a slide presentation by Jewish photographer and resistance fighter Faye Schulman, who managed to hide copies of photographs she was forced to take by the Nazis. There will also be songs by Batsheva, readings, poetry, music and visual art. Links will be made between the Holocaust and fascism today.

The event takes place at the Jewish Community Centre, corner of Bloor and Spadina, at 7:00 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Wheel chair accessible and child care provided. For more information call Ellen, 926-0499.

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Organizations and People

Author explores roots of racism in Toronto

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

Too Good To Be True — Toronto in the 1920s by Randall White

Racism and intolerance have a relatively long history in Toronto. Individual acts of violence against minorities and government policies to restrict immigration of many ethnic groups are on public record. We recognize that these belong to this city's and Canada's past.

Episodes of the legacy are outlined as part of a general retrospective in a new book by political scientist, Randall White, entitled *Too Good To Be True — Toronto in the 1920's.* A policy consultant with the Ontario government, White has previously authored books about free trade, Senate reform and Ontario's economic development.

The latest work represents a personal departure from White's other writings, a project he has researched for over four years. It chronicles an era that many believe was one of the most turbulent in this century.

The "Roaring 20s" in Toronto were a time of economic boom and bust, of temperance and tempers, of raised expectations and crushing poverty, of a growing multicultural character and blatant bigotry. White looks at both the good and the bad, drawing parallels with the 1990s.

White recounts the circumstances leading up to the infamous Chinese Immigration Act of 1923, legislation that effectively halted the influx of Asian immigration that had begun in the mid-1800s. By extension, the act was also a signal to others that Canada was not putting out the welcome mat for newcomers.

The book says that in 1921, Toronto's Jewish population was almost 35,000, or about seven per cent of the city's total inhabitants. Never again would the Jewish community carry such relative demographic weight here.

Legislation of the day limited the number of Jews emigrating to Canada from Eastern Europe. Pogroms, massacres, persecutions, fascism and Nazism notwithstanding, Jews were particularly singled out as persona non grata in this country.

A fundraising picnic for a new Jewish Old Folks Home — held at Kew Beach on August 7, in the middle of Toronto's troubled summer of 1993, shortly before Christie Pits riots. [City of Toronto archives]

Even in booming economic times, Toronto was not overly hospitable to Jews and visible minorities; the gathering storm clouds heralding the Great Depression only made matters worse.

As the 1920s drew to a spluttering conclusion, White explains, the new-community Jews from Eastern Europe were the most numerous and obvious representatives of the more diverse local society that had begun to show its face in the early twentieth century.

"And anti-Semitism in Toronto was mixed in with events happening across the ocean. We were not immune to the Nazi neurosis that was tightening its grip on Germany," says White.

In his book, he details one of the most violent incidents of anti-Semitism that ever occured in this city. Started by a group known as the Balmy Beach Swastika Club in the east-end Beaches, the incident climaxed with a riot at Christie Pits, close to the home turf of many new-community Jews.

At a baseball game between Jewish and non-Jewish teams, a swastika sign with the motto "Hail Hitler" appeared among the spectators. After the game, groups of Gentile youths declared that Jews were not allowed at Christie Pits.

A few days later a similar incident again took place at the Pits. This time both Gentile and Jewish youths were organized, with baseball bats and lead pipes. A full-scale riot broke out, lasting six hours and spreading to neighboring streets. Although the violence gradually diminished, the riot left real scars that would last for many years.

"The early August 1933 riot at Christie Pits had some obvious echoes in what may or may not have been a different kind of Toronto race riot in early May 1992," White observes.

Despite this, White is optimistic about the future. "As Toronto evolves into an ever more cosmopolitian city, I believe that avowed racists will find less of a following. We are already witnessing this through increased dialogue between and among racial and ethnic communities here."

There will likely always be flare-ups of racial tension to varying degrees in Toronto. But, according to White, the spirit of "Toronto the Good" that had its roots in the 1920s, continues to develop today and will become more manifest as we mature as a society.

Baycrest spring sale planned

TORONTO — One sure sign that spring has arrived is the annual Spring Sale organized by the Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. All proceeds raised at this event go to support Alzheimer's research at Baycrest Centre.

This year the gigantic sale of new merchandise will take place on Thursday, April 21, 1994 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the ground floor of Baycrest Hospital (Ben and Hilda Katz Building), 3560 Bathurst Street, north of Lawrence Avenue.

The Spring Sale will feature a mini-drug store with items donated by some Shoppers' Drug Mart suppliers, including non-prescription medicines, cosmetics, toiletries, foodstuffs and household supplies. Shoppers will also be able to take part in a silent auction featuring more than 200 items, ranging in value from $25 to $2,500. The auction includes a variety of brand new merchandise.

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A photo from the All for One Society taken several years ago shows 10-term president Morris Baker (left) with his late uncle Saul Baker (centre) and Morris' brother Ben, also a veteran society member.

All for One Society determined to survive

TORONTO — They may have only 40 members, but after six decades, this society is determined to survive.

The All For One Mutual Benefit Society celebrates its 60th birthday this year. Even though the heart beats more slowly, it is still ticking, and there's a lot of heart left among All For One members.

The Society's annual United Jewish Appeal contribution has been a given each year since UJA began. So are donations to dozens of other charities. In fact, these days, tzedakah is pretty well what All For One is all about.

Ten-term president Morris Baker loves to list the Society's beneficiaries.

"We give to UJA and to Jewish Family & Child Service. We adopt a child every year in Israel. We participate in Holocaust Week and Yom Ha'atzmaut . . ."

All For One was founded during the heyday of Toronto societies. According to Ontario Jewish Archives director, Stephen Speisman, they began blossoming in the 1920s and 30s.

"The Jewish population had increased quite significantly and felt that synagogues didn't meet their needs," he says.

All For One offered its 250 members free visits to the doctor, sick benefits and even, for a short time, a credit union, which was disbanded under the glare of a society scandal.

"Somebody got $80 without the credit union's okay," remembers veteran member Saul Shoom. "As a matter of fact, I don't think we ever got it back."

All For One activities these days are restricted to events centred on Jewish holidays. It's tough to schedule speakers for educational programs because so many members spend so much time in Florida.

The All For One Society is struggling against not only a dwindling membership but a dying one. "There are no young members. The average age is in the 60s and 70s," Shoom admits. After a long pause, Shoom remembers that "there is a young fellow under 50."

According to United Jewish Appeal records, over 30 societies, like All For One, are still significant tzedakah donors despite diminishing numbers.

Speisman estimates the youngest society is about 40 years old, because "by the end of the 50s new ones were not being formed."

Strengthened by their charitable instincts, societies such as All For One are determined to continue operating as long as their members want them to.

Saul Shoom sums up the All For One philosophy. "We survive and the members enjoy, and as long as they enjoy we'll carry on."

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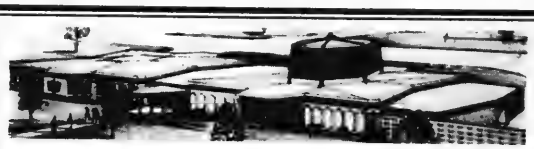

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Israeli culture thriving

Robust body of literature has evolved

Jerusalem Dateline

If the heartbeat of a nation's culture lies in the written word, then Israel's is beating strong.

Following the revival of Hebrew as a spoken language late last century, a lively, articulate and robust body of literature has evolved.

The giants of modern Hebrew — Bialik, Tchernikhovsky, Brenner, Agnon (who won Israel's only Nobel Prize, that for literature, in 1966) — have been supplemented by an increasing number of local-born writers whose works stand up to the best contemporary authors.

One of Israel's most famous sons is Amos Oz. Others are Haim Gouri, Moshe Shamir, S. Yizhar, Benjamin Tammuz and Hanoch Bar Tov, all members of the so-called Palmach Generation, a prolific group named after the pre-State fighting elite.

In the last 15 years, Sephardi writers influenced by Arabic — Samy Michael, Amnon Shamost and Dan Benaya — have matured into recognition. Writers like Aharon Appelfeld, Abba Kovner use the leitmotif of the Holocaust in their writings.

The centre ground in Israeli writing today is held by those who came to literary maturity after the War of Independence, and whose literary vision was tempered through the fires of austerity, absorption and four wars of survival. Such writers include A.B. Yehoshua, Shulamit Lapid, Meir Shalev, David Grossman, Shulamith Hareven, and many others. A younger generation of writers, including many women — Yehudit Katzir and Orly Castel-Bloom — is exploring more universal literary themes.

Poetry holds a special place in Israel's literary life. New works by Yehuda Amichai, Dahlia Ravikovich or T. Carmi, among others, are always avidly awaited.

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The musical life of Israel is a constant influx of immigrant musicians and an outflow of performers who have reached the highest international peaks. Yitzhak Perlman, Pinhas Zukerman, Shlomo Mintz and Daniel Barenboim all received their training in Israel and went on to glittering careers on the world's concert stages. Israel's orchestras, including the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Symphony, the Beersheba Sinfonietta and many chamber groups, many of them made up of musicians from the former Soviet Union, have provided a home for hundreds of players.

Israel hosts a series of international music events, including the Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition, the Pablo Casals Cello Competition, a triennial international harp contest, the Zimriya choirs festival, and annual music festivals in Jerusalem, Kibbutz Ein Hashofet and, notably, at Kibbutz Ein Gev on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

New generation of ethnic singers have boosted Sephardi pride

For all this wealth of musical life, it is not only the highbrow that is catered to. Rockers, popsters and balladeers are there in force. Moshe Wilensky, Yoram Taharlev, Nurit Hirsch, Sasha Argov and, above all, Naomi Shemer, write music that is played on radio, on television, in kindergartens and in sunshine-home singsongs from Metulla to Eilat.

Pop superstars in Israel include Ofra Haza, Yehoram Gaon, Arik Einstein, Shalom Hanoch and many more. A new generation of ethnic singers such as Boaz Shar'abi, Chaim Moshe, Itzik Gala and the Breira Hativit group have given a new sense of ethnic pride to young Israelis of Sephardi background.

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Israel owes its place in the world of dance to three women.

The first was a Russian-trained ballerina, Rina Nikova. Nikova created a local art form incorporating themes from the Bible, Middle East dance tradition, folk dance and Russian classical ballet.

The second, Sarah Levi-Tanai, harnessed the Yemenite dance tradition, one of the richest and most exotic dance cultures of the Middle East, and created the Inbal Dance Theatre.

The third, Baroness Bethsabee de Rothschild, founded the Batsheva and Bat Dor dance companies. Both are the leading exponents of modern dance in israel.

In recent years, these companies have been joined by the Kibbutz Dance Company and the Israel Ballet, the country's only classical ballet company, as well as Kol Demama (Voice of Silence). The latter group comprises deaf and hard-of-hearing dancers. Their performances are electrifying.

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Folk dance groups abound throughout the country. Outstanding among them is Hora Yerushalayim, a Jerusalem-based group with four companies divided by age.

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Israeli theatre owes its origins to the first Hebrew theatre in the world, Habimah, founded in Moscow in 1917, and which moved to Palestine in 1931. Since then, theatre has come a long way in style, presentation method, and especially content.

Of all the arts in Israel, theatre is perhaps the most socially involved, with a new generation of playwrights

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Folk dance groups abound throughout Israel.

Israeli theatre most socially involved of all the arts

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such as Hanoch Levine, Hillel Mittelpunkt and Yehushua Sobol breaking taboos, tackling controversial topics, and attempting to act as the mirror and conscience of society.

The major repertory theatres, such as the Habimah, Cameri, Ohel, Haifa and Beersheba Municipal Theatres and the Jerusalem Khan, have heavily attended subscription series. Great popular success has attended an annual theatrical innovation, the Festival of Alternative Theatre in Acre.

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Israeli artists have experimented with everything from expressionism to cubism, from Russian social realism to environmental and performance art. Among contemporary Israeli artists who have managed to make the quantam leap from local to universal recognition are Ya'acov Agam (whose kinetic room at the Pompidou Center in Paris is a seminal work), Menashe Kadishman, Avigdor Arikha, and Avigdor Stematsky.

Two sculptors, Dany Karavan and Ygael Tumarkin, are well-known abroad, and their work can be seen all over Israel. Marcel Janco (1895-1984), founder of the Dadaist movement; Reuven Rubin (1893-1974) with his lyrical large-scale canvases; and Anna Ticho (1894-1980) with her exquisite drawings and washes of her beloved Jerusalem hills, have also gained a major international following.

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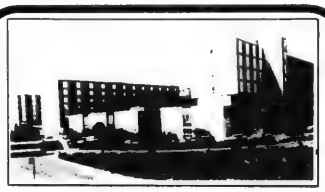

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Hebrew's literary renaissance

Jerusalem Dateline

Author Amos Oz and poet Yehuda Amichai are, in a sense, Israel's most successful ambassadors: what they have to say about the country is translated, respectively, into 24 and 22 languages and permeates the hearts and minds of people worldwide.

Through the work of writers like Oz and Amichai, millions of readers have been introduced to the culture of a tiny country in the Middle East.

Hebrew, with four million speakers in Israel, is now experiencing an upsurge in poetry, prose and playwriting comparable to the renaissance of the English language during the Elizabethan period. Israel publishes an estimated 10,000 new poems annually in books, literary magazines and newspapers.

Many people consider the revival of Hebrew as a spoken language after an interval of 1,700 years a miraculous process. It is hard to think of another instance of a literary language developing into a spoken one.

Although Hebrew has been used continually by Jews since biblical times over a period of 3,000 years, by the late 19th century it was mainly the language of study and prayer. Used for religious and ritual purposes, it had long ceased to be spoken, having been replaced either by the languages of the countries of the Diaspora in which the Jews found themselves, or by composite Jewish languages such as Ladino or Yiddish.

During the period of the Jewish Enlightenment, or the haskala (1781-1881), when Yiddish was still the lingua franca of Eastern European Jewry, Hebrew was adopted as a means of creating the new enlightened Jewish culture.

Despite the Enlightenment, and despite the fact that all along Hebrew continued to be the language of family observances and communal festivities, of legal and commercial documents, of historical chronicles, municipal records and tombstone inscriptions, there were very few people speaking Hebrew, and even fewer writing Hebrew literature by the late 19th century.

It is popular to begin the story of the revival of Hebrew with the disembarkation of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda on the shores of Palestine in 1881. Born in 1858, Ben-Yehuda came to Israel with his family in 1881 and taught high school. Between 1894 and 1915 he wrote for and later served as editor of the leading newspapers of the day: *Mevasseret Zion, Hahavezelet, HaZvi*.

Poets played a role

Both in his private life and in his professional activities, Ben-Yehuda refused to speak anything but Hebrew. He established The Association for the Revival of Israel to promulgate Hebrew culture and was a founding member of the Va'ad HaLashon (The Committee for the Hebrew Language). He advocated simplicity and passion in the language and fought rhetoric and artifice.

For all Ben-Yehuda's zeal and perseverance, the revival of a language could not have been the work of one man alone. The Committee for the Hebrew Language was established in 1890 to guard the nascent, tender Hebrew tongue from foreign influences. Later, in the 20th century, it became responsible for coining words as the Hebrew Language Academy. To this day, committees established for the various branches of knowledge ensure the continued adjustment of Hebrew to modern reality.

Hebrew poets played a tremendous role in the revival of the language. H.N. Bialik (1873-1934) devoted endless energy and erudition to the gathering and editing of forgotten Hebrew sources. Shaul Tchernikhovsky (1875-1943) engaged in a parallel venture: the translation of European classics from antiquity to his time, from which Hebrew poetry had been severed in the ghetto centuries.

The impact of these poets was so great that by the 1920s, the centre of Jewish cultural activity had shifted from Odessa to Palestine in the space of 30 years. The activities of these poets constantly enlarged the vocabulary of Hebrew. It is no wonder that to this day, Israeli poets are in the vanguard of linguistic developments.

This January, 40 translators from 18 countries gathered in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Tel Aviv-based Institute for the Translation of Hebrew Literature to discuss problems relating specifically to translating Hebrew literature.

The meetings between Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Serbian, Portuguese, Polish, Czech and Arabic translators and Israeli authors were stimulating; they attested to the extraordinary vitality and blossoming of the Hebrew language.

During this century of revival of Hebrew as a spoken language, it has shown surprising adaptability in coping with the challenges of the modern world. It is used effectively in all forms of personal and mass communication: the economy, the army, science, education, commerce, sports and all other spheres.

Aharon Megged, an Israeli novelist, has summed this up: "The revival of the Hebrew language is not like Lazarus rising from the dead. It is more like the Sleeping Beauty awakened by the prince. She is not dead: she has only been dormant for a long time."

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Paintings, sculpture and weavings made at Jerusalem Elwyn's various art programs were exhibited and sold last winter at the Jerusalem Theatre in Israel.

Jerusalem Elwyn uses art to help handicapped express themselves

In her soul Ayala is an artist; in her thoughts she's a poet. "When I'm weaving I feel like I'm blossoming inside," she says softly.

Like other artists, Ayala wants people to enjoy her work; she also wants to be able to make a living from her weaving. Unlike other artists, however, Ayala is mentally handicapped For four years she has worked at the Millie Shime Centre of Jerusalem Elwyn, where, along with seven other clients of the centre, she weaves scarves and rugs using a complicated weaving loom.

Their products are sold at the centre and at some stores. All the artists receive a base salary plus a commission when one of their pieces is sold. Jerusalem Elwyn hopes that eventually its clients will be able to make their living solely from the sale of their work, but for now the salaries have to be subsidized.

The Philadelphia-based American Elwyn Association, which has been dealing with the mentally and physically disabled in the United States since 1852, established Jerusalem Elwyn by Israeli request almost ten years ago. Jerusalem Elwyn now serves over 710 clients from infants through adults in their numerous programs throughout the city. Programs include special education, an adult development centre, sheltered workshops, supported employment, vocational training, preschool programs, family counselling and outpatient diagonostic services.

Some people in the weaving workshop, such as Ayala and another 35-year old woman, are true artists who do embroidery and other crafts on their own at home, said Margalit Piller, the co-ordinator of rehabilitation services at Millie Shime, but most of the clients are in the workshop mainly because of their ability to work the loom, which requires hand and foot co-ordination.

The use of art — not only as work but also as therapy and as an enrichment activity — serves an important function at Jerusalem Elwyn. "It's part of the concept of individuality," says Avi Ramot, director of Jerusalem Elwyn. "If a person has artistic talent, and art is one of the things he loves, we give him a chance to do it."

For many of the clients at Jerusalem Elwyn, art is the one part of their lives over which they have total control. They can choose the colors they use, where to put the paint, the size and shape of the sculpture they make, and they can simply choose to work or not to work at any given time.

For many of the Jerusalem Elwyn clients who can't express themselves verbally, their sessions with an art therapist provide the outlet with which to communicate their problems — regardless of their artistic ability. The art therapy sessions often prove to be a catharsis for the clients, who are able to reveal past events or current problems to the therapist through their art work.

Ramot takes the role art can play in the lives of Jerusalem Elwyn's clients seriously. Hanging on a wall in front of his desk is a portrait drawn by a mentally disturbed woman. The woman in the painting seems just about to let out a horrific scream, and the colors are dark and the brush strokes harsh. But Ramot sees beauty in the picture. It is the first picture the woman drew which was not of skeletons and graveyards, and she gave it to him. "When I see this drawing I remember what a painting can reveal and what art can do for a person," he said.

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Hamiltonians join JNF tour

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The 37-strong Hamilton contingent of the recent Jewish Natonal Fund Mega Tour to Israel was "the largest, relatively" of all the Canadian groups, said the local Jerusalem emissary.

Yoram Gordon said the 37 Hamiltonians and 14 people from London and Windsor made up the largest group from southwestern Ontario ever. There were 330 Canadians on the tour.

The 12-day tour began in Tel Aviv and ended in Jerusalem.

There were a few highlights. Missy (Miriam) Morissa Cohen, daughter of Hamilton lawyer, Larry Cohen, had her bat mitzvah in the ancient synagogue on Masada.

The Cohen family group included Missy's grandparents Al and Pearl Cohen, brothers Joshua and Jonathan, and uncle Michael Cohen. Rabbi Bernard Baskin, rabbi emeritus of the Cohens' home congregation of Temple Anshe Sholom, officiated.

Fulfilled lifelong dream

At the tour's first Shabbat dinner at the Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv, former Londoner Ralph Waldman, now living in Haifa, was honored for his lifelong dedication and hard work on behalf of JNF.

Known as "Mr. JNF" when he lived in London, Ont., Waldman was in his 80s when he fulfilled a lifelong dream several years ago by making aliyah.

For the southwest Ontario contingent the tour itinerary included the dedication of the Eilat-Canada Project, the backbone of a housing and park project.

The parks, said Gordon, are now almost complete.

Among the major donors to the project are Herb and Cece Schreiber of Burlington, who were Hamilton's 1991 Negev Dinner honorees.

Part of the project is Canada Gardens. The gardens were dedicated by Ruth Atkinson of London, Ont., on her third consecutive JNF tour to Israel. Atkinson, who is not Jewish, donated $105,000 towards them.

And for Dundas mayor John Addison, there was a special side trip to Afula, which is twinned with Dundas, and where he was entertained by the mayor.

"Missy" Morissa (Miriam) Cohen and her grandmother, Pearl Cohen, at Missy's bat mitzvah in the ancient synagogue on Masada. [Jonathan Cohen photo]

JNF dedicates Alpert Lookout

TORONTO — The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has dedicated the Alpert Lookout at Tivon, Israel, in honor of Herbert and Patricia Alpert of Toronto.

Patricia is president of the Toronto JNF and a national vice-president of Hadassah WIZO Canada.

Tivon is a picturesque town overlooking the Jezreel Valley. The Lookout is an observation point at the edege of JNF's Shomrim Forest.

The dedication ceremony took place during the recent Mega Tour of Israel, an annual JNF trip. The Mayor of Tivon was a special guest and music was provided by local high school students.

The Alpert Lookout is one of a number of recent JNF projects beautifying the country and providing work for new immigrants.

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At the Alpert Lookout (from left) Avinoam Binder of JNF Jerusalem; JNF Canada executive vice-president Morris Zilka; Israel Ben-Haim, former shaliach to JNF Toronto; the mayor of Tivon; Patricia and Herbert Alpert; and JNF Toronto executive director Ben Prossin.

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Television series to focus on 11 of world's major faiths

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though the Holocaust severely shook his faith in God, a leading Orthodox scholar from New York said his faith is now stronger and deeper than ever.

"No heart is so whole as a broken heart, and no faith so strong as a broken faith," Rabbi Irving Greenburg said in a half-hour interview to be shown on Vision TV Tuesday, April 19 at 10.30 p.m.

The interview with Rabbi Greenburg, president of the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership, is part of the network's *Faith in the First Person* series, comprising 26 programs covering 11 of the world's major faiths.

To the question, "Where was God during the Holocaust?" Rabbi Greenburg replied: "God's agony over what happened must be beyond belief." Instead of criticizing God for his failure to stop the Holocaust, people should show "compassion" to God, he said.

The rabbi conceded that his own faith was shaken in 1961 when he was teaching American history in Israel and read accounts at Yad Vashem of the Holocaust. "My faith was shattered. There were days I couldn't believe what I was reading, I couldn't talk about it."

What particularly shook him, he said, were the accounts of the Nazis throwing children into burning pits to save the expense of killing them by other methods, and their decision to cut down on the amount of gas used in exterminating Jews, thus extending the agony of the victims. "And they did this, even though it was costing them only one-quarter of a cent per person for the gas. It cost only $6.75 for enough gas to kill 1,500 Jews.

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EYE ON ARTS

Pianist Robert Silverman, who performs Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No.5 (The Emperor)* at Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall April 16 and 17, is sometimes referred to as "the dean of Canadian pianists."

Silverman has been well-received by audiences in New York, London, Sydney, Budapest, Kiev, St. Petersburg and Hong Kong. "Brilliant" and "transcendent" are how critics often describe his playing, which won a Juno Award in 1991.

A native of Montreal, Silverman played with that city's symphony orchestra at age 14. He studied engineering for three years and earned a humanities degree before re-embarking on his musical career.

"My parents, being concerned with my future, didn't become stage parents and push me into music," he says. However, the recognition and top awards he drew as a pianist ultimately robbed the world of an engineer.

Now living in Vancouver, he is director of the School of Music at the University of British Columbia, and has more than a dozen recordings to his credit. Several years ago, after a performance of Rachmaninoff in Thunder Bay, Silverman sold his encores to raise money for the symphony, eliciting $11,666 in pledges from the audience.

He has also participated in benefits for synagogues and charities in Vancouver.

"I feel very conscious of being part of the Jewish community. I've always helped them when they've come to me." Silverman has performed often in Toronto, but never before at Roy Thomson Hall.

For his debut there, he performs the *Emperor Concerto* with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The concert also includes selections from Wagner, Barber and R. Strauss.

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A Shayna Maidel: Janese Kane, artistic producer of the upcoming *A Shayna Maidel*, began performing on radio and stage at age 13 in her native South Africa, and gained more theatrical experience after she came to Canada.

For years, she worked in the business world, then returned to the stage about eight years ago, trying her hand at producing and acting.

"This is the largest production I have ever worked on," she says of *A Shayna Maidel*, which opens at the North York Performing Arts Centre April 20.

An off-Broadway original, the play (by Barbara Lebow) deals with the reunion of two sisters in New York City after World War II. It contains some Yiddishisms but is almost entirely in English. It has seen successful runs in Israel, Belgium, Australia and the United States — more than 300 productions in all.

"Toronto is a major theatre centre and this is something that we absolutely deserve here," says Kane. Directed by Al Waxman, the Toronto production features Shannon Lawson and Sharon Bernbaum as the two sisters and Harvey Atkin as Mordechai. It is by far the most ambitious project undertaken by Kane's not-for-profit New Globe Theatre.

"Our object is not to make money but to put on good theatre," she says.

For tickets, call Ticketmaster (416-872-2222) or the theatre box office.

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At the Koffler Gallery: The Collector's Eye, a display of ceramics from the collection of Toronto arts lawyer Aaron Milrad, runs April 20 to June 1. Noted American ceramics artist Rudy Autio delivers an illustrated lecture April 28, 7:30 p.m.; tickets $20, students $15. An exhibition of folk paintings by Mayer Kirshenblatt, depicting Jewish life in Poland from 1920 to 1934, opens April 20. Meet the artist Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

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Jewish Composers on Broadway: Tenor Mark Dubois and mezzosoprano Gisele Fredette perform selections from *Les Miz*, *West Side Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof* at Holy Blossom Temple, Thursday May 5, 8 p.m. The evening also features a performance of Shabbat for Today, a contemporary Shabbat service on electronic instruments written by Gershon Kingsley.

For tickets, phone (416) 789-3291.

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New Israel Fund Screening: The Swedish film *Good Evening Mr. Wallenberg* makes its Toronto premiere at Toronto's Bloor Cinema Saturday April 30, 9 p.m. Tickets are $50, with proceeds to benefit the New Israel Fund's Israel Civil Liberties Law Program. The screening, which is part of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, is followed by a dessert reception with speaker Carol Younes.

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Dance at Harbourfront Centre: The Belgian dancer Rosas, the Nederlands Dans Theater 3 troupe, and the modern Doug Elkins Dance Company and Momix are among the artists in Harbourfront Centre's recently announced 1994-95 dance season, which opens in late September.

Harbourfront's dance curator is Cathy Levy, known for producing the Canada Dance Festival in Ottawa and for co-chairing Dancers for Life, an annual fundraiser for AIDS. A former British Columbian, Levy was special events co-ordinator for the Canada Pavilion during Expo '86.

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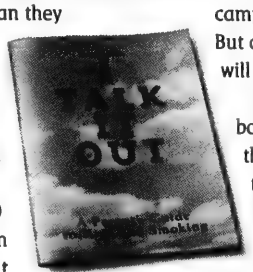

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By BERNARD BASKIN

How We Die by Sherwin B. Nuland (Random House $31.50)

"Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Adam, the first great benefactor of our race. He brought death into the world." These sentiments of Mark Twain are not widely shared. Most persons, no matter how old, believe that they can live at least one more year. When George Burns in his early nineties was asked how he regarded death, he responded, "I don't believe in it."

Sherwin Nuland, a Yale University Professor of Medicine, doesn't regard the physical process of dying with equanimity. He asserts that it is usually "a messy business" and that, if we know the truth about how we die, we can rid ourselves of both our fears and our false expectations. He writes, "Only by a frank discussion of the very details of dying can we best deal with those aspects that frighten us the worst." By becoming familiar with the common patterns of serious illness we are better prepared to make intelligent decisions about continuing treatment for ourselves and our loved ones — or calling it quits.

Universal processes

The author discusses the most common causes of death — heart attack, old age, Alzheimer's, violence, AIDS and cancer — and with unrelenting honesty and unsettling detail, describes precisely what happens to the shocked or disintegrating body. He chooses these six categories for discussion because they "have characteristics that are representative of certain universal processes that we all experience as we are dying."

Where suicide among the elderly is concerned, he is sure that a large number kill themselves because they suffer from "quite remediable" depression. With proper medication and therapy most would be relieved of the cloud of despair that envelopes them.

On the other hand, he is sympathetic to the decision of an elderly Harvard physicist dying of cancer to kill himself, and concurs with the scientist's declaration, "When the ultimate end is inevitable, as it now appears to be, the individual has the right to ask his doctor to end it for him." Of course, he is well aware, of the moral and legal difficulties involved in such a decision.

The AIDS patient, he asserts, is suffering from such a baffling array of medical problems that the doctors and caretakers must be filled with a sense of "awestruck gratitude" that so much has already been accomplished. Nonetheless, a cure seems distant and no matter "the perseverance and moral strength so many patients muster in the face of lethal certainty, the pitiless process by which they die is dispiriting anew with every re-enactment."

Unrelentingly realistic

In sharp contrast to his cold, clinical accounts of the process of dying, is his description of the decline and death of the beloved grandmother with whom he shared a bedroom until he was in his late teens; as well as the story of his well-intentioned mismanagement of the care of his older brother when he was dying of cancer.

In summing up his philosophy of life and death, Nuland makes clear that the art of dying is the art of living. As a Jew he commends the traditional phrase recited at funerals, "May his or her memory serve as a blessing." It is not in the last weeks or days that we compose the message by which we will be remembered, but in all the decades that preceded them. "Those who live in dignity will die in dignity."

This book is wise and helpful — and unrelentingly realistic. It teaches that you have to learn to do everything, even to die, and it echoes the truth in the well known poem by Dylan Thomas, "We do not go gently into that good night."

Salsberg's a perfect Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gerry Salsberg makes the long journey from Anatevka to Bathurst Street a triumphal homecoming as he stars in *Fiddler on the Roof* which runs at Leah Posluns Theatre until May 1.

If ever a role was created for the 45-year-old Toronto actor it was the quarrelsome and lovable Tevye the dairyman and Salsberg reached deep into his acting bag to reveal hidden skills. He may not be a Caruso when it comes to hitting the high notes, but the mannerisms of the man who has long soliloquies with his creator were perfect.

Around him, a cast of 35 sing, dance and argue their way through a splendid production of a play that is timeless in its depiction of the ability of the Jewish people to deflect adversity with humor.

"I've worked with Nehemiah Persoff and Herschel Bernardi in the role of Tevye, and Gerry Salsberg is my favorite," said director Reva Stern, who produced *Fiddler* at Leah Posluns in 1982 with Persoff in the title role.

(Stern dedicated her work in the current play to the memory of her mother, Anne Stern, a life-long theatre devotee who died a week before the play went into rehearsal. It was her favorite musical.)

Leah Posluns Theatre is almost a second home to Salsberg who has trod the boards there eight other times. But this time it was truly his night and he reveled in the role. "Friends who saw me in the shower at the Y ridiculed the idea that I would play Tevye," he said after the opening show. "They said I was too thin. What a compliment!"

On stage, as he pulls his wagon because his horse has a sore left leg, Salsberg actually looks portly without any padding, because his shirt and trousers billow out. He is, indeed, the perplexed father of five unmarried daughters who wonders why he can't be a rich man with a seat by the eastern wall in the synagogue.

Stern has scaled down the current *Fiddler* from its 1982 version, not in numbers of dancers and villagers, but to fit it more to the Chagall painting type of setting that she feels the original Sholom Aleichem stories had in mind. The sets by Samantha Burson do this admirably.

"I wanted more movement, a kind of leprechaun atmosphere, and an avoidance of too much sentimentality," Stern said.

This approach of toning down builds up the central character of Tevye, but it has its deficits too. For instance, Miriam Newhouse plays the matchmaker Yente without that broad, florid edge that endears the character to generations of theatregoers. Jack Duffy, in the role of the rabbi, minces rather than swaggers, giving the impression that he is doing a minimalist version of the role.

Gerry Salsberg as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof.

The boorish Lazar Wolf, the butcher, played by Allan Price, is not nearly as odious and repugnant as an old bridegroom for Tzeitel as he could be.

On the other hand, as Tevye would say, Alon Nashman, as Motel the tailor, though still acting in a restrained manner, rises above the crowd to give the role solid credibility, his sallow complexion and fragile build adding to his appeal as a diffident suitor. He is one of the play's real surprises.

As Golde, Tevye's wife, Deedee Langford clears the decks for Salsberg to be the star, the only quibble being that she hardly looks older than her older daughters. When Hodel complains that Yente's proposed suitor is bald, Golde says, "If you want hair, marry a monkey."

James Vezina as the leering innkeeper Mordcha adds a nice note of malice and Raquel Duffy contributes a fine voice and shining countenance as Hodel who marries the revolutionary student Perchik from Kiev played with suitable conviction by Steven Gallagher. "The Bible says you must never trust an employer," Perchik tells Hodel.

Fiddler is sure to attract full houses in these days when Jews are reminded day by day of their history. And it deserves them.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

"Harpo Marx, having played a mute in all his films, was probably the most articulate of all the Marx brothers," declares Barbara McGurn as we sit in the Oak Room of New York's famed Algonquin Hotel, awaiting the entrance of cabaret performer K.T. Sullivan.

The next moment McGurn, who is equal parts literary scholar and hotel publicist, launches into an anecdote about the young Tallulah Bankhead, whose family put her up at the Algonquin and asked its manager, Frank Case, to watch over her. "Frank Case said, 'I can either run a hotel or keep an eye on Tallulah — not both.' "

About Dorothy Parker, who lived at the hotel in the 1920s and was part of its legendary Round Table, the well-read McGurn waxes almost poetic. "My feeling is that Parker and [Robert] Benchley were really of their time. Her poetry was wonderful. I think she's a cult figure among women. Adolescent girls feel about Parker and her poetry the way adolescent boys feel about *Catcher In The Rye*."

Though her conversation roves to Franklin P. Adams, Noel Coward, William Faulkner, Edna Ferber, F. Scott Fitzgerald, George S. Kaufman, Sinclair Lewis, Harold Ross, Robert Sherwood, Gertrude Stein, Alexander Woollcott and other writers associated with the hotel and its famed literary circle, McGurn keeps returning to the subject of Dorothy Parker, like a hummingbird intoxicated by the bittersweet nectar of Parker's ironic and sometimes caustic wit.

Brevity, according to this witty epigrammatic writer, "is the soul of lingerie." Understanding, said she, consists of "mutual praise and pity." And Love? "Quicksilver in the hand/ Leave the fingers open and it stays in the palm; clutch it and it darts away." Regarding the sexes, she perceived that "Woman wants monogamy; man delights in novelty/ Love is woman's moon and sun; man has other forms of fun/ Woman lives but in her lord; count to ten and man is bored." And it was Parker who made the oft-quoted if somewhat myopic observation: "Men seldom make passes/ At girls who wear glasses."

Daughter of a Jewish father, Dorothy Rothschild Parker (1893-1967) is especially topical right now, says McGurn, because this is the centenary year of her birth and because director Robert Altman is currently producing a cinematic biography of her for release later this year.

British intrigued by Round Table

"As you get older you understand what she was talking about — love, the ruefulness of it all... You see how insightful her poetry was, how she understood about life as a woman. However, I don't think she was a feminist."

The British are especially intrigued by the Round Table, says McGurn, possibly because of parallels to British literary circles like Bloomsbury or the Mermaid Tavern of Elizabethan times. "In Shakespeare's day, I don't think there were any women at the Mermaid Tavern, unless they were wenches. The Mermaid was certainly a collection of wits but on a cruder level, I'm sure. They weren't quite so genteel as at the Algonquin." Edna Ferber once wrote of the Round Table: "Their standards were high, their vocabulary fluent, fresh, astringent and very, very tough. Theirs was a tonic influence, one on the other, and all on the world of American letters. The people they could not and would not stand were the bores, hypocrites, sentimentalists and the socially pretentious. They were ruthless toward charlatans, toward the pompous and the mentally and artistically dishonest. Casual, incisive, they had a terrible integrity about their work and a boundless ambition." This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Round Table, and McGurn says she is "agitating" for two historical plaques, one outside the hotel and another in the Rose Room where a multitude of famous Round Table ripostes first resounded. "We're a cultural landmark as well as an architectural landmark," she says. "The Plaza and the Waldorf Astoria are also architectural landmarks, and while I don't want to disparage either of those establishments, neither would call itself a cultural landmark."

According to *Literary New York: A History And Guide* by Susan Edmiston and Linda D. Cirino (McGraw Hill, 1976; reprinted 1991), "There is a myth that anything written at the Algonquin must be a success. Perhaps in hope, if not belief, many writers — including Tennessee Williams, John Updike, Bruce Catton, Peter De Vries, Gore Vidal, Graham Greene, Gunter Grass, Art Buchwald, Thornton Wilder and John Osborne — still stay at the hotel."

Although the Rose Room has been lovingly restored, McGurn readily admits that its historic centrepiece has not survived. "We literally lost the Round Table. Don't forget, this was a functioning hotel. It wasn't somebody's home. If you have a table and the legs go, you replace it. Had we known, we would have had it repaired."

Small and cosy, and elegantly decorated in the Edwardian fashion, the Algonquin Hotel is located at 59 W. 44th St. in Manhattan, telephone, (212) 840-6800. Rates for its 165 rooms and suites begin at about $195 (US).

Trek to Venezuela is not for the timid

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

I was intrigued by the adventure promised in Explore Worldwide's literate catalogue.

It seemed ideal for my needs, holding out the promise of a physically invigorating vacation, with hearty campfire meals, in a sufficiently exotic locale at a reasonable price.

I settled for Explore's three-week holiday in Venezuela, The Lost World, an expedition by four-wheel-drive Landcruiser, plane, canoe and foot through virgin rainforests and up a mythic table mountain.

Since Explore Worldwide is a British company, I was not surprised that all but three of the 14 participants were Brits. Apart from myself, there was a Canadian from British Columbia and an Irish woman from Belfast. We ranged in age from 23 to 69, largely single, middle-class men and women.

Colin was a TV editor; Elaine, a nurse; Anita, a student nurse; Steve, a warehouse clerk; Myles, a mineral planner; Andrew, an economist; Anne-Marie, an employment counsellor; Naomi, an artist; Jess, an art dealer; Mark, an English teacher; Lara, a student; Derek, a retired businessman; and Sue, his wife, a former teacher and secretary.

The group was led by Michael Westphal, a German national married to a Venezuelan, and Anthony Rivas Merrill, a Canadian resident of Caracas. The cook-cum-funnyman was Tony, a portly fellow who amused everyone.

After a debriefing, the tour got under way with a flight from Caracas to Ciudad Bolivar, a charming colonial city on the Orinoco River. From there, we were flown by chartered aircraft to Kamarata, a dusty Indian village on the edge of the jungle.

The trip to Kamarata was via Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall. We flew over dessicated plains, unbroken jungle, snaking rivers and cloud-shrouded mountains sprouting a profusion of miniature waterfalls. From the window of the Antonov, Angel Falls, disappointingly, was an unimpressive trickle. During the rainy reason, however, it is a raging torrent worthy of its name.

The following day, we were driven to Kavak, an Indian village of conical thatched huts within walking distance of a thundering waterfall which empties into a cool, secluded pool in the pristine rainforest. What a sight! What an experience!.

The five-day idyll down the Akanan and Carrao, with their occasional rapids and whirlpools, was supremely relaxing. We saw flights of butterflies, turtles dozing on logs, one Anaconda snake and periodic Indian outposts. And, of course, there was always time for swimming.

We attempted to reach the base of Angel Falls via the Churun, a tributary of the Carrao. But we failed, the water level being too low.

The canoe trip ended in the indolent resort of Canaima, which is accessible only by boat or plane. On the last leg to Canaima, we donned life jackets for the whitewater rapids descent.

With its lagoon, multiple waterfalls, palm trees and sandy beach, Canaima enabled us to gather our strength for the challenge of Roraima.

Nearly 3,000 metres in elevation, Roraima rises from the lush forest floor of the Guyana Shield. Steeped in Indian lore, and mythologized by novelist Arthur Conan Doyle, Roraima is a behemoth.

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We slept in the open, under majestic skies sprinkled with stars.

On the third day of the trek, beneath the sheer rock face of Roraima, we began the hike to the summit. The ascent, which was moderate to strenuous, took us through a lovely rainforest pitted with boulders.

The top of Roraima resembled a desert but was really an immense bog, framed by eerie black rock formations and craggy canyons, a prehistoric landscape of bleak beauty often obscured by chilly fog.

We spent the night in the "hotel," a rock overhang, and the following day, we observed the flora — the tiny orchids, the wispy lichen, the carnivorous plants, the twisted trees.

We also rock-climbed, and some of us planted ourselves on the edge of the precipice with a breathtaking view of the undulating countryside.

The hardiest made a demanding full-day hike to the Triple Frontier, where the borders of Venezuela, Brazil and Guyana converge. The rest were content to walk to Roraima's crystal pools and bathe in its bracing waters.

Our last, lazy hours in Venezuela unfolded on an isolated tropical beach in Tacarigua La Laguna, a three- hour drive from Caracas.

Tending to blisters, insect bites and aching calves and knees, we unanimously agreed that this had been a great, perhaps once-in-a-lifetime, summer camp-like holiday, brimming with camaraderie and, naturally, adventure.

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Wilderness retreat beckons

By MARC HUBER
Special to the CJN

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This season, the look is quite simple, which is very flattering for all figure types. The color palettes range from earth tones to navys and blacks, which are accented by reds, yellows, and greens.

Classic suits are being shown with both long and short jackets, depending on the customer's proportions and the look she wants to achieve.

Weekend wear styles are more fluid. Long vests and shirts accompany palazzo pants and flowing skirts. This season designers are showing styles that convey the look of casual comfort and elegance. Many natural fibres are being used.

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Matana Judaica expands

Within four short years of opening MATANA Judaica, owners Naomi Raanani and Riva Green have seen their business expand to the point where they have moved from their original location to spacious new facilities in the Toys R Us plaza at Steeles and Hilda.

As implied by the store's name, Matana emphasizes their wide selection of giftware including seder plates, mezuzot, kiddush cups and menorahs. Many artist pieces are represented in ceramic, glass and ketubot (marriage contracts). Bar/bat mitzvah and bridal registration is available.

A wide variety of books, both religious and secular, for children as well as grown-ups are available. These include fiction and non-fiction, books for bar/bat mitzvah presents, reference and coffeetable books.

Toys, games, cassettes and CDs for adults and children from around the world are on display. Holidays are a special time with expanded displays including Etrogim and decorations for Sukkot, costumes for Purim and flags for Yom Ha'atzmaut.

In the community Matana is represented at book fairs within the Jewish day schools. Naomi and Riva focus on the customer service side of their business and strive to make Matana a friendly place to visit.

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Business Briefs

Optimistic Economic Growth

TEL AVIV — Economic growth will be close to 5 to 6 per cent per annum over the next three years, predicts Amiram Sivan, chairman of Bank Hapoalim's board of management.

Sivan said his optimistic growth forecast is dependent on government policy.

At a Tel Aviv press conference, he said a change in the government's export policy or any other factor will influence the growth rate.

"There is an ongoing dispute on whether the growth rate will be 3 - 4 per cent or 5 to 6 per cent, I think growth will be closer to the higher figure," said Sivan.

"The year 1994 will be characterized by a higher growth rate than in 1993. In 1994, various sectors, including the construction sector will grow at a faster rate than in 1993," he said.

"I think the arguments are very theoretical. We see the data for the first three months of the year, and we are a bank that can judge these sectors better than any other institution."

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Tafnukim Plans Factory

ISRAEL — Tafnukim, Amir Paper Products - Disposable Diapers plans to establish an adult diapers manufacturing facility at an investment of $4 million.

The project is in the framework of a long-term cooperation agreement with the US-based Confab, a major sanitary products manufacturer.

Tafnukim and Confab will set up a factory based on U.S. know-how and both companies' research and development efforts. In addition, Tafnukim will distribute Confab's products on the local market under the Surety label.

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Lead Underwriters For FEPZ

ISRAEL — American businessmen behind the establishment of the Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ) announced that Merrill Lynch will join Salomon Brothers as lead underwriters for the development of the zone.

Salomon Brothers agreed to underwrite the effort about a month ago, said David Yerushalmi, chairman of the Israel Export Development Co.

Yerushalmi added that Merrill Lynch waited to join to see how the legislation establishing the FEPZ was faring. Final FEPZ legislation is expected to be approved at the end of the month.

Yerushalmi said something is being worked out on the issue of foreign financial services that will be included in the final FEPZ legislation.

Yerushalmi has contended that foreign financial services are essential to the FEPZ's operations, while the Bank of Israel has opposed them for fear they may undermine its control of banking activities.

Yerushalmi said that "we've turned the corner", and the final bill will include foreign financial services language to the liking of all parties, including the Bank of Israel.

The following business briefs were supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto (416) 961-1242.

Unemployment Rate Breaks

ISRAEL — Israel's unemployment statistics have cracked the 10 per cent barrier.

After sticking stubbornly above 10 per cent for the first three quarters of last year, the unemployment rate dropped to nine per cent for the final quarter of 1993. It had been as high as 11 per cent the year before.

What's behind the country's better job prospects? Gross National Product growth is a significant factor, as is last year's partial closure of the territories, which forced employers to hire Israelis rather than Palestinians.

The bad news is an immigration decline. With fewer olim, there were fewer men and women looking for work.

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Prescription for Success

UNITED STATES — Based on last year's profit results, the economic diagnosis for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries is not just healthy — it's robust.

Teva reported an 81 per cent profit increase over 1992, based largely on the activities of Lemmon, its American subsidiary. Lemmon is heavily involved in generic drugs.

Teva's worldwide sales totaled $502 million last year, with only about 20 per cent coming from Israel.

The company, which trades in New York on NASDAQ, has been pumping millions into research and plant improvements to increase its production capacity.

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Fast Food Fights

ISRAEL — Israel is quickly becoming a hamburger heaven.

In May, Burger King will be opening five kosher outlets in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Raanana, Netanya and Kiryat Bialik in the Haifa region.

However, Burger King, which is franchised to Rikmor, an Israeli company, could find the quickly expanding fast food market tough to penetrate. McDonald's just opened its own restaurant. Then there's McDavid, Wimpy's and Pizza Hut to worry about.

Burger King is banking on a seemingly unlimited Israeli fascination with a quick fix for hungry stomachs.

Rikmor will be investing more than $1.65 million in its five Burger King branches.

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Preparing for Pilgrims

ISRAEL — Israel's Ministry of Tourism is setting up a special Christian pilgrimage department.

Israel believes the Pope's visit in May will lead the way for the country's largest ever ingathering of pilgrims.

Israeli tourist offices around the world have been aggressively marketing the Holy Land as a prime pilgrimage destination for some time.

It is, in fact, possible for tourists in Israel to trace, step by step, the origins of Christianity.

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Speedier Privatization for El Al

TEL AVIV — El Al's flight into private hands will be a quicker one than first anticipated.

The government is selling over half of El Al's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in two stages.

Funds raised will be used for aircraft and equipment upgrading.

Technically, El Al is still in receivership, but the airline showed a healthy profit last year.

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TIPS FROM PROS

By LEON BOOKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — You will not get very far in your chosen career if you do not have some basic knowledge about how to deal with and motivate people.

Here are some suggestions for improving your capacity to motivate people. Each one should and can be integrated into your daily behavior. These are not one-shot cure-alls, but taken as a whole, they add up to effective motivation.

Never belittle people. No person likes thinking others regard him or her as stupid. Reprimand an employee using any other term — lax, lazy, indifferent, sloppy — but call them stupid and you will destroy their initiative.

Never criticize a employee in front of others. Everyone knows this is a cardinal sin, but few managers practice it. The temptation is there. When you have to criticize someone make sure no one is around to hear you. Take the person aside, say what you have to say in a polite, firm manner, making sure the employee understands what you are criticizing him or her for.

No one wants to work without an objective. When individuals know they are being evaluated according to a single, fair standard, they have a target to shoot for. They can modify their performance accordingly and try to meet that standard. If your standards are unfair or erratic, employees will try to beat the game.

Be aware of you own biases and prejudices towards people. All of us have biases and prejudices; no one is completely devoid of them. The question is, are you aware of them? Do you allow them to interfere with your evaluation of a person's performance?

Give praise when praise is due. Praise, when deserved, is one of the best motivators. It is especially helpful when you praise someone where they have tried and have done a good job, particularly a difficult job handled well. Avoid praising every little thing your employees do for it will quickly lose meaning.

Keep your employees informed. You don't have to tell every company secret, of course, but it is an evidence of regard to inform employees of matters in which they have a direct interest. It's another way of showing your concern.

Motivation destroyed by doubt

Motivate by example. I have never seen a successful motivator who was not himself or herself highly motivated. You motivate by example. Employees like to feel they are living up to an image of their boss, particularly when the boss is devoted to the job of making the company successful.

Show concern. You must be sufficiently attuned to the fact that each one of your employees is concerned about their own future and their own self. You must make them feel you too are concerned about them personally and their families. Go out of your way to help. This means more than merely doing favors for your people. Frequently it might mean criticizing the person you care about and want to help.

Be willing to learn from others. When an employee comes to you with an idea or suggesion, give them an honest audience. Listen to what they have to say. By listening you will motivate them into thinking for themselves and you may learn a thing or two yourself, which when applied for practical purposes will further motivate the individual.

Demonstrate confidence. If you have any doubt about your department, your staff, your projects, your company, review them alone and in private. Exhibiting doubt completely destroys motivation. If you, the leader, is afraid, what is left to inspire followers?

Delegate. Delegate to those competent around you as much of your work load as possible. Let them revel in their own success.

Finally — you can buy a person's time, you can buy their physical presence at a given place, you can buy a measured number of skilled muscular motions, but you cannot buy enthusiasm, loyalty or the devotion of minds and souls. You have to earn these things. Being an effective motivator will help immeasurably.

Leon Bookman has been involved in human resources for more than 50 years. He is a specialist on management development and has been active as a teacher, consultant, special curriculum advisor, writer and speaker.

Keeping a step ahead in today's job market

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While many economists contend that the recession is over, long lines at unemployment offices around the country seem to dispute this belief.

The few available positions that are advertised swamp potential employers with thousands of resumes. The fax runs continuously and the phone never stops ringing. Once the application deadline has passed, the initial screening process begins. How do you make your resume stand out among the masses?

Finding a job is hard, sophisticated work and no one knows this better than Sandy Wise of Sandy Wise Consulting. She is a human resource and career consultant in Toronto, who has plenty of advice for the frustrated unemployed.

When applying for a position, Wise says most people submit a two-page summary that categorizes their skills and highlights certain qualifications. Real work experience is also included. This is called the functional resume format.

"Let's take a look at those functional skills [and broaden them]. You have to be able to show an employer how you work," Wise says, adding that virtually all skills can be transferred out of the work environment or into it.

In essence, the resume should present your personality and values about work, as well as describing what you like to do, she says. It should also look and sound like you. For example, while a policy writer wouldn't jazz up his application, a computer expert may take the opportunity to show off some of his creative skills. Do not use resume jargon; employers don't trust it, Wise says.

With the emphasis that is placed on the resume and cover letter, it was surprising to learn that many don't land a job through such means. Networking, an almost irritating buzzword of the '90s, in conjunction with the resume, is the key.

Wise says that she spends an entire session with clients teaching them the finer points of networking. This process involves obtaining personal feedback from at least three honest friends and tapping industry experts for information about the sector. However, if a meeting was arranged specifically to gather information, Wise warns against asking for a job at the same time.

Interview techniques and communication skills is another session given before Wise helps set a personal job search plan for her clients. This final step provides potential career options, information research, industry sectors to pursue and the enhancement of personal support networks.

As the eyes and ears of the job industry, Wise says that employers today are just as stressed as the employees. "No one feels safe," Wise says, citing taxes and government legislation as two reasons.

Sandy Wise

Employers are not only working harder themselves, they are also demanding more time and effort from their employees. In order to gain some security, Wise says, many are turning the age-old idea of cottage industries into reality. For example, a salesperson may try the mail order business on the side.

"The nine to five job ideal is gone. To feel confident, people have to learn not to limit themselves. They must broaden their skills and training," Wise says.

The small business sector may soon be the salvation of the economy. Wise stresses that such enterprises will do much to provide jobs and training in the future.

Wise's assessment of the economy is not a positive one and she says unemployment will continue. "There may be new opportunities in the construction sector but manufacturing will never be back to where it was. Cutbacks in the health industry will continue right across the country, as this is the only place to squeeze because of cutbacks to grants.

"More people will lose their jobs — not as many as now — and the unemployment will shift to different sectors," she says, citing growth in areas such as technology, diagnostic procedures in the health industries and the service sector.

Wise has over 20 years experience in career planning, training and development and employment equity community development. Her academic training in adult education and counselling is combined with a strong foundation of knowledge and experience in all work-related issues for individuals, groups and organizations.

Her clients include organizations in the public and private sector, providing consultation to all levels of staff and managers. Her seminars and workshops encompass a variety of subjects from equity issues to public advocacy workshops to stress management. The next of Wise's workshops, which run once a month, will begin by the end of April.

The Coaching Clinic breaks old habits to form new ones

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In our never-ending quest for self-improvement, we look to experts for advice. The kind of advice that comes fast and furious these days in the form of self-help books, audio and video-tapes, motivational seminars, and training courses.

Recently, a company with a fresh approach has appeared on the Toronto scene. It's called The Coaching Clinic and it's modelled on a format that purports to provide training advantages not found anywhere else.

Whether you want to learn how to market yourself more professionally, build better relationships, parent more effectively or deal with stress more intelligently, The Coaching Clinic offers new strategies and practical ways to be a better person in 10 months.

But why do North Americans need constant support and training?

"The answer," says founder Jerome Shore, "is simple. We now need to become much more self-reliant in order to succeed in the workplace. There are so many more of us on our own without the support systems that we once relied on."

Jerome Shore

Shore left advertising to start The Coaching Clinic. Participants meet in small groups for three-hour workshops once a month. He says the workshops offer six important advantages over other types of training: "it's time effective, it's cumulative, it's cost-effective, it's highly focused, it's practical and down-to-earth, and it's supportive."

Shore himself leads a clinic, Marketing Your Professional Service. Students have 10 monthly half-day sessions in which they learn to break old habits and form new ones.

Aside from acquiring useful information and expert advice, these groups all involve a special kind of bonding. "In Gloria Steinem's *The Revolution From Within*, she talks about how society used to have a natural affinity to forming groups. There were quilting bees for women. And men hung around in barbershops.

"Today, we tend to be much more isolated. By coming into contact with others who share the same challenges and similar goals, we develop a support system and have the opportunity to hear ideas from other people — elements that are crucial to achieving success," says Shore.

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The Young Forum — established six months ago to encourage the development of Israeli business people — at one of their most important meetings to date. The group met with Israel's State President Ezer Weizman. The average age of the group's members is 27 although some are as young as 20. A spokesman for the organization said that with a meeting with the president under their belt, each member will have a head start over the competition when it comes to networking. This photo shows Weizman with a delegation from the group at his residence in Jerusalem. Weizman urged members to return in a year's time to deliver a progress report of their activities.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — The old adage "everybody loves a bargain" has never been truer than during the recession. Bargain hunting has turned into a serious hobby for many and a means of survival for some.

Wendy and Stuart Teperman, owners of Contents Connection understand this bargain mentality very well — their 5-year-old business just keeps growing as the population's disposable income continues to diminish and bankruptcies rise in number.

What began as a natural extension to Stuart's role in his family demolition business and Wendy's real estate career has ultimately turned into a two-tiered business venture which includes on-site estate and content sales, as well as a 3,000 square foot showroom filled with resale furniture, gift items and accessories.

"Five years ago, we both decided that we wanted to do something different," explains Wendy. "Stuart was in a business that was connected with the liquidation of businesses, and I was dealing with people who were downsizing from homes to condos. In both cases, our customers needed help in selling their furniture and accessories. We had just the right experience and contacts to make it work."

The Tepermans point out that while many resale or second-hand shops have opened for business in the past several years, Contents Connection has kept its competitive edge by offering services at many levels. Their relationship with customers begins by providing a fair market appraisal of the customer's goods. The company will then conduct the sale, sell the more valuable leftover pieces in their showroom and organize a charity to pick up those pieces that aren't saleable. They'll also arrange to have the home cleaned after the sale and will take care of the sale of the property. Other services include offering customers decorating ideas and furnishing homes for corporate executives.

"We try to be sensitive to our customers and to help them throughout the entire process because in many cases we're dealing with the belongings of a family member who has passed away or with a customer who has gone bankrupt and is being forced to sell everything. But many of our customers are simply downsizing because the kids have left home and they have an excess of furniture," says Wendy.

"For the consumer market, buying resale items has not only become important for those whose budgets are tight. It's actually become a chic way to shop," says Wendy. "People have become more knowledgeable about furniture and know quality when they see it outside a fancy furniture shop. We also provide an opportunity for customers to furnish their homes in older styles such as a '50's decor — styles that can't be found elsewhere."

Entrepreneur's achievements exceed his expectations

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Until Lawrence Bloomberg co-founded First Marathon Inc., he said there were no Jewish owners of Canadian brokerage firms that sold stocks and bonds to banks, trust companies and insurance companies.

Started in 1979 by Bloomberg and three of his colleagues from a Toronto brokerage with under a million shares, First Marathon had revenues of $180 million last year. The company, with 350 employees worldwide, currently trades more blocks of Canadian securities than any other company in the world.

Bloomberg told members of the Young Business Network of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) gathered at the Toronto Stock Exchange recently that he became an entrepreneur because he realized he would never get rich working for someone else.

The first year the foursome planned to make $1.5 million in revenue, a realistic goal according to Bloomberg, since each of them had made at least $300,000 to $400,000 yearly at their jobs. Business turned out to be much better than expected.

"In the first year instead of making $1.5 million revenue we made $1.5 million profit and we never looked back," he said.

Bloomberg, president, CEO and director of First Marathon, attributes the company's success to the superior service it offers, including product research he says is better than other institutional firms, a hiring policy that brings in only the best people and low overhead.

Keeping the company lean means there are no base salaries for production staff, among them investment bankers, traders and analysts. "It intimidates some and causes some not to want to join the company," said Bloomberg. "In fact, everyone that has joined us has done so much better than they've done anyplace else."

First Marathon went public in 1984 at a time when the securities industry looked like it would become more capital intensive, and "if you didn't have capital you weren't going to be able to play."

Manufacturing opportunities

First Marathon played with a variety of ventures, including a discount brokerage sold last year to the Toronto-Dominion Bank. The company is developing its investment banking, and wants to expand its trading network of independent U.S. brokerage.

International markets are the key to success for both private and public companies today, said Bloomberg. "You've got to go outside this market, because this market is too small."

He noted there are great opportunities in Canadian manufacturing for those with an eye on international markets, adding that raising capital in Canada is easy. If you are smart, he said, you should be able to build a profitable business.

As the co-chair of this year's UJA Operation Exodus campaign, Bloomberg spoke of the importance of community work and the need for Jewish leadership.

Bloomberg promoted the tangible benefits of community work for business people, including the opportunity to establish a network of contacts. "I think for those who get involved in community work you're viewed a little differently, not just as a businessman-warrior, but as having a softer side, and in the long run that helps you tremendously in your business," he said.

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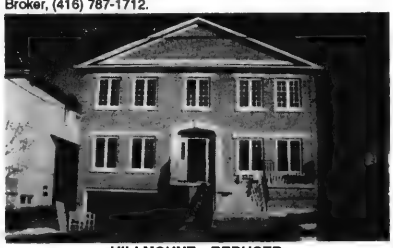

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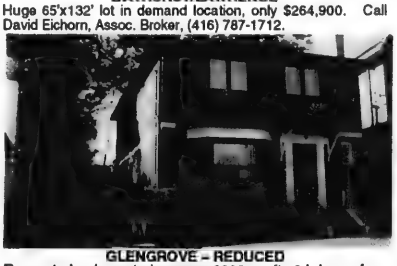

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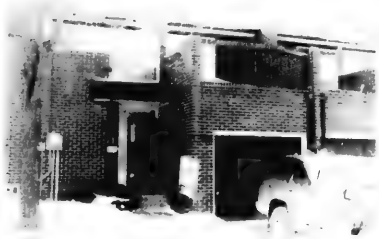

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Akler, Samuel on April 2, 1994, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Blatt, Mendel on March 31, 1994, late of 243 Codsell Ave.
Cutler, Eva on April 3, 1994, late of 4455 Bathurst St., #220
David, Lily on April 2, 1994
Donsky, Rose on April 3, 1994
Douglas, Steven on March 31, 1994
Gavendo, Fay on March 29, 1994
Goodman, Isidore Arthur on March 30, 1994, late of 90 Fisherville Rd. #208
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Jerusalem, the Holy City and eternal Capital of Israel, retains its aura of sanctity and welcomes a constant stream of pilgrims of all faiths. The contemporary city of Be'er Sheva (Beersheba) stands at the threshold of the Negev Desert, as it did in the days of the Patriarch Abraham. Eilat, Israel's outlet to the Red Sea, is again a busy seaport, as it was during the reign of King Solomon. Besides its religious and historical sites, Israel has much to offer the tourist - vast stretches of clean, sunny beaches, modern cities and hotels, kibbutzim (collective villages), theatres and nightclubs, health resorts and colourful markets - all within a compact geographic microcosm: only a few hours travelling time separates the sun-warmed seashores and the snow-capped mountains, the lush forests and the scenic desert scape. Israel is indeed a rich and varied bouquet of attractions.

The State of Israel

The independent State of Israel was proclaimed on May 14, 1948. Israel is a parliamentary democracy. Its 120-member unicameral legislature, the Knesset, is elected by universal suffrage according to the proportional representation system. The government is administered by the Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister. The official Head of State is the President, elected by the Knesset for a five-year term.

Geography

Israel is a Middle Eastern continental crossroads, bounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Great Syrian-African Rift to the east and the Red Sea to the south, sharing its borders with Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. The northern and central part of Israel, where most of the population is concentrated, is divided into three distinct longitudinal sectors: The Coastal Plain, to the west, including the major urban centres of Tel Aviv and Haifa; The Valley Region, to the east, with the Jordan River linking the two inland seas (the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea). The mountain range in Central Israel, incorporating the Hills of Galilee, Samaria and Judea, including the capital, Jerusalem. In the northeast rise of Golan Heights and snow-capped Mt. Hermon, while the Southern Region comprises the Negev and Arava Deserts, which constitute much of the country's land area, including Be'er Sheva, capital of the Negev, and Eilat on the Red Sea.
Altitudes vary from 2,224 m. (7,296 ft.) at Mt. Hermon to -392 m. (-1,286 ft.) at the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth.

Climate

Israel enjoys long, warm, dry summers (April-October) and generally mild winters (November-March), with somewhat drier, cooler weather in hilly regions, such as Jerusalem and Safed. Even in winter, spells of rain are interspersed with brilliant sunshine.

Average Temperatures

		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Jerusalem	C	6-11	7-14	8-16	12-21	15-25	17-27	19-29	19-29	18-28	16-26	12-19	8-14
	F	43-53	44-57	47-61	53-69	60-77	63-81	66-84	66-86	65-82	60-78	54-67	47-56
Tel Aviv	C	9-18	9-19	10-20	12-22	17-25	19-28	21-30	22-30	20-31	15-28	12-25	9-19
	F	49-65	48-66	51-69	54-72	63-77	67-83	70-86	72-86	69-89	59-83	54-76	47-66
Haifa	C	8-17	9-18	8-21	13-26	15-25	18-28	20-30	21-30	20-30	16-27	13-23	9-18
	F	46-63	47-64	47-70	55-78	58-76	64-82	68-86	70-86	68-85	60-81	56-74	48-65
Tiberias	C	9-18	9-20	11-22	13-27	17-32	20-35	23-37	24-37	22-35	19-32	15-26	11-20
	F	48-65	49-67	51-72	56-80	62-89	68-95	73-98	75-99	71-95	65-89	59-78	53-68
Elat	C	10-21	11-23	13-26	17-31	21-35	24-37	25-40	26-40	24-36	20-33	16-28	11-23
	F	49-70	51-73	56-79	63-87	69-95	75-99	77-103	79-104	75-98	69-92	61-83	51-74

Population

As of 1993, Israel had a population of nearly five million persons, comprising a Jewish majority and sizable communities of Moslems, Christians, Druze and other minorities.

Languages

Hebrew, the revitalized language of the Bible, is the official language of Israel, along with Arabic. English, the most common second language, is a mandatory subject at school. French, Spanish, German, Yiddish, Russian, Polish and Hungarian are also widely spoken, and local and international newspapers and periodicals in a variety of languages are readily available. All street and road signs and most commercial signs are in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

Health Regulations

There are no vaccination requirements for visitors entering Israel.

Pets: Dogs or cats accompanying visitors must be over four months old, inoculated against rabies and bear a valid official veterinary health certificate from the country of origin.

What to Pack

Summer(April-October): Lightweight suit, slacks, shorts and open-neck shirts for men, several light cotton daytime dresses and a more formal afternoon dress for women, light shoes, sandals and walking shoes; sunglasses and hat (essential); swimsuit and beachwear; a light coat, jacket or sweater for cool evenings in the hills.
Winter (November-March): Warm coat, sweaters, raincoat and hat, walking shoes, overshoes, shirts, slacks, sports jacket and suit for men, warm suit, blouses, skirts and slacks, long dress or evening skirt for women; lighter clothing and swimsuit for Eilat, the Dead Sea region and the Red Sea coast; umbrella. Between Seasons: Suits, light coats, sweaters and light blouses or shirts.

Electrical Appliances

The electric current in Israel is 220 Volts AC, single phase, 50 Hertz. Most Israeli sockets are of the three-pronged plugs as well. Electric shavers, travelling irons and other small appliances may be require adapters and/or transformers, which can be purchased in Israel.

Shopping

Several hundred shops through out the country have been recommended by the Ministry of Tourism for their high-quality merchandise and superior service.

Currency and Bank Information

The currency of Israel is the sheqel (IS), also called the new sheqel(NIS) (plural - sheqalim). Each sheqel is divided into 100 agorot (singular - agora). Bank notes circulate in denominations of IS 200, 50, 20 and 10 sheqalim and coins in denominations of 5 sheqalim, 1 sheqel and 50 and 10 agorot. One may bring a unlimited amount of local foreign currency into Israel in cash, travellers' cheques, letters of credit or State of Israel Bonds. Foreign currency may be exchanged at any bank and at many hotels.

Foreign currency.

Payment in foreign currency exempts tourists from Value Added Tax (VAT) on certain purchases and services. Major credit cards (American Express, Diners' Club, Visa and Master Card/Access/Eurocard) are widely accepted throughout Israel.

Before Departure

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Airline Check-In

Passengers must check in at Ben-Gurion Airport at least two hours before departure time. El Al Israel Airlines offers an advance check-in service in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Eilat, enabling passengers to check in their baggage and receive boarding passes the evening before the flight (except on Fridays, major Holidays and eve of Holidays). Baggage will be taken straight to the plane and passengers need arrive at the airport only one hour before departure-time.

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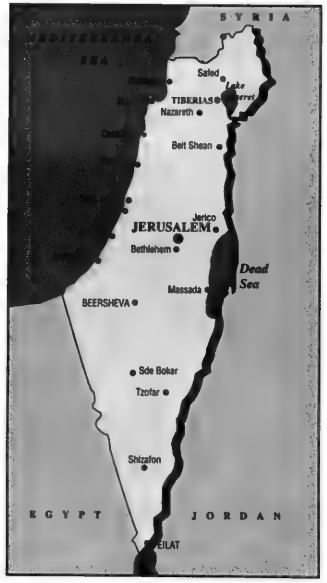

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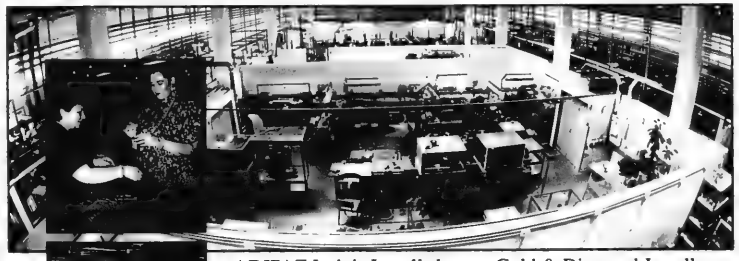

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June 8-22	2,130.00	3,365.00
June 22-July 7	2,245.00	3,595.00
July 8-September 22	2,130.00	3,365.00
September 23-November 15	1,995.00	3,095.00
November 15-December 16	1,795.00	2,995.00
December 16-24	2,130.00	3,365.00
December 25, 1994-January 5, 1995	1,995.00	3,095.00
January 5-February 28, 1995	1,795.00	2,995.00

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Location
Tel Aviv Hilton is located in the heart of the city, minutes from colourful Dizengoff, business and entertainment centres, surrounded on three sides by Independence Park, and on one side by the Mediterranean Sea. Ben Gurion International
Airport is a 30 minute drive from the hotel, while the local railway station is just five minutes away.

Local Attractions
Old port of Jaffa, flea market, museums, theatres, art galleries, historical, religious and recreational sites.

Hotel Facilities
- Hotel car parking
- 4 restaurants, serving gourmet cuisine, grills, light meals, deli
- Lounge and Bar with piano music, Pool Bar
- 599 rooms with private bath, shower, air-conditioning, heating, satellite TV, telephone, balcony, minibar
- Executive Floors - private lounge
- Business Floors - Business Lounge
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- 24 hour room service

Hotel Leisure
- Beach complex with windsurfing club
- Heated swimming pool
- Jacuzzi, whirlpool
- Children's pool and playground
- Summer kindergarten
- Boating from marina in front of hotel
- Flood-lit tennis courts
- Shopping arcade
- Health Club and sauna
- Duty free shopping
- Scheduled social events

Restaurants
- Milk & Honey
- King Solomon Grill
- The Deli
- The Gazebo

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Sunday Day 1: Haifa
Arrival Ben Gurion Airport. Will be met upon arrival by Shalom-K Tours representative who will assist you through Customs and transfer you to Haifa for overnight.

Monday Day 2: Tiberias
Begin the tour of Haifa at the summit of Mt. Carmel for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Haifa Bay and Western Galilee. Continue to the golden-domed Bahai shrine to visit the exotic Persian gardens. Drive to Acre to visit the crypt of St. John and the underground crusader city. Proceed to Safed, the Center of Jewish mysticism; visit the ancient Synagogue and the Artists' Colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Kuneitra and the new Israeli town of Kazrin. Arrival in Tiberias and continue to your hotel for overnight.

Tuesday Day 3: Jerusalem
Start the day with a visit to the Church

of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Drive to Capernaum, the old town of Jesus, and then on to Tiberias, the lovely resort town, and the synagogue of the Hamat. Proceed, via Beit Shean, to Beit Alpha to see the remains of the mosaic floor of the ancient synagogue. Drive along the Jordan Valley rift to Jericho, the world's oldest city. See the excavations and end the day in Jerusalem for overnight.

Wednesday Day 4: Jerusalem
Today you will visit the Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion. Enter the walled city and walk through the newly restored Jewish quarter. Visit the Roman Cardo, the Herodian Quarter and continue to the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Proceed to Mount Scopus and then to the Mount of Olives with its magnificent panoramic view of the Old City. Continue to Bethlehem, stopping at Rachel's Tomb. Visit the Church of the Nativity. Return to your hotel for overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday Day 5: New City of Jerusalem
Today we tour the New City of Jerusalem. Visits will include Hadassah Medical Centre in Ein Karem to see the Chagall stained glass window. Proceed to the scale model of Jerusalem as it looked in the second temple period.

Yad Vashem (Memorial to the Holocaust), Israel Museum-Shrine of the book (the last home of the Dead Sea Scrolls), The Knesset, Israeli Parliament and Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday Day 6: Qumeran, Dead Sea and Massada
Today we drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumeran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and continue along the shore to Massada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in the year 73 C.E. Descend by cable car. Time and weather permitting, an opportunity will be provided to float on the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem for overnight.

Saturday Day 7: Jerusalem at leisure
Today you will enjoy a day at leisure for shopping, perhaps join an optional

tour to of the Avshalom Nature Reserve to witness the magnificent stalactite caves and the bronze Scroll of Fire monument; revisit the Western Wall; or just relax and enjoy the many facilities of your hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday Day 8: To Tel Aviv/Departure
Your tour will end after breakfast. Transfer to Airport for your departure back home or extend your stay and transfer will be provided on a later date upon request. Shalom!

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Mar 6,13	1,023	634	953	606	953	606	828	423	585	269
Mar 20	1,287	897	1,033	686	1,042	694	854	423	627	290
Apr 10	1,047	651	1,110	756	1,103	749	882	440	585	269
Apr 17-May 22	1,047	651	977	623	977	623	882	440	585	269
May 29	1,047	651	977	623	977	623	854	440	585	269
Jun 5- Jul 10	1,047	651	970	623	970	623	840	440	577	266
Jul 17,24	1,054	665	984	637	984	637	840	440	585	269
Jul 31-Aug 21	1,054	665	984	637	991	637	888	445	585	269
Aug 28	1,047	651	991	637	977	623	861	440	585	269
Oct 2,9,- Oct 23	1,292	980	1,110	756	1,103	749	882	440	585	269
Oct 30	1,376	980	977	623	977	623	847	440	585	269
Nov 6	1,376	980	970	623	970	623	840	440	585	269
Nov 13	883	494	808	483	819	472	722	372	585	269
Nov 20-Dec 11	883	494	746	440	760	426	672	347	574	266
Dec 18	942	566	855	532	928	594	707	347	574	266
Dec 25	1,005	622	935	594	935	594	714	347	644	301
Jan 1	949	566	753	440	834	493	693	347	574	266
Jan 8,-Feb 19	858	482	746	440	760	426	672	347	574	266
Feb 26	942	633	953	596	939	594	806	409	608	288
Dinner Supp.:	309		253		234		238		108	
3rd Pax:	695		625		585		538		430	
3 Pax Child:	325		315		310		295		297	

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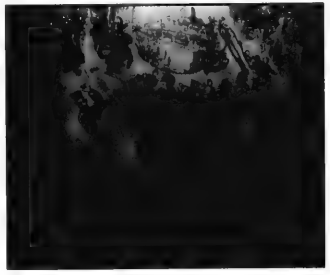

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Mar 4,11	1,233	734	1,227	745	1,227	744	994	477	697	298
Mar 18	1,497	997	1,350	850	1,356	856	1,022	477	739	319
Apr 8	1,257	750	1,384	894	1,377	887	1,067	494	697	298
Apr 15 - May 20	1,257	750	1,384	894	1,251	761	1,067	494	697	298
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Jun 3-Jul 1	1,257	750	1,244	761	1,244	761	1,011	494	689	295
Jul 8	1,254	750	1,244	762	1,244	761	1,011	494	689	295
Jul 15-22	1,264	764	1,258	776	1,258	775	1,016	500	697	298
Jul 29	1,264	764	1,265	776	1,265	775	1,058	500	697	298
Aug 5-19	1,319	812	1,265	776	1,265	775	1,072	500	697	298
Aug 26	1,305	798	1,245	775	1,251	761	1,046	494	697	298
Sep 30	1,586	1,079	1,482	995	1,377	887	1,067	494	697	298
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Oct 28	1,250	750	1,249	761	1,249	761	1,032	494	697	298
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Nov 11	1,093	594	1,081	611	1,093	610	893	427	697	298
Nov 18-Dec 9	1,026	539	985	536	997	522	792	377	678	281
Dec 16	1,110	623	1,087	629	1,161	690	827	377	678	281
Dec 23	1,173	679	1,209	732	1,210	702	848	377	748	316
Dec 30	1,117	623	1,070	578	1,098	631	827	377	678	281
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Feb 24	1,177	690	1,175	693	1,172	690	927	438	711	304
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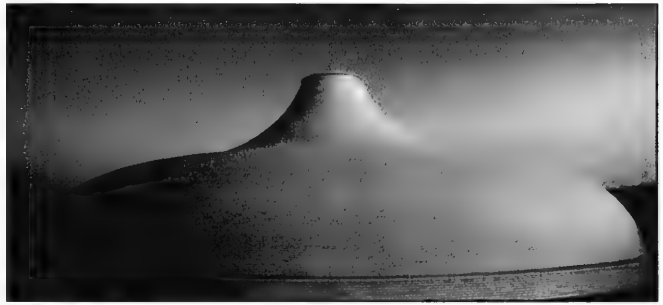

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Mar 17	1,621	1,068	1,464	916	1,472	923	1,127	526	815	356
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Apr 14 - May 5	1,382	822	1,440	870	1,408	852	1,179	543	773	335
May 19	1,382	822	1,440	870	1,408	852	1,179	543	773	335
May 26	1,382	822	1,440	870	1,408	852	1,151	543	773	335
Jun 2 - Jun 30	1,382	822	1,405	852	1,401	852	1,116	543	764	332
Jul 7	1,382	822	1,405	853	1,401	852	1,116	543	764	332
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Aug 4 - 18	1,467	907	1,422	867	1,422	866	1,184	549	773	335
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Mar 15	1,940	1,366	1,735	1,068	1,735	1,068	1,418	673	1,008	458
Apr 5	1,760	1,078	1,834	1,115	1,834	1,115	1,477	690	952	430
Apr 12 - May 17	1,736	1,054	1,786	1,090	1,786	1,090	1,477	690	952	430
May 24	1,736	1,054	1,786	1,090	1,786	1,090	1,442	690	952	430
May 31	1,729	1,054	1,779	1,090	1,779	1,090	1,400	690	944	427
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Jun 28	1,729	1,054	1,779	1,090	1,779	1,090	1,393	690	944	427
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Aug 2-16	1,869	1,187	1,806	1,220	1,806	1,220	1,483	696	952	430
Aug 23	1,869	1,187	1,806	1,220	1,806	1,220	1,449	690	952	430
Sep 27	2,131	1,449	1,981	1,280	1,981	1,280	1,491	690	952	430
Oct 4-18	2,131	1,449	1,981	1,280	1,981	1,280	1,477	690	952	430
Oct 25	1,736	1,054	1,791	1,090	1,981	1,090	1,435	690	952	430
Nov 1	1,701	1,026	1,775	1,070	1,750	1,070	1,393	690	952	430
Nov 8	1,544	869	1,595	905	1,595	905	1,250	610	952	430
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Nov 22-Dec 6	1,414	752	1,434	795	1,434	795	1,074	522	920	392
Dec 13	1,526	864	1,570	890	1,570	890	1,116	522	934	399
Dec 20	1,589	920	1,612	960	1,612	960	1,158	522	1,004	434
Dec 27	1,505	836	1,545	880	1,545	880	1,130	522	920	392
Jan 3	1,414	752	1,443	790	1,443	790	1,088	522	920	392
Jan 10-Feb 14	1,414	752	1,443	790	1,443	790	1,074	522	920	392
Feb 21	1,414	752	1,595	790	1,595	790	1,242	599	962	420
Feb 28	1,820	1,145	1,870	1,280	1,870	1,280	1,466	714	1,009	465
Dinner Supp.:	535		585		585		440		220	
3rd Pax:	1,177		1,230		1,230		970		792	
3 Pax Child:	460		510		510		520		652	

Participants who wish to travel by private car, may do so at the following supplements. The itinerary will be the same as detailed in this brochure. Supplements are per person as per the total number of pax in ths car. Also available for Wednesday Arrivals.

TYPE OF CAR	4 SEATER				7 SEATER				10 SEATER			
No. of pax in car	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10
Supp. per person	2,474	1,141	697	475	528	384	288	219	258	202	158	123

All rates are in U.S. dollars

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- 7 nights accommodation in twin bedded rooms with private facilities at class of your choice
- Full Israeli breakfast daily.
- 6 days of touring in air conditioned heated transportation with licensed guide.
- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Entrance fees and porterage.
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- Cable car to ascend Mt. Massada.
- Entrance to Ein Gedi Spa.
- Shalom-K Tours flight bag & portfolio of travel documents.

First tour: Feb 27, 1994
Last tour: Feb 19, 1995
Tour of Sep. 11 is cancelled.

Sunday: Arrival
Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met by our representative, assisted and transferred to your hotel.
Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Monday: Caesarea - Haifa - Acre
Drive north to Caesarea to visit the ancient city, the aqueduct and the Roman theatre. Continue to Haifa: Bahai Temple, Persian Garden, view of the bay from the Panorama Road observation point. Drive to Acre, Crusader's capital, visit the ancient city. Continue for a visit of the Banias springs and waterfall. Overnight at Kibbutz Guest House.

Tuesday: Capernaum - Tabgha - Nazareth - Jericho
Drive to Tabgha, the site of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fish. Visit Capernaum and Mount of Beatitudes. Take a boat ride to Tiberias and proceed to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's well. Drive via the Jordan Valley to Jericho, the oldest city on earth. Visit the remains of the ancient city. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday: The Old City of Jerusalem - Bethlehem
Drive to Mount of Olives for a view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, Mary's Tomb and the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate and walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Temple Area. Dome of the Rock, Western Wall and the oriental market. We drive to the Garden Tomb for a visit and from there via Rachel's Tomb to Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity and Milk Grotto. View Shepherds' Field and return to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday: New City of Jerusalem
Visit Yad Vashem - Memorial of the Holocaust, the model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple's period, Hadassah Medical Centre, Ein Karem and the Church of St. John the Baptist, the Hebrew University, the Knesset - Israel's Parliament, Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, Mount Zion, the traditional tomb of King David, the Dormition Abbey and the Room of the Last Supper. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday: Dead Sea - Massada
Depart Jerusalem and drive via the Judean Desert and the Inn of the Good Samaritan to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and continue via the desert oasis of Ein Gedi to Massada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple. Ascend Mount Massada by cable car and visit the remains of Herod's Palace, food store rooms and water irrigation system. Drive to Tel Aviv via the city of Arad. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Saturday: Jaffa - Ashkelon - Beth Guvrin
Tour of Jaffa, the ancient reconstructed alleys and the archaeological excavations. Proceed south, via the city of Ashdod, to Ashkelon, which was one of the cities of the Philistines. Visit the city and then drive via the Lachish area and the city of Kiryat Gat to Amazya. Here we shall visit a newly found complex of caves made by men from the period of the Bar Kocva revolt (132 AD). Proceed to Beth Guvrin and visit a series of "bell-caves". Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Sunday: Departure
Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

Above tour can be booked Saturday arrival for 7 nights.

	Tourist Class	First Class	Superior First Class
Per person in double room including breakfast	$622.00	$668.00	Summer $860.00 Winter* $683.00
Half board supplement	$ 77.00	$139.00	Summer $204.00 Winter* $173.00
Single supplement	$193.00	$262.00	Summer $323.00 Winter* $254.00
Third pax in room	$540.00	$600.00	Summer $627.00 Winter* $557.00
High season supplements Daily, per person			
Mar 25 - Apr 4, Sep 20 - 27	$ 6.00	$ 15.00	$ 15.00
Dec 20 - Jan 4	—	—	$ 7.00

* Starting with tour of November 13, 1994

Hotel Plan	Tourist Class	First Class	Superior First Class
Jerusalem	Holyland	Kings	Moriah Plaza
Tel Aviv	City	Grand Beach	Moriah Plaza
Galilee	Kfar Giladi Kibbutz Hotel		

Tours will be operated in English, French, Spanish and German (maximum 2 languages per vehicle.
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- Entrance to Ein Gedi Spa.
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First tour: Mar 3, 1994
Last tour: Feb 23, 1995
Tour of Sep. 8 is cancelled.

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Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met by our representative, assisted and transferred to your hotel.
Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Friday: New City of Jerusalem - Bethlehem
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Depart Jerusalem and drive to Jericho, the oldest city on earth. Visit the remains of the ancient city and proceed along the Jordan river to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and St. John's Workshop. Drive to Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and visit Tabgha - the site of the miracle of the fish and loaves and Capernaum - the remains of a second century synagogue. Overnight at Kibbutz Guest House.

Tuesday: Golan Heights - Safed
Drive to Banias to visit the springs, waterfall and ruins of the ancient city. Proceed through the Druze villages to Lake Ram and the city of Katzrin to visit the ancient synagogue and reconstructed old villages from the time of the Talmud. Drive to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes and continue to Safed. This city is the birthplace of the Jewish Cabbala. We shall visit the old synagogues and the artists' quarter.
Overnight in Haifa.

Wednesday: Acre - Haifa - Jaffa
Drive to Acre, Crusaders' capital and visit the ancient city and port. Continue to Haifa to visit the Bahai Temple, Persian Garden and drive to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the archaeological excavations and the Roman theatre. We proceed along the coast and visit the reconstructed old city of Jaffa. Overnight in Tel Aviv.

Thursday: Departure
Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

	Tourist Class	First Class	Superior First Class
Per person in double room including breakfast	$578.00	$626.00	Summer $810.00 Winter* $652.00
Half board supplement	$80.00	$135.00	Summer $199.00 Winter* $173.00
Single supplement	$190.00	$252.00	Summer $313.00 Winter* $255.00
Third pax in room including breakfast	$493.00	$555.00	Summer $584.00 Winter* $527.00
High season supplements daily, per person			
Mar 25 - Apr 4, Sep 20 - 27	$6.00	$15.00	$15.00
Dec 20 - Jan 4	—	—	$ 7.00

* Starting with tour of November 13, 1994

Hotel Plan	Tourist Class	First Class	Superior First Class
Jerusalem	Holyland	Kings	Moriah Plaza
Tel Aviv	City	Grand Beach	Moriah Plaza
Galilee	Hagoshrim Kibbutz Hotel		
Haifa	Shulamit	Shulamit	Nof

Or similar

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4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS EILAT VACATION.

Set against the arid desert landscape, Eilat and the Red Sea, your exotic holiday destination. Eilat is situated at the southern point of Israel, along the shores of the crystal clear Red Sea. Where there is sunshine all year round, Eilat really comes into its' own when the sun goes down. Its' pulsating cosmopolitan nightlife, with numerous pubs, restaurants, discos and shows, as well as it's friendly locals, will be sure to keep you on your feet until the sun peeps over the horizon, or just relax with the many facilities of your hotel. It's like no other city in Israel, which guaranties a relaxing and enjoyable vacation.

PACKAGE A INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare Tel Aviv Eilat or Jerusalem Eilat
- 3 nights accommodation at hotel chosen
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- Breakfast daily
- All taxes and service charges for hotel accommodation

ITINERARY

Day 1. Departure to Eilat:
Departure from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem Airport for your flight direct with Arkia Airlines to Eilat. Arrival in Eilat and will be met by Shalom-K Tours Representative who will assist you and transfer you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the many facilities of your hotel, the Red Sea and/or Eilat. Overnight Eilat.

Day 2. Day at leisure:
Today you will enjoy a day at leisure at your hotel, relax at the Red Sea, perhaps join an optional tour to St. Catherine's Monastery; Solomon's Pillars. Or just enjoy the many facilities of your hotel and with it's varieties restaurants. Overnight Eilat.

Day 3: Day at leisure:
Another day at leisure to enjoy the Red Sea and your hotel-optional Camel Safari at Texas Ranch, or perhaps 1/2 day Taba cruise; visit Dolphin Beach or

Desert Safari Tour; Underwater Observatory. Return to your hotel for optional dinner reservation. Overnight Eilat.

Day 4: Depart Eilat
After Breakfast transfer to the airport and departure for your flight with Arkia Airlines to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. Transfers could be arranged at a later time upon request.

DAILY DEPARTURES, RATES ARE PER ROOM

Dates	Princess DLX		Paradise FC	
	Dbl	Sgl	Dbl	Sgl
Mar 01-Mar 23	$890	$697	$508	$320
Mar 24-Mar 26	1149	950	508	320
Mar 27-Apr 02	1149	950	699	469
Apr 03-Apr 09	1149	950	508	320
Apr 10-Jun 01	890	697	508	320
Jun 02-Jun 29	824	625	508	320
Jun 30-Aug 26	890	697	580	382
Aug 27-Sep 16	890	697	508	320
Sep 17-Sep 30	890	697	580	382
Oct 01-Nov 04	890	697	508	382

• All above prices must be in conjunction with El-Al return Trans-Atlantic flight.

All rates are in U.S. dollars

Now for something different! This is your chance to dive some of the most spectacular dive sites in the world and experience the real Sinai.

YOUR DIVING (PACKAGE A) INCLUDES:

- Tanks, weights, air refills
- Introductory 1 time transfer to Manta Diving Center
- Transfers to dive site in Eilat, from Manta Diving Center, daily guided, Unlimited dives
- 7 days diving at the following places:
- 3 days diving in Coral Beach and surrounding area
- 1 day Coral Island Cruise including buffet lunch
- 1 dive with the Dolphins at Dolphin Reef Eilat
- 2 day Sinai Safari (an experience you'll never forget)
- All meals included on the Sinai Safari with transportation
- Minimum of four dive sites in Sharem-el Sheikh and the surrounding area
- Medical Insurance
- Border crossing fees

ITINERARY

1st Day: Arrival Eilat
Transfer from your hotel chosen by the Red Sea Sports Club representative who will assist you to there Manta Diving Center. Setting you up: equipment (if needed), Medical Insurance (Compulsory according to Israeli diving law) and on to your first adjustment dive at shallow water in Coral Beach. Your second dive will take place at Moses Rock-Nature Reserve. Recommended to use Dive Chart. Return to hotel and overnight Eilat.

2nd Day: Coral Island Cruise
At approximately 9:00 AM you will board the "Maco", for a full day on our 48 ft dive boat, with buffet lunch, visits will include: Crusader Castle and two dives at Coral Island (Egypt). Arrival dive Center at approximately 4:30 PM.

3rd and 4th Day: Sinai Diving Safari
Your diving experience starts at 6:00 AM as we cross the Taba Border to the Sinai desert along the shores of the Red Sea to one of many dive sites which will include Sharem-el Sheikh and surrounding areas, escorted by experienced diving instructor. Overnight at Sharks Bay at a Camping ground or optional arrangement at a near by Hotel in Sharem for an extra cost. A minimum of four dives sites in Sharem-el Sheikh and the surrounding area. Return to Eilat at approximately 7-8 PM. Overnight Eilat.

Note: Sinai diving safari usually departs Friday morning and arrives Saturday night unless the group is more then six passengers, then the days are changeable.

Cost per person $380.00 U.S.

YOUR DIVING (PACKAGE B) INCLUDES:

- Tanks, weights and air refills
- Transfer to dive site in Eilat, daily guided, unlimited dives. Medical insurance not included

Cost per person $110.00 U.S.

Note: For full gear (full wet suit, mask, fins, B.C. regulator, snorkel) add $89.00 per person for package A or B.

Other diving packages, equipment rental, boat cruises side tours and other recreational sports are available. Call for more information.

FLY & DRIVE PROGRAMME

Kibbutz Hotels

The programme is based on accommodation at Kibbutz hotels. Accommodation can be pre-booked or based on open vouchers. However it is strongly recommended to pre-book the accommodation. Rates are per day and based on a minimum of 7 nights stay.

	1Pax		2 Pax		3 Pax		4 Pax		5 Pax	
	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR
Accommodation on B/B plus car group A	90.00	99.00	50.00	59.00	43.00	52.00	39.00	48.00	Not Valid	Not Valid
Accommodation on B/B plus car group B	100.00	109.00	55.00	64.00	46.00	55.00	41.00	50.00	Not Valid	Not Valid
Accommodation on B/B plus car group C	110.00	119.00	59.00	68.00	49.00	58.00	44.00	53.00	41.00	50.00
Accommodation on B/B plus car group D	114.00	123.00	62.00	71.00	51.00	60.00	45.00	54.00	42.00	51.00
Single supplement	incl.	incl.	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Half board supplement	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Reduction 3rd pax in room					11.00	15.00	11.00	15.00	11.00	15.00
High season supplements:										
(a) Daily per Person										
Mar 25-Apr 10	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Jul 10-Sep 11	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
(b) Daily per Car										
Mar 25-Apr 4, Jul 1-Aug 25, Dec 20-Jan 2 $15.00										

The following kibbutz hotels can be used as part of this programme

	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR
Galilee	Hagoshrim Kfar Blum Kfar Giladi	Hagoshrim Kfar Blum Kfar Giladi
Sea of Galilee	Ein Gev** Haon** Lavi* Maagan**	Ein Gev** Nof Ginossar Lavi* Maagan**
Western Galilee	Nes Amim Gesher	Nes Amim Haziv
Dead Sea Area	Ein Gedi Camping** Kalia Metzoke Dragot Almog	Kalia Ein Gedi

	ECONOMY	SUPERIOR
Coastal Plain	Nachsholim Shefayim Nir Etzion* Beit Oren Dor	Nachsholim Shefayim Nir Etzion* Beit Oren Dor
Jerusalem Area & Judean Hills	Hafetz Hayim* Kiryat Anavim Maale Hahamisha Shoresh Neve Shalom	Hafetz Hayim* Kiryat Anavim Maale Hahamisha Mitzpe Rachel Shoresh Neve Ilan Gal-On
Eliat Area	Ye'elim	Eliot Ye'elim

* These are religious hotels. No check in/out on Saturdays and Jewish Holidays (beginning with Friday sunset until Saturday sunset and same on holiday)
** Caravans
1) A maximum of 4 nights can be pre-booked at each hotel.
2) Kibbutz hotels which appear on both Economy and Superior lists, the old wing will be provided to participants on economy package.
3) At Ein Gedi Guesthouse and Nof Ginossar there will be a supplement of $8.00 daily per person to be paid directly by clients, on the spot.

Conditions

- The above rates include accommodation at Kibbutz hotels, plus a rented car based on unlimited mileage and including C.D.W. and T.P. insurances.
- Airport charge of $10.00 per rental will apply for all cars being picked-up and dropped-off at Ben Gurion airport. This will be collected locally. For cars being picked-up and dropped-off at Ben Gurion airport the charge will apply only once.
- Programme can begin or terminate at Ben Gurion airport, Eilat city airport. For pick-up or drop-off of car at Ovda airport there will be a charge of $64.00.
- C.D.W. and T.P. insurances do not cover self participation in the amount of $200.00 for all types of cars.
- For more than one driver in the same car a supplement will apply and will be paid locally.
- Following optional charges and insurance can be purchased at our office:
  Extra driver $2.50 daily — P.A.I. insurance $3.00 daily
  Baby seat $4.00 daily — P.B. I. insurance $3.00 daily

For conditions of rental see Rent-a-Car section in this brochure.

All rates are in U.S. dollars

SPA HOLIDAYS - DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea area is "one of a kind", the lowest point on the face of the earth, approximately 400 meters below sea level. This unique area, in its picturesque setting of the Judean Hills to the west and the Mountains of Moab to the east, offers a natural treasure of health. The low altitude makes the pure and pollen-free air richer in oxygen and together with the dense atmosphere decreases the penetration of harmful ultraviolet rays, so that there is little danger of sunburn. The Dead Sea is laden with life-giving materials that are therapeutic for psoriasis, eczema and other skin ailments as well as muscular and articular diseases. Take time-out for relaxation, using either the special mud baths, dipping in the sea or the many other facilities available at the hotels and spa.

Above rates include the following:

- transfers from the airport to the Dead Sea and back, based on sharing transfers.
- accommodation on half board basis.

HOTELS AT THE DEAD SEA

Name of Hotel	Rooms	TV	Radio	A/C	Swimming Pool (1)	Tennis	Health	Solarium	Beach	Night Club/ Disco	Restaurant
Tzell Harim	160	—	*	*	*	*	*	(2)^	Priv.	Disco	*
Ein Gedi	120	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Priv.	Disco	*
Nirvana	200	*	*	*	*	—	*	—	Priv.	Both	*
Moriah Gardens	196	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	Disco	*
Hod	202	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Priv.	Both	*
Moriah Spa	220	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Priv.	Piano Bar	*

^ Sun terrace adjacent to room A/C Air Conditioning

(1) Opening is seasonal
(2) Upon request, subject to surcharge

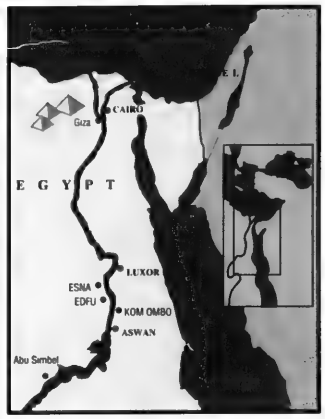
	Tzell Harim			Ein Gedi			Hod		
Number of nights	14 nts	21nts	28 nts	14 nts	21 nts	28 nts	14 nts	21 nts	28 nts
Per person in dbl h/b	765.*	1071.**	1360.***	903.*	1305.*	1707.*	1220.*	1675.*	2130.*
full board supplement	228.	341.	455.	210.	315.	420.	315.	473.	630.
Single room supplement	315.****	473.****	630.****	416.**	623.**	831.**	525.**	788.**	1050.**
Third pax in room h/b	678.*	940.**	1185.***	823.*	1184.*	1546.*	1059.*	1455.*	1850.*
High Season Supplement Daily rate:	* $12.50 ** $ 8.00 *** $ 6.00 **** $ 7.50			**High Season Supplement at this hotel:** Mar 1-May 31, Oct 1-Nov 30 * $13.00 ** $ 6.00			* $25.00 ** $12.00		
March 15 - June 15									
September 15-November 15									

	Nirvana			Moriah Garden			Moriah Plaza		
Number of nights	14 nts	21 nts	28 nts	14 nts	21 nts	28 nts	14 nts	21 nts	28 nts
Per person in dbl h/b	1308.*	1885.**	2445.***	1325.*	1911.*	2480.*	N/A	2043.*	2655.*
full board supplement	333.	499.	665.	350.	525.	700.	N/A	551.	735.
Single room supplement	595.****	893.****	1190.****	630.**	945.**	1260.**	N/A	1050.	1400.
Third pax in room h/b	1168.*	1701.**	2235.***	1325.*	1911.*	2900.*	N/A	2043.*	2655.*
High Season Supplement Daily rate:	* $24.00 ** $22.50 *** $21.00 **** $10.00			* $23.50 ** $ 2.50			*$24.00		
March 15 - June 15									
September 15-November 15									

Note: Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, participants should proceed to the Hertz office outside the terminal building, from where the transfers will be operated.

Medical treatment:
Next to the main hotels at the Dead Sea, there is a dermatology and psoriasis clinic. Rates are available upon request.

All rates are in U.S. dollars



GIFT OF THE NILE INCLUDING NILE RIVER CRUISE

- 8 Nights.
- 6 Days of Sightseeing.

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- 4 nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in category of hotel chosen in Cairo.
- 4 nights accommodation aboard the Nil River cruise ship (Luxor to Aswan or Aswan to Luxor).
- Continental Breakfast daily in Cairo. All meals on cruise.
- All transfers within Egypt.
- 2 full days of sightseeing in Cairo by private car with English speaking guide.
- 4 days of sightseeing while on cruise, as per cruise itinerary, by motor coach or other conveyance as scheduled by cruise ship, with the services of an English speaking guide.
- Round trip airfare - Cairo/Luxor/Aswan/Cairo by Egyptair
- All hotel service charges and taxes
- Entrance fees
- Porterage of 2 bags throughout

4 EXCITING TOURS TO CHOOSE FROM

ITINERARY

Day 1: Cairo
Arrival in Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Cairo
Full day tour to Cairo with the Egyptian Museum, rich in Pharaonic treasures. Then on to the Old City of Cairo to see the Al Moallaka Church, the "Hanging Church", Coptic Museum, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, oldest in Cairo. In the afternoon visit the Citadel of Saladin, Alabaster Mosque and the colourful Khan El Khalil Bazaars.

Day 3: Cairo-Luxor
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor where you are met and transferred to your cruise ship. Afternoon visit to the magnificent Temples of Luxor and Karnak, the largest religious temples in the world. Overnight on board at Luxor.

Day 4: Nile River Cruise
The wonders of today include a visit to Thebes Necropolis., Valley of the Kings, burial place of Egypt's Pharaohs, the Tomb of Tut-Ankhamon. Overnight on board at Luxor.

Day 5: Nile River Cruise
Morning visit to Esna Temple and then enjoy the magnificent view from the Horus Temple at Edfu. Overnight on board at Edfu.

Day 6: Nile River Cruise
Travel to Kom Ombo to visit the Ptolemic Temples. Then continue to Aswan to visit Elephantine Island and the Mausoleum of Agha Khan. Overnight on board at Aswan.

Day 7: Aswan-Cairo
Visit the famous Granite Quarries of Aswan, site of stone cutting for ancient and modern monuments and dams; the Old Dam; High Dam and Philea Temple. Disembark from your cruise ship after lunch and transfer to the airport for your late afternoon return flight to Cairo and transfer to your hotel or take the optional air tour to Abu Simbel. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 8: Cairo
Your last day in Cairo takes you on a tour to Memphis, capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. Then on to Sakkara, to see the Step Pyramid and the Serapeum. Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the beautiful Mena House Hotel overlooking the pyramids. Visit the three great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and the Valley Temple.

Day 9: Departure
Transfer to the airport for departure from Cairo.

GIFT OF THE NILE TOUR			
IN CAIRO 4 NIGHTS	DLX SHERATON	DLX RAMSES HILTON	SFC PRESIDENT
ON CRUISE 4 NIGHTS	DLX SHERATON	DLX HILTON	SFC PRESIDENT
PER PERSON - EVERY DAY DEPARTURES			
DATES	DBL SGL	DBL SGL	DBL SGL
MAR 1-APR 30 MAY 1-SEP 30 OCT 1-APR 30/95	1,045. 1,391. 975. 1,295. 1,135. 1,548.	1,040. 1,386. 960. 1,289. 1,125. 1,548.	985. 1,346. 930. 1,255. 1,080. 1,495.
HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENTS	220.	220.	190.
3RD PERSON SHARING ROOM	-20.	-20.	-20.

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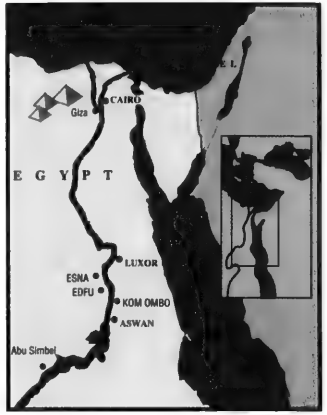


TREASURES OF EGYPT INCLUDING ASWAN/LUXOR

- 6 Nights
- 5 Days of Sightseeing

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- 6 nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities at category of hotel chosen
- Continental Breakfast daily
- Sound and Light Show in Cairo
- 4 full days of sightseeing by private car, motorcoach or other local con veyance, with English speaking guide.
- Round trip airfare - Cairo/Luxor/Aswan/Cairo by Egyptair
- All hotel service charges and taxes
- All transfers within Egypt
- Entrance fees
- Porterage of 2 bags throughout

ITINERARY

Day 1: Cairo
Arrival in Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Cairo
Visit Memphis, capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. Then on to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid and the Serapeum. Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the beautiful Mena House Hotel overlooking the pyramids. Then visit the three great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and Valley Temple. In the evening you will enjoy the Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids.

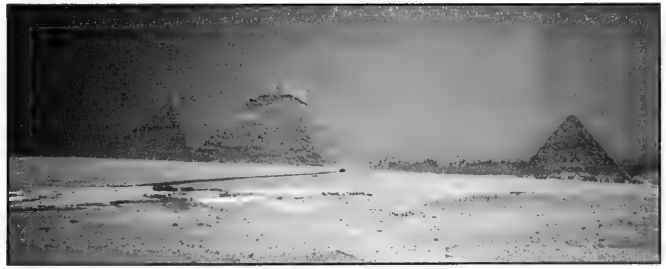
Day 3: Cairo-Luxor
Transfer to the airport for your Egyptair flight to Luxor where you will be transferred to your hotel. Sail across the Nile River to the West Bank to visit the magnificent Valley of the Kings. In the afternoon visit the East Bank of the Nile viewing the Magnificent Karnak and Luxor Temples. Overnight in Luxor.

Day 4: Luxor-Aswan
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Aswan where you are met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon visit the High Dam and Old Dam of Aswan. Then sail on a felucca to Elephantine Island and visit the Agha Kahn Mausoleum and beautiful Botanical Gardens. Overnight in Aswan.

Day 5: Aswan-Cairo
Depart Aswan for your short flight to Cairo and transfer back to your hotel.

Day 6: Cairo
Begin your tour of Cairo with a visit to the spectacular Egyptian Museum, including the golden treasures of King Tut. Visit Old Cairo, to see the Al Moallaka Church, the "Hanging Church", Coptic Museum, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the afternoon visit the Citadel of Saladin, the Alabaster Mosque and the colourful Khan El Khalili Bazaars.

Day 7: Departure
Transfer to the airport for departure from Cairo.



TREASURES OF EGYPT			
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE BASED ON 4 NIGHTS CAIRO - 1NIGHT LUXOR - 1 NIGHT ASWAN			
	DLX SHERATON	DLX RAMSES HILTON	SFC PRESIDENT
DATES	DBL SGL	DBL SGL	DBL SGL
MAR 1-APR 30 MAY 1-SEP 30 OCT 1-APR 30/95	1,124. 1,352. 1,028. 1,229. 1,183. 1,430.	1,119. 1,348. 1,025. 1,220. 1,178. 1,425.	1,084. 1,312. 985. 1,189. 1,140. 1,385.
3RD PERSON SHARING ROOM	-20.	-20.	-20.
NOTE : ON HIGH HOLIDAYS THEIR WILL BE A SUPPLEMENT CHARGE TO ABOVE PRICES			

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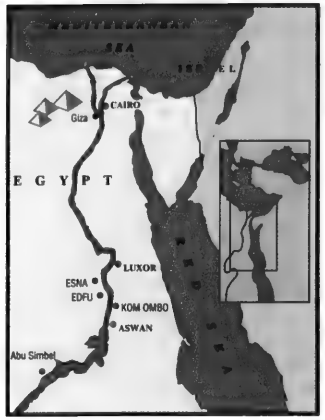
EGYPT ■ EXTENSIONS



DAWN OF HISTORY CAIRO/LUXOR

- 5 Nights.
- 3-1/2 Days of Sightseeing.

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- 5 nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities at category of hotel chosen.
- Continental Breakfast daily.
- 2-1/2 days sightseeing in Cairo by private car with English speaking guide.
- 1 full day air tour to Luxor including the services of an English speaking guide.
- All transfers within Egypt.
- Round-trip airfare - Cairo/Luxor by Egyptair.
- Sound and Light show in Cairo.
- All hotel service charges and taxes.
- Entrance fees.
- Porterage of 2 bags throughout.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Cairo
Arrival in Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Cairo
Begin your tour in Egypt with a visit to the spectacular Egyptian Museum. Then visit Old Cairo to see the Al Moallaka Church, the "Hanging Church", Coptic Museum and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the evening drive to the Pyramids of Giza where you will attend the Sound and Light show.

Day 3: Cairo
Your full day tour begins with an excursion to Memphis, capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. Then on to Sakkara, with the famous Step Pyramid and the Serapeum. Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the beautiful Mena House Hotel overlooking the pyramids. Then visit the three great Pyramids of Giza. Visit to the Valley Temple.

Day 4: Cairo-Luxor-Cairo
Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be met and then sail across the Nile River to the West Bank for a sightseeing tour of the magnificent Valley of the Kings. In the afternoon you will visit the East Bank of the Nile including a visit to the Karnak and Luxor Temples. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo and back to your hotel.

Day 5: Cairo
Your last day in Cairo takes you on a morning tour to the Citadel of Saladin, the Alabaster Mosque and then on to the colourful Khan Mosque and then on to the colourful Khan El Khalili Bazaars. Return to the hotel or spend the afternoon wandering through the bazaars.

Day 6: Departure
Transfer to the airport for departure from Cairo.

DAWN OF HISTORY						
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE BASED ON 5 NIGHTS IN CAIRO						
	DLX SHERATON		DLX RAMSES HILTON		SFC PRESIDENT	
DATES	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
JAN 1-APR 30	826.	1,008.	815.	998.	776.	970.
MAY 1-SEP 30	793.	956.	790.	947.	740.	905.
OCT 1-APR 30/95	852.	1,060.	845.	1,052.	798.	1,010.
3RD PERSON SHARING ROOM	-20.		-20.		-20.	
NOTE : ON HIGH HOLIDAYS THEIR WILL BE A SUPPLEMENT CHARGE TO ABOVE PRICES						

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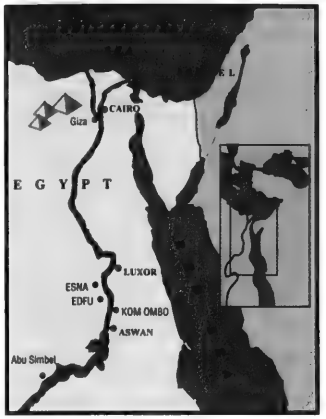

WONDERS OF THE PYRAMIDS CAIRO

- 3 Nights
- 2 Days of Sightseeing

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- 3 nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities at category of hotel chosen
- Continental Breakfast daily
- 2 full days of sightseeing in Cairo by private car with English speaking guide
- All transfers within Egypt
- All hotel service charges and taxes
- Entrance fees
- Porterage of 2 bags throughout

ITINERARY

Day 1: Cairo
Arrival in Cairo where you will be met and transferred to you hotel.

Day 2: Cairo
Begin your tour in Egypt with a visit to the spectacular Egyptian Museum. Then visit Old Cairo to see the Al Moallaka Church, the "Hanging Church", Coptic Museum, Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the afternoon visit the Citadel of Saladin, Alabaster Mosque and the colourful Khan el Khalili Bazaars.

Day 3: Cairo
Your full day tour begins with an excursion to Memphis, capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. Then on to Sakkara, with the famous Step Pyramid and the Serapeum. Enjoy lunch (on your own) at the beautiful Mena House Hotel overlooking the Pyramids. Then visit the three great Pyramids of Giza. Visit to the Valley Temple before returning to your hotel.

Day 4: Departure
Transfer to the airport for departure from Cairo.

WONDERS OF THE PYRAMIDS						
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE BASED ON 3 NIGHTS IN CAIRO						
	DLX SHERATON		DLX RAMSES HILTON		SFC PRESIDENT	
DATES	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
JAN 1-APR 30	341.	462.	327.	455.	293.	312.
MAY 1-SEP 30	321.	448.	318.	438.	282.	380.
OCT 1-APR 30/95	351.	468.	345.	460.	312.	428.
3RD PERSON SHARING ROOM	-10.		-10.		-10.	
NOTE : ON HIGH HOLIDAYS THEIR WILL BE A SUPPLEMENT CHARGE TO ABOVE PRICES						

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The Dead Sea is more than just another interesting sightseeing destination - it is one of the most fascinating places on earth. A place that boasts a mind-boggling combination of natural, geographical, historical and archeological phenomena that together add up to an unforgettable vacation experience. A place with year-round sunshine where you can spend endless days and weeks enjoying the delights of this unique location. And at 400 m. (1,320 ft.) below sea level, this is the lowest place on earth.

The Dead Sea region is extremely easy to get to - only an hour's drive from Jerusalem, and two hours from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, the Sea of Galilee and Eilat.

Nature's treasure house in one of the world's largest natural health and beauty spas. A unique encounter with the elements. And a sense of history that pervades the entire area.

Even if you're blessed with the most fertile imagination, the Dead Sea will succeed in surprising you. Experience at first hand the attraction that this area has held since biblical times, immerse yourself in the primeval landscapes, and turn the lowest point on earth into the high point of your vacation.

EIN GEDI	TC			
	1-4 nts		Min 5 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-May 31	151.00	107.50	143.50	102.00
Jun 1-30	130.50	92.50	124.00	87.50
Jul 1-31	111.50	75.00	106.00	71.00
Aug 1-Sep 30	130.50	92.50	124.00	87.50
Oct 1-Nov 30	151.00	107.50	143.50	102.00
Dec 1-31	130.50	92.50	124.00	87.50
Jan 1-Feb 28	111.50	75.00	106.00	71.00

- All above rates include Breakfast & Dinner.
- For Full Board add $15.50 per person.
- Ask us for our min. 14 nights special.

HOD	TC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-14	113.00	95.00	107.50	92.50
Mar 15-25	189.50	146.00	174.50	138.50
Mar 26-Apr 2	215.50	159.00	200.00	151.00
Apr 3-Jun 15	189.50	146.00	174.50	138.50
Jun 16-Sep 15	138.50	107.50	123.00	100.00
Sep 16-18	189.50	146.00	174.50	138.50
Sep 19-27	215.50	159.00	200.00	151.00
Sep 28-Nov 15	189.50	146.00	174.50	138.50
Nov 16-Feb 28	138.50	107.50	123.00	100.00

MORIAH GARDEN	SFC			
Family Plan	Min. 1-6 nts		Min. 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-15	146.00	121.50	143.50	120.50
Mar 16-24	192.00	147.50	189.50	146.00
Mar 25-Apr 4	218.00	160.00	215.50	159.00
Apr 5-Jun 15	192.00	147.50	189.50	146.00
Jun 16-Sep 15	146.00	121.50	143.50	120.50
Sep 16-18	192.00	147.50	189.50	146.00
Sep 19-27	218.00	160.00	215.50	159.00
Sep 28-Nov 15	192.00	147.50	189.50	146.00
Nov 16-30	146.00	121.50	143.50	120.50
Dec 1-22	133.50	115.50	130.50	114.00
Dec 23-Jan 4	141.00	119.00	138.50	118.00
Jan 5-Feb 28	133.50	115.50	130.50	114.00

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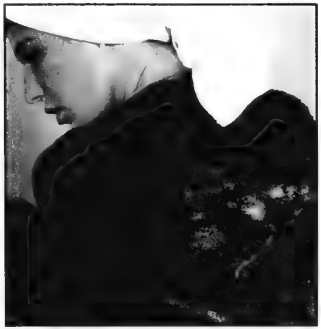
MORIAH PLAZA	DLX			
Family Plan	1-4 nts		Min 5 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	253.50	178.00	225.50	164.00
Mar 25-Apr 4	302.50	209.00	274.00	195.00
Apr 5-May 31	277.00	196.00	248.50	182.00
Jun 1-Sep 19	253.50	178.00	225.50	164.00
Sep 20-27	302.50	209.00	274.00	195.00
Sep 28-Nov 14	277.00	196.00	248.50	182.00
Nov 15 -30	269.00	192.00	236.00	175.50
Dec 1- Feb 28	246.00	174.50	218.00	160.00

- All above rates include Breakfast & Dinner.
- For Full Board add $15.50 per person.
- Ask us for our min. 14 nights special.

NIRVANA	FC			
FamilyPlan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-14.	141.00	109.00	128.00	102.50
Mar 15-24	205.00	156.50	192.00	150.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	230.50	173.00	218.00	166.50
Apr 3-Jun 15	205.00	156.50	192.00	150.00
Jun 16-Sep 15	159.00	123.00	146.00	116.50
Sep 28-Nov 15	205.00	156.50	192.00	150.00
Nov 16-Feb 28	159.00	123.00	146.00	116.50

TZELL HARIM	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-15	74.50*	60.00*	69.00*	57.50*
Mar 16-25	102.50*	82.00*	97.50*	79.50*
Mar 26-Apr 2	125.50*	93.50*	120.50*	91.00*
Apr 3-Jun 15	102.50*	82.00*	97.50*	79.50*
Jun 16-Sep 15	74.50*	60.00*	69.00*	57.50*
Sep 16-19	102.50*	82.00*	97.50*	79.50*
Sep 20-27	125.50*	93.50*	120.50*	91.00*
Sep 28-Nov 15	102.50*	82.00*	97.50*	79.50*
Nov 16-Feb 28	74.50*	60.00*	69.00*	57.50*

* For room with sun deck add $15.50 per room



MAGROA	FC (CITY OF ARAD)			
	Min. 1-6 nts		Min. 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-Feb 28	113.00	84.50	89.50	70.50

NOF ARAD	FC (CITY OF ARAD)			
	Bungalows		Main Building	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	61.50	50.00	67.50	55.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	70.50	57.50	78.00	63.50
Apr 3-May 14	61.50	50.00	67.50	55.00
May 15-16	70.50	57.50	78.00	63.50
May 17-Sep 4	61.50	50.00	67.50	55.00
Sep 5-7	70.50	57.50	78.00	63.50
Sep 8-18	61.50	50.00	67.50	55.00
Sep 19-26	70.50	57.50	78.00	63.50
Sep 27-Feb 28	61.50	50.00	67.50	55.00

Eilat and the Red Sea beckon with irresistible appeal. The clear blue water is enticingly warm - even in mid-winter the average daytime water temperature stays above 20 C (68 F).

There are miles of beaches to enjoy, with showers, sun beds, and other modern bathing facilities, as well as beach side promenades, parks, pubs and restaurants.

The calm surface of the sea is also ideal for fun boating activities: pedaloes, rowboats, kayaks, self-drive motor boats and "banana rides".

You can take an one-hour or a full-day cruise aboard one of the yachts of every shape and size that depart regularly from the Eilat Marina. Situated in a man-made lagoon by the North Beach hotels, the marina will eventually include over 300 modern berths.
You can even go deep sea fishing, joining with local fishermen whose catch may well end up as your evening meal. And of course, there are the gorgeous colours and shapes of the coral reefs, among the deepest and most breathtaking in the world. Few sights can compare with the coral reefs as seen from a snorkeling mask or from a glass-bottom boat.

THE PRINCESS HOTEL

KING SOLOMON'S PALACE	SFC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	154.00*	115.00*
Mar 24-Apr 10	266.00*	191.00*
Apr11-May 31	123.00*	100.00*
Jun 1-30	136.00**	102.50**
Jul 1-Aug 27	177.00**	127.00**
Aug 28-Sep 18	136.00**	102.50**
Sep 19-Nov 20	177.00**	127.00**

* For studio room add $41.00 per room.
For poolview add $23.00 per room.
** For junior suite add $66.50 per room.
For poolview add $27.00 per room.

MORIAH PLAZA	DLX			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	210.00	156.50	179.50	141.00
Mar 25-Apr 4	269.00	192.00	256.50	186.00
Apr 5-30	210.00	156.50	179.50	141.00
May 1-Jun 30	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00
Jul 1-Aug 31	210.00	156.50	179.50	141.00
Sep 1-4	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00
Sep 5-9	269.00	192.00	256.50	186.00
Sep 10-18	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00
Sep 19-27	269.00	192.00	256.50	186.00
Sep 28-30	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00
Oct 1-Nov 15	210.00	156.50	179.50	141.00
Nov 16-Dec 19	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00
Dec 20-Jan 4	269.00	192.00	256.50	186.00
Jan 5-Feb 28	210.00	156.50	154.00	128.00

PARADISE	FC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-26	82.00*	60.00*	74.00*	56.00*
Mar 27-Apr2	148.00**	111.00*	133.00**	104.00**
Apr 3-30	82.00*	60.00*	74.00*	56.00*
May 1-Jun 29	82.00*	60.00*	74.00*	56.00*
Jun 30-Aug 26	107.50**	82.00**	102.50**	79.50**
Aug 27-Sep 16	87.00**	66.50**	82.00**	64.00**
Sep 17-30	107.50**	82.00**	102.50**	79.50**
Oct 1-Nov 4	87.00**	66.50**	82.00**	64.00**

*For poolview room add $10.00 per room.
** For poolview add $13.00 per room.

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NEPTUNE	SFC			
Family Plan	1-2 nts		Min 3 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-19	192.00	175.00	192.00	175.00
Mar 20-Apr 3	246.00	202.00	246.00	202.00
Apr 4-30.	169.00	137.00	169.00	137.00
May 1-11	143.50	121.50	130.50	110.00
May 12-18	238.50	196.00	223.00	188.50
May 19-Jul 6	143.50	121.50	130.50	110.00
Jul 7-Aug 31	205.00	169.00	187.00	159.00
Sep 1-7	238.50	196.00	223.00	188.50
Sep 8-17	143.50	121.50	130.50	110.00
Sep 18-30	238.50	196.00	223.00	188.50
Oct 1-Dec 21	195.00	159.00	154.00	129.50
Dec 22-Jan 4	230.50	197.50	225.50	192.00
Jan 5-Feb 11	195.00	159.00	154.00	129.50
Feb 12-Apr 8	205.00	170.50	179.50	169.00
Apr 9-22	230.50	197.50	225.50	192.00
Apr 23-30	205.00	170.50	179.50	169.00

ORCHID	FC			
Family Plan	1-2 nts		Min 3 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-19	172.00	137.00	172.00	137.00
Mar 20-Apr 3	248.00	198.00	248.00	198.00
Apr 4-30	123.00	99.00	123.00	99.00
May 1-Jun 30	138.50	110.00	123.00	98.50
Jul 1-Aug 31	174.50	139.50	161.50	129.50
Sep 1-7	220.50	177.00	207.50	166.50
Sep 8-17	138.50	110.00	123.00	98.50
Sep 18-30	220.50	177.00	207.50	166.50
Oct 1-Dec 21	164.00	130.50	143.50	115.50
Dec 22-Jan 4	220.50	177.00	207.50	166.50
Jan 5-Feb 11	138.50	110.00	123.00	98.50

* Special rates for minimum 7 nights on request.

PRINCESS	DLX			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23,	212.50*	187.00*	197.50*	171.50*
Mar 24-Apr 9	297.50*	271.50*	297.50*	271.50*
Apr 10-Jun 12	12.50*	187.00*	197.50*	171.50*
Jun 2-29	189.50*	163.00*	177.00*	151.00*
Jun 30-Nov 30	212.50*	187.00*	197.50*	171.50*
Dec 1-21	189.50*	163.00*	177.00*	151.00*
Dec 22-Jan 4	297.50*	271.50*	297.50*	271.50*
Jan 5-Feb 28	189.50*	163.00*	177.00*	151.00*

* For poolview room add $25.50 per room.
* For Princess Club add $59.00 per room.
** For Fri. night and holiday eve dinner add $5.00

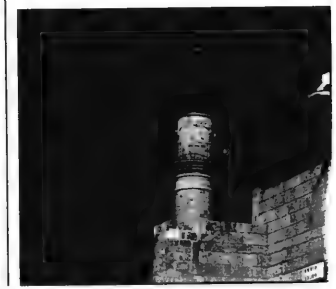
RED ROCK	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	72.00	61.00	67.00	59.00
Mar 24-Apr 2	113.00	91.00	108.00	88.00
Apr 3-30	72.00	61.00	67.00	59.00
May 1-Jun 30	69.00	57.50	64.00	55.00
Jul 1-Aug 31	113.00	91.00	108.00	88.00
Sep 1-4	69.00	57.50	64.00	55.00
Sep 5-8	113.00	91.00	108.00	88.00
Sep 9-18	69.00	57.50	64.00	55.00
Sep 19-28	113.00	91.00	108.00	88.00
Sep 29-Oct 31	69.00	57.50	64.00	55.00

SPORT	FC			
	Reg. Rm		Dlx Rm	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	131.00*	101.00*	175.00	124.00
Mar 24-Apr 10	205.00*	152.00*	250.00	175.00
Apr 11-May 31	105.00*	88.00*	150.00	111.00
Jun 1-30	105.00**	83.50**	143.50	102.50
Jul 1-Aug 28	125.50**	96.00**	169.00	118.00
Aug 29-Sep 18	105.00**	83.50**	143.50	102.50
Mar 24-Apr 10	250.00	175.00	337.00	35.00
Sep 19-Nov 20	125.50**	96.00**	169.00	118.00

* For junior suite add $36.00 per room.
For poolview add $19.00 per room.
* For junior suite add $64.00 per room.
For poolview add $27.00 per room.

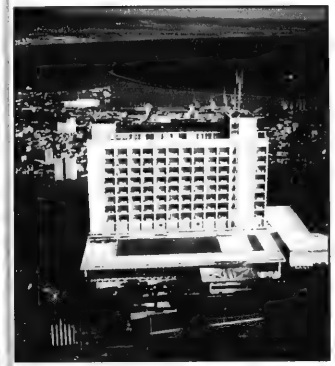
Haifa blends together much of what is beautiful in Israel. Situated where the rocky green slopes of historic Mount Carmel meet the blue waters of a broad natural harbor, its terraced urban landscape offers a rich variety of gorgeous vistas.

Israel's third largest city, Haifa is capital of the north and home to 250,000 inhabitants, members of five different religions living in harmony. It offers biblical holy places, natural reserves with prehistoric caves, lovely cultivated gardens, the University of Haifa and Technion Israel Institute of Technology and more than a dozen museums. Cable cars link the downtown port district at the foot of the Carmel with neighborhoods on its upper slopes. This city's many promenades and scenic overlooks offer an abundance of views of Haifa's beautiful natural harbor. On a clear day, almost any day of the year, you can see clear across the sparkling waters of the bay to the medieval walled fortress city of Acre.



DAN CARMEL	DLX			
Family Plan	Sup. Rm. Mon- Wed		Sup. Rm. Thu-Sun	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	133.50*	107.50*	159.00	133.50
Mar 23-Apr 3	205.00	179.50	205.00	179.50
Apr 4-Jul 16	166.50*	141.00*	192.00	166.50
Jul 17-Aug 27	205.00	179.50	205.00	179.50
Aug 28-Nov 12	166.50*	141.00*	192.00	166.50
Nov 13-Feb 28	133.50*	107.50*	159.00	133.50

* For clients staying a minimum of 4 nights at Dan Carmel, or minimum 7 nights at Dan Hotels, this rate will apply for Thu-Sun as well.



DAN PANORAMA	SFC			
Family Plan	Sup.Rm. Mon- Wed		Sup. Rm. Thu-Sun	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	97.50*	74.50*	110.00	87.00
Mar 23-Apr 3	151.00	128.00	151.00	128.00
Apr 4-Jul 16	125.50*	102.50*	138.50	115.50
Jul 17-Aug 27	151.00	128.00	151.00	128.00
Aug 28-Nov 12	125.50*	102.50*	138.50	115.50
Nov 13-Feb 28	97.50*	74.50*	110.00	87.00

* For clients staying a minimum of 4 nights at Dan Panorama, or minimum 7 nights at Dan Hotels, this rate will apply for Thu-Sun as well.
* Rates available in regular and deluxe rooms, call for rates

All rates are in U.S. dollars

NOF	SFC	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-31	89.50	78.00
Apr 1-10	130.50	100.00
Apr 11-Nov 14	105.00	87.00
Nov 15-Feb 28	95.00	82.00

SHULAMIT	FC	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-Nov 15	74.50	60.00
Nov 16-Feb 28	69.00	57.50

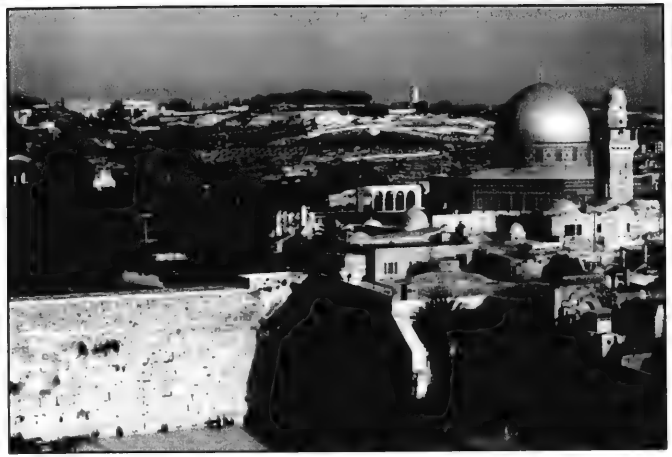
HERZLIA HOTELS

DAN ACCADIA	DLX			
Family Plan	Reg. Rm.		Sup. Rm.	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-15	133.50	107.50	156.50	130.50
Mar 16-22	184.50	159.00	215.50	189.50
Mar 23-Apr 5	253.50	228.00	284.50	259.00
Apr 6-Jul 16	184.50	159.00	215.50	189.50
Jul 17-Aug 27	253.50	228.00	284.50	259.00
Aug 28-Sep 19	184.50	159.00	215.50	189.50
Sep 20-27	253.50	228.00	284.50	259.00
Sep 28-Nov 12	184.50	159.00	215.50	189.50
Nov 13-Feb 28	133.50	107.50	156.50	130.50
Superior Room deduction with Minimum 7 Nights Available				

DANIEL	DLX			
Family Plan	Reg. Rm.		Sup. Rm	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-15	118.00	92.50	143.50	118.00
Mar 16-22	161.50	136.00	200.00	174.50
Mar 23-Apr 5	233.00	204.00	269.00	241.00
Apr 6-Jul 30	161.50	136.00	200.00	174.50
Jul 31-Aug 27	202.50	178.00	236.00	210.00
Aug 28-Nov 12	161.50	136.00	200.00	174.50
Nov 13-Feb 28	118.00	92.50	143.50	118.00
Superior Room deduction with Minimum 7 Nights Available.				

SHARON	SFC			
Family Plan	Reg. Rm.		Sup. Rm.	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-14	95.00	75.50	115.50*	91.00*
Mar 15-24	161.50	119.00	174.50**	128.00**
Mar 25-Apr 2	212.50	170.50	225.50**	179.50**
Apr 3-Jul 14	161.50	119.00	174.50**	128.00**
Jul 15-Aug 27	212.50	170.50	225.50**	179.50**
Aug 28-Sep 15	161.50	119.00	174.50**	128.00**
Sep 16-27	212.50	170.50	225.50**	179.50**
Sep 28-Oct 31	161.50	119.00	174.50**	128.00**

* For Bella Vista room add $19.00 per room.
** For Bella Vista room add $25.00 per room



Jerusalem...is archeology and art, sacred sites and superb shopping, panoramic sun-swept promenades and moonlit concerts under the stars, classic dining and fast food restaurants, daytime walking tours and night club entertainment. And when visiting, you'll discover that Jerusalem is all this and more. For the Jerusalem of today links a historic past with a dynamic present. A vibrant cultural and cosmopolitan center, Jerusalem is a living mosaic with many faces. Hailing from over 100 countries, Israelis are a rainbow of colors, cultures, and languages. So speak right up. Israelis talk in over 70 tongues, and you're bound to hear your own while strolling through Jerusalem.

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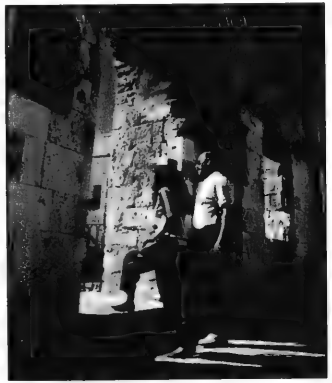

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HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	171.50*	146.00*
Mar 25- Apr 4	177.00**	150.00**
Apr 5-Sep 18	171.50*	146.00*
Sep 19-28	177.00**	150.00**
Sep 29-Nov 15	171.50*	146.00*
Nov 16-Dec 22	130.50*	105.00*
Dec 23- Jan 3	171.50*	146.00*
Jan 4-Feb 28	130.50*	105.00*

* For deluxe room $32.00 per room.
* For Crowne Plaza Club add $45.00 per room.
** For deluxe room add 38.50 per room.
** For Crowne Plaza Club add $51.00 per room.

"Super Inn" programmes:
Valid at Holiday Inn Jerusalem during:
Mar 1-24, Apr 5-Sep 18, Sep 29-Feb 28
(A) Stay 7 nights-pay for 6
Free night on B/B
Note:
These 2 "Super Inn" programmes cannot be combined.

HOLYLAND	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	64.00	52.50
Mar 25-Apr 2	95.00	68.00
Apr 3-30	64.00	52.50
May 1-Sep 18	64.00	52.50
Sep 19-30	95.00	68.00
Oct 1-Nov 14	64.00	52.50
Nov 15-Feb 28	61.50	51.50

All rates are in U.S. dollars

JERUSALEM RENAISSANCE	1-2 nts		Min 3 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	154.00	130.50	179.50*	141.00*
Mar 24-Apr 3	200.00	164.00	200.00	164.00
Apr 4-Sep 17	154.00	130.50	179.50*	141.00*
Sep 18-27	154.00	151.00	154.00	151.00
Sep 28-Nov 20	154.00	130.50	179.50*	141.00*
Nov 21-Dec 22	118.00	100.00	151.00*	114.00*
Dec 23-Jan 2	154.00	130.50	179.50*	141.00*
Jan 3-Feb 28	118.00	100.00	151.00*	114.00*

* Breakfast and Dinner included.
Supersaver
Valid during:
Mar 1-23, Apr 4-17, Sep 28-Feb 28
Stay 7 nights - pay for 6, based on B/B rate.
Free night on B/B.

Renaissance combination:
* When staying a minimum of 7 nights at the Jerusalem Renaissance and the Ramada Continental Tel-Aviv, following rates will apply at the Jerusalem Renaissance:

Mar 1-23	148.50	125.50
Mar 24-Apr 3	Not Valid	Not Valid
Apr 4-Sep 17	148.50	125.50
Sep 18-27	Not Valid	Not Valid
Sep 28-Nov 20	148.50	125.50
Nov21-Dec 22	113.00	95.00
Dec 23-Jan 2	148.50	125.50
Jan 3-Feb 28	113.00	95.00

KING DAVID	DLX			
Family Plan	Reg. Rm.		Sup. Rm.	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	215.50	189.50	251.00	225.50
Mar 23-Apr 5	300.00	274.00	336.00	310.00
Apr 6-Sep 18	215.50	189.50	251.00	225.50
Sep 19-Oct 31	300.00	274.00	336.00	310.00
Nov 1-12	215.50	189.50	251.00	225.50
Nov 13-Dec 21	164.00	138.50	195.00	169.00
Dec 22-Jan 5	215.50	189.50	251.00	225.50
Jan 6-Feb 28	164.00	138.50	195.00	169.00

Superior Room and Deluxe Room deduction with Minimum 7 Nights Available.

DAN PEARL	FC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Jul 1-16	148.50	125.50	125.50*	102.50*
Jul 17-Aug 27	171.50	148.50	159.00*	136.00*
Aug 28-Nov 12	148.50	125.50	125.50*	102.50*
Nov 13-Dec 21	115.50	92.50	97.00*	74.50*
Dec 22-Jan 5	148.50	125.50	125.50*	102.50*
Jan 6-Feb 28	115.50	92.50	97.00*	74.50*

* These rates are also valid at a minimum stay of 7 nights at Dan Hotels.
Rates are for portion for Dan Pearl only.

HYATT REGENCY	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	146.00*	132.00*
Mar 25-Apr 3	159.00*	145.00*
Apr 4-Sep 18	146.00*	132.00*
Sep 19-28	159.00*	145.00*
Sep 29-Oct 31	146.00*	132.00*
Nov 1-Dec 23	102.50*	88.50*
Dec 24-Jan 1	118.00*	104.00*
Jan 2-Feb 28	102.50*	88.50*

* For Deluxe room add $6.50 per person.

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KINGS	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	105.00*	88.50*	100.00*	86.00*
Mar 25-Apr 4	136.00*	104.00*	130.50*	101.00*
Apr 5-Sep 17	105.00*	88.50*	100.00*	86.00*
Sep 18-27	136.00*	104.00*	130.50*	101.00*
Sep 28-Nov 14	105.00*	88.50*	100.00*	86.00*

* For renovated room add $10.00 per room.

LAROMME	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	197.50*	179.50*
Mar 24-Apr 16	243.50*	225.50*
Apr 17-Sep 15	197.50*	179.50*
Sep 16-Oct 31	243.50*	225.50*
Nov 1-15	197.50*	179.50*
Nov 16-Dec 19	136.00*	118.00*
Dec 20-Jan 4	197.50*	179.50*
Jan 5-Feb 28	136.00*	118.00*

* For Maximum room add $30.50 per room.
For holiday eve dinner & holiday lunch add $22.00.

MORIAH PLAZA	SFC	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	148.50*	123.00*
Mar 25-Apr 4	189.50*	143.50*
Apr 5-May 31	161.50*	129.50*
Jun 1-Jul 31	148.50*	123.00*
Aug 1-31	161.50*	129.50*
Sep 1-18	148.50*	123.00*
Sep 19-27	189.50*	143.50*
Sep 28-Oct 31	161.50*	129.50*
Nov 1-15	148.50*	123.00*
Nov 16-Dec 18	105.00*	89.50*
Dec 19-Jan 6	125.50*	100.00*
Jan 7-Feb 28	105.00*	89.50*

For deluxe room add $13.00 per person
Supersaver:
Valid: Mar 1-24, Jun 1-Sep 18, Nov 1-15
Stay 7 nights-pay for 6. Free night on B/B

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PARADISE	FC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	84.50	63.00	74.50	57.50
Mar 24-Apr 6	110.00	82.00	100.00	77.00
Apr 7-Sep 17	84.50	63.00	74.50	57.50
Sep 18-Oct 1	110.00	82.00	100.00	77.00
Oct 2-Dec 24	84.50	63.00	74.50	57.50
Dec 25-Jan 2	110.00	82.00	100.00	77.00
Jan 3-Feb 28	84.50	63.00	74.50	57.50

SHERATON PLAZA	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	200.00*	182.00*
Mar 24-Apr 17	243.50*	225.50*
Apr 18-Sep 17	200.00*	182.00*
Sep 18-Oct 31	243.50*	225.50*
Nov 1-15	200.00*	182.00*
Nov 16-Dec 21	130.50*	118.00*
Dec 22-31	200.00*	182.00*
Jan 1-Feb 28	130.50*	118.00*

For Old City view add $25.50 per room.
For Old City view + balcony add $56.50 per room.

SONESTA	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	73.00
Mar 25-Apr 3	118.00	109.00
Apr 4-May 31	84.50	78.00
Jun 1-Sep 18	79.50	73.00
Sep 19-30	118.00	109.00
Oct 1-31	84.50	78.00
Nov 1-14	79.50	73.00
Nov 15-Feb 28	77.00	68.00

WINDMILL	FC			
	1-3 nts		Min 4 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-15	92.50	79.50	77.00	65.50
Mar 16-25	115.50	93.50	100.00	80.50.
Mar 26-Apr 3	186.00*	154.00*	171.50*	143.50*
Apr 4-May 31	115.50	93.50	107.50	87.00
Jun 1-Sep 19	115.50	93.50	100.00	80.50
Sep 20-28	186.00*	154.00*	171.50*	143.50*
Sep 29-30	115.50	93.50	100.00	80.50
Oct 1-31	115.50	93.50	107.50	87.00
Nov 1-15	115.50	93.50	100.00	80.50
Nov 16-Dec 22	97.50	87.00	82.00	69.00
Dec 23-Jan 6	115.50	93.50	100.00	80.50.
Jan 7-Feb 28	97.50	87.00	82.00	69.00

* Breakfast & Dinner Included
(Seder meal compulsory)

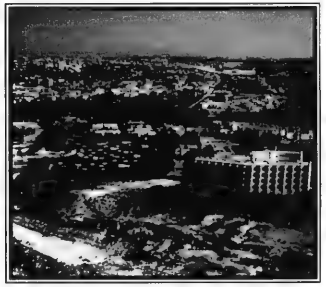
Israel has over 300 hotels, offering a wide choice of accommodations to suit all tastes, purposes and budgets, ranging from small, simple facilities to five-star luxury establishments, with prices varying according to grade and season. Hotel rates are quoted in U.S. dollars and include the 15% service charge.

Kibbutz Hotels

The kibbutz (collective village) is a uniquely Israeli social experience, in which all property is collectively-owned and members receive no salaries, but are provided with housing, education for their children, medical services, and social amenities and other necessities. Most are essentially agricultural settlements, but many are shifting to a more industrially-oriented economy. There are about 250 kibbutzim throughout Israel.

Several kibbutzim, mostly in northern and central Israel, have established hotels on the premises, providing visitors with a close view of this world-renowned lifestyle. Kibbutz hotels are graded as three of four-star establishments. They offer guests the opportunity for a relaxed, informal holiday in delightful rural surroundings. Some present special evening programs about the kibbutz experience.

KIBBUTZ HOTELS CHAIN



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AYELETH HASHAHAR	FC	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-12	74.50	63.00
Mar 13-May 28	82.00	66.50
May 29-Jul 31	74.50	63.00
Aug 1-31	82.00	66.50
Sep 1-Oct 1	74.50	63.00
Oct 2-Nov 14	82.00	66.50
Nov 15-Feb 28	69.00	60.00

Supersaver:
Valid during:
May 29-Jul 9, Sep 1-17
Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.
Free night on room and board.

EIN GEDI	TC			
	1-4 nts		Min 5 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-May 31	151.00*	107.50*	143.50*	102.00*
Jun 1-30	130.50*	92.50*	124.00*	157.50*
Jul 1-31	111.50*	75.00*	106.00*	71.00*
Aug 1-Sep 30	130.50*	92.50*	124.00*	157.50*
Oct 1-Nov 30	151.00*	107.50*	143.50*	102.00*
Dec 1-31	130.50*	92.50*	124.00*	157.50*
Jan 1-Feb 28	111.50*	75.00*	106.00*	71.00*

* For F/B add $15.50 per person.

HAGOSHRIM	TC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	60.00
Mar 25-Apr 9	92.50	66.50
Apr 10-30	79.50	60.00
May 1-14	87.00	66.50
May 15-17	107.50	77.00
May 18-Jul 14	87.00	66.50
Jul 15-Aug 31	107.50	77.00
Sep 1-4	87.00	66.50
Sep 5-7	107.50	77.00
Sep 8-18	87.00	66.50
Sep 19-27	107.50	77.00
Sep 28-Nov 14	87.00	66.50
Nov 15-Feb 28	77.00	61.50

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KFAR BLUM	TC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	60.00
Mar 25-Apr 9	92.50	66.50
Apr 10-30	79.50	60.00
May 1-14	87.00	66.50
May 15-17	107.50	77.00
May 18-Jul 14	87.00	66.50
Jul 15-Aug 31	107.50	77.00
Sep 1-4	87.00	66.50
Sep 5-7	107.50	77.00
Sep 8-18	87.00	66.50
Sep 19-27	107.50	77.00
Sep 28-Nov 14	87.00	66.50
Nov 15-Feb 28	77.00	61.50

KFAR GILAD	TC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	60.00
Mar 25-Apr 9	92.50	66.50
Apr 10-30	79.50	60.00
May 1-14	87.00	66.50
May 15-17	107.50	77.00
May 18-Jul 14	87.00	66.50
Jul 15-Aug 31	107.50	77.00
Sep 1-4	87.00	66.50
Sep 5-7	107.50	77.00
Sep 8-18	87.00	66.50
Sep 19-27	107.50	77.00
Sep 28-Nov 14	87.00	66.50
Nov 15-Feb 28	77.00	61.50

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FLY & DRIVE PROGRAMME
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NEVE ILAN	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	74.50	59.00	66.50	55.00
Mar 25-Apr 9	100.00	80.50	100.00	80.50
Apr 10-30	87.00	73.00	79.50	69.00
May 1-31	100.00	82.00	92.50	78.00
Jun 1-Jul 14	84.50	69.00	77.00	65.50
Jul 15-Aug 31	100.00	82.00	92.50	78.00
Sep 1-4	84.50	69.00	77.00	65.50
Sep 5-7	141.00	111.50	141.00	111.50
Sep 8-18	84.50	69.00	77.00	65.50
Sep 19-Oct 31	100.00	82.00	92.50	78.00
Nov 1-14	84.50	69.00	77.00	65.50
Nov 15-Dec 23	69.00	59.00	61.50	55.00
Dec 24-Jan 4	84.50	69.00	77.00	65.50
Jan 5-Feb 28	69.00	59.00	61.50	55.00

MITZPE RACHEL	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	82.00	64.00
Mar 25-Apr 9	113.00	88.50
Apr 10-30	102.50	82.00
May 1-31	128.00	96.00
June 1-Jul 14	110.00	82.00
Jul 15-Aug 31	128.00	96.00
Sep 1-4	110.00	82.00
Sep 5-7	146.00	114.00
Sep 8-18	110.00	82.00
Sep 19-Oct 31	128.00	96.00
Nov 1-14	110.00	82.00
Nov 15-Dec 23	87.00	66.50
Dec 24-Jan4	110.00	82.00
Jan 5- Feb 28	87.00	66.50

With six miles of wide sandy beaches, Netanya has developed as Israel's premier family resort and is actively targeting more British holiday makers.

It is 20 miles north of Tel Aviv with 2,000 rooms in around 30 hotels ranging down from the newly-refurbished Seasons and including many mid-range properties.

Other hotels catering to the British market include the Galil, new Arches, Residence, edge-of-town Blue Bay, King Solomon, Park, Goldar and Ginot Yam, many with discos and nightclubs. More hotels are planned.

In the pedestrian mall leading to the sea are restaurants, pavement cafes and two shopping centres. The resort boasts 11 cinemas.

Outdoor events include amphitheatre concerts, children's shows, folk dancing displays, open-air films, fireworks displays and disco-style dancing in the town square.

There is plenty of sports action, with sailing, windsurfing, paragliding, tennis and horse-riding; nearby Caesarea has a 18-hole golf course.

The well known Wingate Sports Institute offers indoor swimming, squash, volleyball and basketball, plus full training facilities and sports medical centre.

Migrating birds add another dimension to the resort's appeal, stopping off on their way to from sunny climes.

Like Tel Aviv, Netanya sells itself as being at the centre of the country, with Jerusalem, Haifa and the Galilee all a day trip away.

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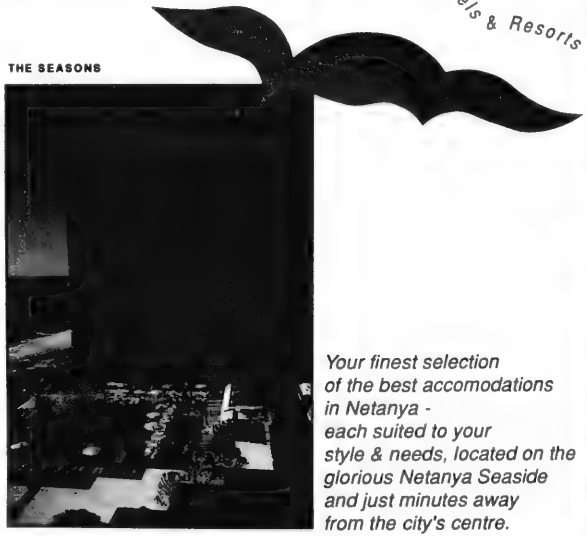

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BLUE BAY	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	68.00	72.00	64.00
Mar 25-Apr 7	118.00	87.00	110.00	83.50
Apr 8- Jul 14	79.50	68.00	72.00	64.00
Jul 15-Aug 27	118.00	87.00	110.00	83.50
Aug 28-Sep 3	79.50	68.00	72.00	64.00
Sep 4-7	118.00	87.00	110.00	83.50
Sep 8-Nov 14	79.50	68.00	72.00	64.00
Nov 15-Feb 28	59.00	51.00	51.00	47.50

GALIL	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	56.50	46.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	123.00	100.00
Apr 3-23.	72.00	59.00
Apr 24-30	92.50	75.50
May 1-14	61.00	45.00
May 15-16	92.50	75.50
May 17-31	73.00	58.50
Jun 1-30	61.00	45.00
Jul 1-16	73.00	58.50
Jul 17-31	92.50	75.50
Aug 1-27	131.50	107.00
Aug 28-Sep 4	61.00	45.00
Sep 5-7	92.50	75.50
Sep 8-18	61.00	45.00
Sep 19-26	92.50	75.50
Sep 27-30	61.00	45.00
Oct 1-31	73.00	58.50
Nov 1-Feb 28	48.50	39.00

KING SOLOMON	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	69.00	55.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	128.00	92.50
Apr 3-Jun 30	69.00	55.00
Jul 1-31	74.50	60.00
Aug 1-31	128.00	92.50
Sep 1-3	69.00	55.00
Sep 4-7	74.50	60.00
Sep 8-17	69.00	55.00
Sep 18-27	74.50	60.00
Sep 28-Oct 31	69.00	55.00
Nov 1-Feb 28	51.50	43.50

ORLY	TC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-14	43.40	34.50
Mar 15 -23	54.00	50.00
Mar 24-Apr 3	115.50	86.00
Apr 4-Jul 28	54.00	50.00
Jul 29-Sep 10	115.50	86.00
Sep 11- Sep 14	54.00	50.00
Sep 15-30	115.50	86.00
Oct 1-31	54.00	50.00

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PARK	FC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	79.50	59.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	123.00	87.00
Apr 3-30	79.50	59.00
May 1-31	77.00	59.00
Jun 1-30	69.00	55.00
Jul 1-31	77.00	59.00
Aug 1-31	130.50	93.50
Sep 1-Oct 31	77.00	59.00
Nov 1-Feb 28	50.00	43.00

SEASONS	SFC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-14	102.50*	79.50*
Mar 15-23	151.00**	115.50**
Mar 24-Apr 3	230.50**	195.00**
Apr 4-Jul 28	151.00**	115.50**
Jul 29-Sep 10	230.50**	195.00**
Sep 11-14	151.00**	115.50**
Sep 15-30	230.50**	195.00**
Oct 1-31	151.00**	115.50**
Nov 1-Feb 28	102.50*	79.50*

* For suite add $40.00 per suite.
** For suite add $64.00 per suite.
Supersaver:
Valid during:
Mar 1-23, Apr 4-Jul 28, Oct 1-31
Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.Free night on B/B

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Tel Aviv and Yafo

Tel Aviv: (Founded in 1909) means Hill of Spring, but is symbolic of Ezekiel's vision. It was in Tel Aviv, that is in Babylon, when the exiled prophet saw the dry bones brought back to life by the spirit of God and returned home to the Land of Israel. Tel Aviv is also the Hebrew title of Dr. Herzl's utopian book Altneuland (Old-New-Land). The main street, Rehov Herzl, was named in memory of the founder of the Zionist movement. At the head of the street stood the stylish structure Gymnasia Herzliya. It was the first secular high school where all subjects were taught in the revived ancient language, Hebrew. Today the school has moved to more spacious grounds and the Shalom Tower and Observatory were built in its place.

Yafo: Jaffa or Joppa claims to be the oldest port city in the world. In Hebrew it means beautiful and is attributed to Japhet, son of Noah. The Greek link it with Jopa, daughter of Aeolus, ruler of the winds. Until the end of the 19th century, the entrance to its small harbor was through a gap in the surrounding reef. Poseidon, the Greek god of the seas, chained Andromeda to a rock in the reef. The young lady was to be consumed by the dragon but was saved by and married to Perseus, son of Zeus and Danea.

Excavation on the hill overlooking the port revealed that it was inhabited 4000 years ago. Yafo was allotted to the tribe of Dan, but it was a Philistine town until the reign of King David. King Solomon used Yafo and Tel Qasila on the Yarqon River to bring cedars from Lebanon to build the Temple in Jerusalem. The town is also mentioned in the biblical story of Jonah and the whale, and again as the port for timber used in building the second Temple. In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that in Yafo Peter brought Tabitha back to life and that while he stayed in the house of Simon the Tanner, he was ordered by the Lord to bring the gospel to the gentiles. Under King Herod and the Romans, Yafo lost its supremacy to Caesarea. It regained its importance in the 8th cent. when the Moslems built their capital in nearby Ramla. In the 12th and 13th cent. Yafo was the port of the Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem. It was destroyed with all other Crusader ports by the Mamelukes and remained desolate for six hundred years.

At the beginning of the 19th cent., the Turk Aga Mahamud, known as Abu Nabut, fortified and built much of what is today's Old Jaffa. Later in the century when the western countries competed amongst themselves in building religious institutions in the Holy Land, and when Jews began returning to their homeland, Yafo prospered and grew. Its port was busy importing building materials, manufactured goods, and exporting Jaffa oranges. By the end of the 19th cent. Yafo had expanded out of its walls. Two of its new Jewish suburbs were Newe Zedek and Newe Shalom.

In 1906 bustling Jaffa celebrated the jubilee of Sultan Abdulhamid the Second, by pulling down the city's useless walls and building the city clock tower. In the same year a group of Jews left the congested town to build their homes on the northern sand dunes and called it Tel Aviv.

BASEL	FC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-Jul 31	113.00	88.50	107.50	86.00
Aug 1-31	120.50	92.50	115.50	89.50
Sep 1-Nov 14	113.00	88.50	107.50	86.00
Nov 15-Dec 19	97.50	80.50	92.50	78.00
Dec 20-Jan 5	105.00	84.50	100.00	82.00
Jan 6-Feb 28	97.50	80.50	92.50	78.00
Supersaver: Valid during: May 29-Jul 9, Sep 1-17 Stay 7 nights- pay for 6.	113.00	88.50	165.50	18.00

Free night on room and board.

CARLTON	DLX			
Family Plan	1-4 nts		Min 5 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	171.50*	154.00*	171.50*	154.00*
Mar 23-Apr 5	225.50*	207.50*	225.50*	207.50*
Apr 6-Jun 30	171.50*	154.00*	171.50*	154.00*
Jul 1-Aug 31	184.50*	166.50*	184.50*	166.50*
Sep 1-Nov 15	171.50*	154.00*	171.50*	154.00*
Nov 16-Dec 19	130.50*	115.50*	125.00*	110.00*
Dec 20-Jan 5	143.50*	128.00*	138.50*	123.00*
Jan 6-Feb 28	130.50*	115.50*	125.00*	110.00*

* For Superior room add $13.00 per room.
For Deluxe sea side room add $25.50 per room.
All rooms above are quoted on city side rooms.

GRAND BEACH	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	118.00	92.50	102.50	82.00
Mar 25-Apr 4	154.00	115.50	138.50	104.00
Apr 5-Nov 15	118.00	92.50	102.50	82.00
Nov 16-Feb 28	95.00	77.00	84.50	69.00

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CITY	TC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-Jul 31	95.00*	73.00*	89.50*	70.50*
Aug 1-31	102.50*	77.00*	97.50*	74.50*
Sep 1-Nov 14	95.00*	73.00*	89.50*	70.50*
Nov 15-Dec 19	79.50*	65.50*	74.50*	63.00*
Dec 20-Jan 5	87.00*	69.00*	82.00*	66.50*
Jan 6-Feb 28	79.50*	65.50*	74.50*	63.00*
Supersaver: Valid during: May 29-Jul 9,				
Sep 1-17	95.00*	73.00*	138.50*	18.00

Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.
Free night on room and board.
* For corner room $5.00 per room.

DAN	DLX			
Family Plan	Sup. Rm.		Dlx City Side	
	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	212.50	187.00	233.00	207.50
Mar 23-Apr 6	264.00	238.50	277.00	251.00
Apr 7-Jul 30	212.50	187.00	233.00	207.50
Jul 31-Aug 27	264.00	238.50	277.00	251.00
Aug 28-Nov 12	212.50	187.00	233.00	207.50
Nov 13-Feb 28	169.00	143.50	184.50	159.00

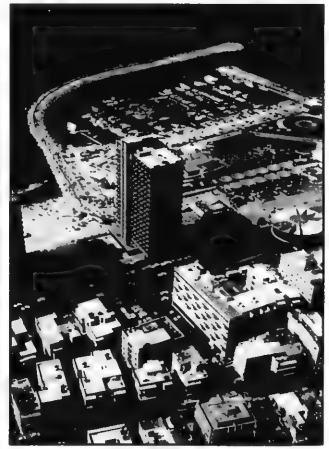
Ask us for our minimum 7 nights
* These rates are also valid for a minimum stay of 7 nights at Dan hotels.
Rates are for portion of Dan Tel-Aviv only.
Superior & Deluxe Room deduction with Minimum 7 Nights Available.

DAN PANORAMA	SFC			
Family Plan	Reg. Rm.		Sup. Rm	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	148.50	125.50	159.00	136.00
Mar 23-Apr 5	171.50	148.50	182.00	159.00
Apr 6-Jul 30	148.50	125.50	159.00	136.00
Jul 31-Aug 27	171.50	148.50	182.00	159.00
Aug 28-Nov 12	148.50	125.50	159.00	136.00
Nov 13-Feb 28	115.50	92.50	125.50*	102.50*

Regular & Superior Room deduction with Minimum 7 Nights Available.
* These rates are also valid for a minimum stay of 7 nights at Dan hotels.
Rates are for portion of Dan Panorama only.

HILTON	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	305.00*	242.00*
Mar 24-Apr 4	375.50*	351.00*
Apr 5-Feb 28	305.00*	242.00*

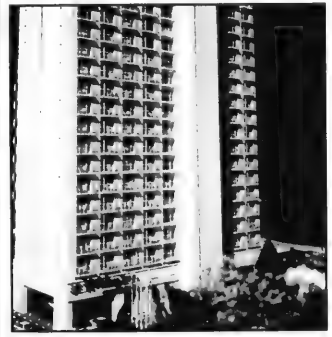
* For room only deduct $24.50 per person
For continental breakfast deduct $6.00.
Rate is for standard dinner.



HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	212.50*	182.00*
Mar 25-Apr 4	292.00**	259.00**
Apr 5-Jul 15	212.50*	182.00*
Jul 16-Aug 31	233.00*	197.50*
Sep 1-20	159.00***	132.00***
Sep 21-Nov 15	212.50*	182.00*
Nov 16-Dec 21	159.00***	132.00***
Dec 22-Jan 3	212.50*	182.00*
Jan 4-Feb 28	159.00***	132.00***

* For deluxe room add $41.00 per room.
For Crowne Plaza Club add $77.00 per room.
For room only deduct $18.00 per person.
** For deluxe room add $47.50 per room.
For Crowne Plaza Club add $77.00 per room.
For room only deduct $18.00 per person.
*** For deluxe room add $32.00 per room.
For Crowne Plaza Club add $77.00 per room.
For room only deduct $18.00 per person.
"Super Inn" programmes:
Valid at Holiday Inn Tel-Aviv during:
Mar 1-24, Apr 5-Feb 28
(A) Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.
Free night on bed & breakfast.
OR
(B) When staying at a minimum of 2 hotels in the Holiday Inn chain (Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Tiberias), deduct $2.50 daily per person.

Note:
These two "Super Inn" programmes cannot be combined.



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MORIAH PLAZA	SFC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	157.50*	126.00*	157.50*	126.00*
Mar 25-Apr 4	201.00*	150.50*	201.00*	150.50*
Apr 5-May 31	175.50*	138.00*	175.50*	138.00*
Jun 1-Jul 31	157.50*	126.00*	157.50*	126.00*
Aug 1-31	175.50*	138.00*	175.50*	138.00*
Sep 1-19	157.50*	126.00*	157.50*	126.00*
Sep 20-Oct 31	175.50*	138.00*	175.50*	138.00*
Nov 1-15	157.50*	126.00*	157.50*	126.00*
Nov 16-Dec 19	114.00*	94.00*	105.00*	89.50*
Dec 20-Jan 4	127.00*	100.50*	118.00*	96.00*
Jan 5-Feb 28	114.00*	94.00*	105.00*	89.50*

* For deluxe room add $13.00 per person.
Supersaver;
Valid during:
Mar 1-24,
Apr 5-Sep 19,
Nov 1-15
Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.
Free night on B/B

RAMADA CONTINENTAL	SFC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-22	164.00*	127.00	141.00*	115.50*
Mar 23-Apr 3	192.00*	147.50*	192.00*	147.50*
Apr 4-Jul 30	164.00*	127.00	141.00*	115.50*
Jul 31-Aug 27	174.50*	138.50*	154.00*	128.00*
Aug 28-Nov 15	164.00*	127.00	141.00*	115.50*
Nov 16-Feb 28	118.00*	97.50*	105.00*	91.00*
Aug 28-Nov 15	141.00*	115.50*	192.00*	30.50

* For deluxe room add $25.00 per room.

SHERATON	DLX			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	197.50*	164.00*	182.00*	148.50*
Mar 25-Apr 4	292.00**	259.00**	292.00**	259.00**
Apr 5-Jul 2	225.50*	192.00*	200.00*	166.50*
Jul 3-Aug 20	136.00*	202.50*	220.50*	187.00*
Aug 21-Sep 3	225.50*	192.00*	200.00*	166.50*
Sep 4-30	197.50*	164.00*	182.00*	148.50*
Oct 1-Nov 15	225.50*	192.00*	200.00*	166.50*
Nov 16-Feb 28	182.00*	148.50*	169.00*	136.00*

* For deluxe room add $57.50 per room.
For tower room add $115.00 per room.
** For deluxe room add $70.50 per room.
For tower room add $102.00 per room.
*** For Friday night dinner & Saturday lunch add $10.00.
For holiday eve dinner & holiday lunch add $16.50.

TAL	FC			
Family Plan	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-Jul 31	105.00	84.50	100.00	82.00
Aug 1-31	113.00	88.50	107.50	86.00
Sep 1-Nov 14	105.00	84.50	100.00	82.00
Nov 15-Dec 19	89.50	77.00	84.50	74.50
Dec 20-Jan 5	97.50	80.50	92.50	78.00
Jan 6-Feb 28	89.50	77.00	84.50	74.50
Supersaver: Valid during: May 29-Jul 9, Sep 1-17				
Stay 7 nights-	105.00	84.50	154.00	18.00
pay for 6 free night on room and board.				

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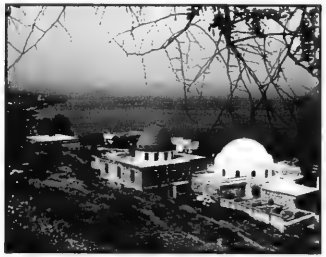
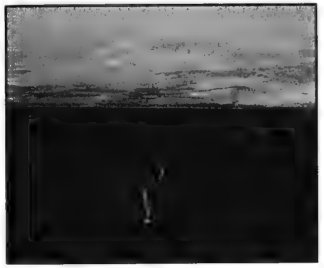
Whether you stay in a luxury hotel with glass elevators whisking you up to a spectacular view of the lake, or in more budget- conscious accommodation, there is always something happening in and around this vibrant city. The larger hotels have their own entertainment programs - poolside fashion shows, talent competitions, guest artist performances - for visitors and children throughout the day.



CAESAR	SFC	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	130.50*	110.00*
Mar 24-Apr 4	179.50*	138.50*
Apr 5-Jul 17	130.50*	110.00*
Jul 18-Aug 28	179.50*	138.50*
Aug 29-Sep 3	130.50*	110.00*
Sep 4-8	179.50*	138.50*
Sep 9-18	130.50*	110.00*
Sep 19-28	179.50*	138.50*
Sep 29-Nov 15	130.50*	110.00*
Nov 16-Dec 21	102.50*	91.00*
Dec 22-Jan 2	130.50*	110.00*
Jan 3-Feb 28	102.50*	91.00*

* For suite add $64.00 per person.



GALEI KINNERETH	DLX	
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-19	179.50*	154.00*
Mar 20-Apr 2	212.50*	196.00*
Apr 3-May 12	179.50*	154.00*
May 13-16	212.50*	196.00*
May 17-Jul 6	179.50*	154.00*
Jul 7-Aug 31	189.50*	161.50*
Sep 1-7	212.50*	196.00*
Sep 8-17	179.50*	154.00*
Sep 18-30	212.50*	196.00*
Oct 1-Nov 14	179.50*	154.00*
Nov 15-Dec 21	143.50*	123.00*
Dec 22-Jan 4	187.00*	159.00*
Jan 5-Feb 28	143.50*	123.00*

* For Maximum Room (Garden Room) add $18.00 per room.
For Chalet Room add $45.00 per room.

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HOLIDAY INN	FC			
Family Plan	1-2 nts		Min 3 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-23	84.50	68.00	84.50	68.00
Mar 24-Apr 2	174.50	137.00	174.50	137.00
Apr 3-30	84.50	68.00	84.50	68.00
May 1-14	113.00*	88.50*	113.00*	88.50*
May 15-17	118.00*	93.50*	118.00*	93.50*
May 18-31	113.00*	88.50*	113.00*	88.50*
Jun 1-Jul 14	97.50*	78.00*	97.50*	78.00*
Jul 15-Sep 5	113.00*	88.50*	113.00*	88.50*
Sep 6-9	118.00*	93.50*	118.00*	93.50*
Sep 10-18	113.00*	88.50*	113.00*	88.50*
Sep 19-28	118.00*	93.50*	118.00*	93.50*
Sep 29-Nov 15	113.00*	88.50*	113.00*	88.50*
Nov 16-Feb 28	97.50*	78.00*	97.50*	78.00*

* For deluxe room add $19.00 per room.
Super Inn" programmes:
Valid at Holiday Inn Tiberias during: May 1-Feb 28
(A) Stay 7 nights - pay for 6.
Free night on bed & breakfast.
OR
(B) When staying at a minimum of 2 hotels in the Holiday Inn chain (Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Tiberias), deduct $2.50 daily per person.
Note: These two "Super Inn" programmes cannot be combined.

JORDAN RIVER	FC			
	1-6 nts		Min 7 nts	
Date	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	102.50	82.00	92.50	77.00
Mar 25-Apr 2	154.00	107.50	143.50	102.50
Apr 3-May 14	102.50	82.00	92.50	77.00
May 15-16	154.00	107.50	143.50	102.50
May 17-Aug 31	102.50	82.00	92.50	77.00
Sep 1-4	102.50	51.50	92.50	46.00
Sep 5-7	154.00	107.50	143.50	102.50
Sep 8-18	102.50	51.50	92.50	46.00
Sep 19-27	154.00	107.50	143.50	102.50
Sep 28-30	102.50	51.50	92.50	46.00
Oct 1-Nov 15	102.50	82.00	92.50	77.00
Nov 16-30	87.00	74.50	74.50	68.00
Dec 1-Jan 31	87.00	43.50	74.50	37.00
Feb 1-28	87.00	74.50	74.50	68.00

MORIAH PLAZA	DLX	
Family Plan		
Date	DBL	SGL
Mar 1-24	171.50*	137.00*
Mar 25-Apr 4	212.50*	164.00*
Apr 5-May 31	187.00*	151.00*
Jun 1-30	171.50*	137.00*
Jul 1-Aug 31	187.00*	151.00*
Sep 1-19	171.50*	137.00*
Sep 20-Oct 31	187.00*	151.00*
Nov 1-15	171.50*	137.00*
Nov 16-Dec 24	123.00*	100.00*
Dec 25-Jan 3	171.50*	124.50*
Jan 4-Feb 28	123.00*	100.00*

* For deluxe room add $15.50 per person.
Supersaver:
Valid during: Mar 1-24, Jun 1-Sep 19, Nov 1-15
Stay 7 nights-pay for 6.
Free night on B/B

TOURS FROM JERUSALEM

Tour No.	Destination	Days	Departure Time	Price $	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
101	Old City	1/2	09:00	20.00	X	X	X	X	X		X
109	Stalactite Caves, Kibbutz	1/2	08:00	23.00			X			X	
122	Jerusalem - Yad Vashem & Bethlehem	1	09:00	38:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
130	Massada, Dead Sea, Ein Gedi	1	09:00	56.00	X	X	X	X	X		X
132	Vadi Kelt, Massada, Dead Sea	1	08:00	52.00					X		
140	Nazareth, Capernaum, Tiberias	1	08:00	47.00		X		X			X
160	Galilee, Golan	2	08:00	160.00		X		X			
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Doo-Doo and some friends clown around at a recent Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue. [Paul Lungen photo]

Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities combine fun, formality

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Kids wearing headgear fashioned out of brightly colored balloons and chomping down on pink candy floss ran amok.

Zaidies and bubbies kvelled with naches as the little tykes played with Doo-Doo the clown.

Adults queued up for a falafel in a pita while others, spurred on by the musical entertainment, did an impromptu hora in the middle of the hall.

People bent over display tables to take a close look at the Judaica, jewelry, and Israeli liqueurs on display.

All in all, the celebrations at the Beth Tzedec Congregation on the eve of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, were a time for simchah and joy.

Later, a more formal community celebration kicked off inside the synagogue's sanctuary as several hundred participants were entertained by the Beth Tzedec Choir followed by an extravaganza of Israeli pop music presented by Yoel Sharabi.

In brief remarks to open the event, Israeli consul-general Dror Zeigerman pointed out that it is difficult to make the transition from Yom Hazikaron, remembering those who gave their lives in Israel's wars, to Yom Ha'atzmaut.

It is particularly difficult, he said, when the Independence Day celebrations are marred by terrorist attacks aimed at derailing the peace process. Some will react and say "stop the process, stop compromise," Zeigerman said. "But those who gave their lives gave Israel the mandate to seek peace," he said.

Israel's eternal capital

Israel wants peace, he continued, adding that Palestinians who will live under autonomy must show they can stop terror and are prepared to live in peace with Israel.

To loud applause, Zeigerman assured the audience that Jerusalem will remain Israel's eternal capital.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae affirmed the province's "commitment to Israel" and referred to Canada's vote at the United Nations in favor of Israel's creation.

The premier referred to a Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Israel, that was to be signed on Yom Ha'atzmaut, that will promote trade and technological exchange and strengthen relations between the two jurisdictions.

Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), reflected on the accomplishments of Israel in establishing a modern state while gathering in Jews from around the world.

Referring to Israel's desire for peace in the midst of attacks on its citizens, Rothschild said, "We wait in vain for Israel's new friends to express their revulsion to murder."

Actor Harvey Atkin served as the evening's master of cermonies.

The community Yom Ha'atzmaut program continued the next day at the North branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) with a flag-raising ceremony at noon, family entertainment, displays, food and fun for all ages.

The community celebration was organized by the CZF in co-operation with Beth Tzedec Congregation, Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Israel warns PLO: don't make any deals with Hamas

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel warned the PLO on Sunday it would scrap the autonomy accords if the PLO cooperates with the extremist Hamas movement.

The self-rule deal will be nullified if the PLO allows Hamas to terrorize Israelis inside the Green Line, in exchange for Hamas cooperation inside Palestinian-controlled areas, Israel said.

Israel Radio reported that in meetings held between senior PLO and Hamas officials last week in Gaza, Hamas suggested it would cooperate with the new Gaza and Jericho police forces if the police ignored its attacks across the Green Line.

At Sunday's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said "it is out of the question [the PLO] should even think of achieving cooperation on the basis of attacking Israelis." Other ministers supported Rabin's statements.

"If the PLO has an agreement like this with Hamas, it won't have an agreement with us," warned Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu said no clarification was needed, saying the PLO "admitted full cooperation with Hamas murderers."

A PLO official in Gaza said that in Hamas's discussions with Fatah, the PLO's main arm, Hamas never mentioned fomenting violence.

"We wouldn't allow them [Hamas] to say this because the purpose of such a request would be to blow up the peace process. It would be like planting a bomb on our own body. They never raised this request because they know our policy," PLO Gaza spokesman Sufyan Abu Zaydeh said.

Abu Zaydeh said Hamas and the PLO cooperated in matters such as education, but not violence. The two sides came to a verbal agreement to end attacks on one another, Palestinian sources told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The talks began after violent clashes three weeks ago between the two groups in Rafiah and Khan Yunis, and the kidnapping of a Fatah leader in Sheikh Radwan, which provoked Fatah youths to kidnap a senior administrator at the Islamic University.

In Amman later on Sunday, Hamas said it would stop attacks against Israeli civilians if Israel halted assaults against Palestinians.

"The latest operations in Afula and Hadera [which killed 12 people in suicide bomb attacks and wounded 70 others] ... [are] not a fixed policy of Hamas's Kassam brigades," the group said in a statement reported by Reuters.

The statement appeared to be designed to forestall further actions against the movement in Jordan, following King Hussein's announcement Saturday night that Hamas was not a legal body and only the PLO represented the Palestinians.

But in a weekend statement faxed to Western media, Hamas threatened reprisals against Israeli and Jewish targets throughout the world.

"If the Israeli government ... decides to hit Hamas personalities or political and media offices abroad," warned the statement, "Israeli blood and interests and Jewish communities around the world are open for our strikes."

The statement came after Rabin and foreign minister Shimon Peres accused Jordan of aiding the militant group.

Meantime, Hamas last week urged Israeli Arabs to take safety precautions and not travel on Israeli buses.

Hamas has announced plans for three additional terrorist attacks in reprisal for the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre, when an Israeli settler killed at least 29 Palestinians praying at the town's Tomb of the Patriarchs.

A spokesman for the Council of Arab Municipality Heads has denounced Hamas's call to Israeli Arabs not to use the country's buses.

The Israeli Arab spokesman said council members viewed the Hamas appeal as an attempt to drive a wedge between Jews and Arabs in Israel, a move Israeli Arabs have rejected, he said.

The Israeli government has meanwhile decided that the closure of the territories — which was announced after the Afula attack — will continue but will be eased slightly.

Government officials have stated that 20,000 permits to enter and work in Israel will be allocated to Palestinians in the territories.

About 16,000 of the permits will be issued on "humanitarian grounds" to merchants, medical personnel, lawyers and journalists. The remaining permits will be issued to agricultural workers who are more than 35 years old.

In an effort to alleviate some of the economic hardships caused by the closure, Israel's cabinet on Sunday allocated approximately $10 million for public works programs and humanitarian aid in the Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu tops Rabin in poll

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — If an election for prime minister of Israel were held today, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu would win with 44 per cent of the vote, compared to 38 per cent for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, according to the results of a poll by Gallup-Israel. Eighteen per cent of respondents were undecided.

This is the first time since Netanyahu's election as Likud party chairman that he has topped Rabin in such a poll. However, in a three-way race in which Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan would also be a candidate, Rabin would receive the largest number of votes — 34 per cent — to Netanyahu's 29 per cent and Eitan's 18 per cent. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 per cent.

The survey, taken at regular intervals, shows a steady decline in Rabin's popularity, from a peak of 44 per cent in a three-way race and 49 per cent against Netanyahu's 34 per cent in a two-way match, according to a Jan. 31 poll.

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Toronto remembers victims of Nazism

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Elsa Chandler remembers Bergen-Belsen. Even after 50 years, the nightmares still haunt her. She recalls the wrenching smell of death that engulfed the barracks in which she and her mother endured torture, starvation and disease. Those terrible memories, she says, remain too fresh, too painful, and too distressing to allow her to speak of them without succumbing emotionally.

Chandler was the keynote speaker at the Yom Hashoah commemoration on April 10. The service, presented by the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, began at the Yad Vashem Monument in Earl Bales Park. A hushed crowd of over 300, many of them survivors of concentration camps, listened to a reading of the list of names of people who perished under the Nazis, now permanently enshrined in the Hall of Memories of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

The event commemorated the 50th anniversary of the deportation of the Hungarian Jews. Speaking on their behalf was George Salamon, who was 14 at the time.

"In 1941 there were nearly 800,000 Jews in Hungary," he said. "By 1945, more than 600,000 had perished at the hands of the Nazis and their all-too-willing collaborators. This comprised 10 per cent of those murdered in the Holocaust. The fear we all felt then, is still very real to us today. We cannot forget."

From Earl Bales, the group marched in silent procession to the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation. The reading of the names resumed as the marchers entered the synagogue, and continued until all were seated. The air was charged with disquiet. Everyone seemed bound up in their own thoughts. Faces expressed more eloquently than words the torment endured every day. Agony was reflected in weary eyes that once witnessed the worst crimes of inhumanity, that never again saw friends and loved ones who were shipped off to the camps, and that see a world today once again gripped by rising anti-Semitism and racism.

Rosie Parnass, chair of the 1994 Yom Hashoah service, said in her introduction, "as attitudes and acts of racism have increased over the last year in Canada and internationally, it has become essential to remember the past and encourage the community as a whole to abolish all forms of racism and take a stand against oppression, degradation and all manner of discrimination."

Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul general, pointed out that the State of Israel owes its existence to the six million lives that were snuffed out. "The world must learn from the Holocaust that evil must be uprooted wherever it lurks and racism eradicated." Comparing the terror of the Nazis to the terrorism experienced today in acts against the Israeli nation, Zeigerman pledged his government's unswerving resolve to fight Palestinian aggression "to the end."

Elsa Chandler spoke about her experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland. She admits that speaking about that period in her life remains difficult, almost impossible. "In my former capacity as Chair of the North York Board of Education, I never spoke of it in a public forum," she said. "Now, I believe the time has come to tell my story."

Jewish community members march from Earl Bales Park to Beth David Congregation in Toronto. [Jack Kohane photo]

Her voice cracking with emotion, Chandler recounted the days of her youth spent in Plaszow, near Krakow. This was the labor-turned-concentration camp where Oskar Schindler found the workers for his factory. "My family was not one of those saved by Schindler. My father and brother were killed by the Nazis earlier in the Second World War. My brother was one of the children burned by the Germans in Lwow, Galicia. Father was one of the 'intelligentsia' the Nazis so reviled and did away with as soon as they took control of the country." Chandler herself was 10 years old; she was transported to a number of ghettos and camps, finally arriving in Bergen-Belsen shortly before its liberation.

"Those were horrific months," Chandler continued with tears welling, at times choking her words. "What did a child of only 10 do to be assaulted by such terrible traumas that plague me even now? I can smell the disease-ridden people of the camp barracks. My mother eventually contracted typhoid and it was left to me to place her broken body onto the death wagons. I remember there were so many bodies on those wagons, some of them not yet dead. Why did the Germans keep running their death factories at full tilt right up until the end when they knew full well the war was finished? Why did the trains run almost unimpeded to the concentration camps when all else lay mostly in ruins? No one can answer these questions."

Chandler also recalled how the Germans dug mass graves outside the camp in a last desperate effort to erase any remaining evidence of what they had done.

Chandler concluded by reiterating the words of Steven Spielberg upon his acceptance of the Academy Award for *Schindler's List*. His was a plea to all educators to teach the lessons of the Holocaust; to listen to the ghosts and echoes of those who perished; and never to allow the Holocaust to become but a footnote in the history books.

"We, as survivors and Jews, should never become complacent again," said Chandler. "We must remain strong as a people, united as a community and dedicated to Israel." Only this will ensure our future in a still very cruel world.

Danes' heroic efforts recognized

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — At a standing room only Yom Hashoah ceremony, the Ottawa Jewish community honored the people of Denmark for their courageous rescue of the Danish Jewish community 50 years ago during World War II.

"It is a story not of one [Oskar] Schindler," said Zvi Urim, an Ottawa teacher who as a 2-year-old was smuggled out of Nazi-occupied Denmark with his family. "It is a story of thousands of Schindlers, a nation of Schindlers, the people of Denmark."

After the Germans invaded Denmark in 1940, Urim recounted, they gave the small agricultural country a large measure of independence. The Germans were depending on the goodwill of the Danes to ensure a supply of fresh milk, meat and other supplies. So they left the government alone and they left the Jews alone. Jewish schools continued to operate and Urim's father, a university student in Copenhagen, continued his studies long after Jews in other European countries had lost that right.

However, in 1943, the Germans complained to the Danish government about the increasing activity of the resistance movement. They demanded a crackdown. When the Danish government refused to co-operate and resigned in protest, the German army marched into Copenhagen. A month later, word got out that a Nazi round-up of the Jews was planned for Rosh Hashanah.

The Jews prepared to go underground while the rest of the Danish community mobilized to help them. Ambulances were dispatched to pick up Jews and bring them to hospitals where they were admitted and registered under traditional Danish names. Offers came in from neighbors and strangers to provide safe hiding places. As Jews fled the city, they were picked up by strangers, even taxi drivers, and offered places to hide.

Most Jews headed to the coast, where fishing boats and small pleasure boats were used to ferry them at night to safety in Sweden. Even though boats were confiscated and the waters patrolled by the German army, the evacuation continued until 7,200 of Denmark's 7,700 Jews had been taken to Sweden.

When they arrived in Sweden, said Urim, the Jews were met by gentiles who brought blankets and food and took the Jews into their homes.

Meanwhile, the remaining 500 Jews in Denmark, mostly the elderly and Jews who lived in the provinces, were deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp across the border in Germany. After persistent lobbying by delegations of Danes who visited the camp, the Danish Jews were released and escorted out by the Red Cross. The returning Jews were greeted in Denmark by villagers bearing flowers and then eventually ferried to Sweden.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the extraordinary rescue, Urim, on behalf of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, presented a plaque honoring the Danish people, to the ambassador of Denmark, Jorgen Behnke. A garden of 120 trees was also planted in Israel in honor of the Danes.

Lea Kalin, chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, said she was gratified by the large turnout of over 600 people at this year's Yom Hashoah observance.

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Unique opportunity exists in Israel's quest for peace

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Dear Friends,

I extend my heartfelt greetings from united Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel and the spiritual center of the entire Jewish people, on behalf of the Government of Israel, to the Jewish communities in the Diaspora on the occasion of Israel's Day of Independence.

Every year, Independence Day and in particular Memorial Day which precedes it, bring back the memories of our first day of independence, in 1948, when my fellow soldiers and I were in the midst of the Battle of Jerusalem. Nineteen years later, I was fated to be the chief of staff when Jerusalem was reunited during the Six-Day War. None of us will forget those who did not return. It is their legacy that commands us to do our utmost for peace and security for our nation.

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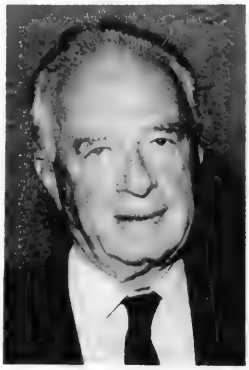

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relations. At the time, it was in vain. We successfully built a new country, a new society, but peace eluded us.

Today, a unique opportunity exists to succeed in our quest, to continue the effort begun with Egypt, to succeed. Like the generations before us, we will not allow the acts of the enemies of peace, whoever they may be, to dispel our determination to achieve our objective. Though it may tarry, peace will come.

Nonetheless, I want to reassure you that in our area there will be no change whatsoever — the security of the State of Israel, the security of all the inhabitants, as well as the security of Jews abroad.

As Israel makes the transition from conflict to conciliation, we invite you to be partners in the great success story that is Israel. Israel is the centre of our common Jewish being, of our identity and our heritage, and your contribution and involvement are as essential as ever. At the same time, Israel must find ways of working together with you to ensure the thriving continuity of the Jewish people. Israel and world Jewry as one people will master the formidable challenges of a new era. Visiting Israel, sending your children for education here, investing in Israel, and above all — making aliyah, are the ways and means to ensure Jewish links and Jewish identity.

The road before us is paved with unprecedented opportunities and complex decisions. Yet, with hard work, perseverance and cooperation, I believe we will move closer to our goals and to the goals of the founders of the state: to be a free nation in a secure and peaceful Jewish homeland.

OSI keeping a close watch on suspected war criminals

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The United States is stopping suspected Nazi war criminals from entering by way of Canada, according to the acting director of the U.S. federal government's special task force for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

Since 1979 the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has compiled a watch list of more than 70,000 "excludable aliens" who served in military units that took part in Nazi crimes, said Eli Rosenbaum.

OSI, he continued, gets a call almost every week from an official at a U.S. port of entry who spots someone on the list.

"Some of them ... live in Canada, and show up trying to get in, and we send them back," he said.

The 38-year-old lawyer spoke at a recent lecture presented by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee.

He told the audience at Beth Tzedec that the watch list, the largest data base of its kind in the world, is the work of OSI historians who search archives worldwide looking for the surviving remnants of Nazi personnel rosters.

When the name of a suspected war criminal is found, either through historical research or a tip from a foreign government, he said, it is checked against the U.S. Immigration Service data base of people who immigrated to the U.S. this century. If OSI gets a name match, Rosenbaum added, an investigation begins. If there is no match, the name is added to the list.

Rosenbaum recalled a name match given to the OSI: Stefan Leili, a former guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. "We confirmed that Leili was still alive, living in the United States, and we assigned an attorney, an investigator and a historian to develop the case," he said.

In the U.S. National Archive, the historian found damning evidence against the former S.S. member. Using Nazi records that listed murdered prisoners, the historian identified Leili as a killer. Leili, Rosenbaum noted, eventually confessed and was deported to Germany, "where he lives today as a free man."

Rosenbaum explained it is difficult for Germany to make a case against a war criminal. Under German law, the prosecution of murder is subject to a statute of limitations, unless it can be proven that the crime was motivated by racial hatred. Fifty years later, he said, it is hard to prove racial hatred was in the mind of the perpetrator when he committed the crime.

Since OSI was established in 1979, 41 war criminals have been deported from the United States and three have been extradited. As war crimes do not fall under U.S. criminal laws, OSI prosecutes war criminals under immigration and naturalization laws.

A case is first prosecuted in federal court, Rosenbaum said, with the hope of obtaining an order cancelling the person's U.S. citizenship. If the prosecution succeeds, defence lawyers can appeal the decision at the Court of Appeals and at the U.S. Supreme Court. If the decision of the federal court holds, the OSI goes to the U.S. Immigration Court, which has "its own layers of appeal."

Defence lawyers use appeals as delaying tactics, he said, as they know their elderly clients could die before a deportation order is final.

Last year OSI filed more cases than any other year in its history because the fall of Soviet Union opened archives that had been closed since the end of World War II. He said this was a landmark in the prosecution of war criminals, because people who thought they were going to get away with war crimes will not do so.

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Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman (left), joined the mayor of Vaughan, Lorna Jackson and Coun. Bernie Green at a ceremony last week marking the first anniversary of the twinning of Vaughan, north of Toronto, with the Israeli town of Ramla. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Holocaust deniers take aim at discrediting Schindler's List

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Steven Spielberg's Oscar winning film *Schindler's List* is still in first run, but a variety of Holocaust-deniers have already taken aim at the movie, hoping to discourage people from seeing it.

Toronto neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel, former British Columbia Social Credit candidate John Ball and Vancouver journalist Doug Collins have all attacked the film. The Canadian Liberty Net's telephone message in Vancouver describes the film as "a masterpiece of propaganda."

These attacks attest to the desperation felt by Holocaust-deniers as a result of the power of the movie, said Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Steven Shulman. It shows "the tremendous impact *Schindler's List* is having on the popular culture and awareness of the Holocaust," he said.

The film "has been a tremendous setback for them. They're grasping at straws trying to counteract it."

In a recent address to the sisterhood of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Congress' director of community relations Bernie Farber said the film may reawaken boards of education across the country and get them to include curricula on Holocaust studies. The movie also serves as an antidote to the lies spewed by the likes of Zundel, he said.

In a recent collaboration by Zundel and Ball (Ball testified on Zundel's behalf at his second trial for denying the Holocaust), the pair claim to expose the movie as "lies and hate."

Zundel calls for help in a "worldwide campaign to ban *Schindler's List*."

Writing in Vancouver's *North Shore News*, Collins refers to the film as *"Swindler's List,"* after referring to the "billions of dollars still being paid out in compensation to Israel and 'survivors' of whom there seem to be an endless number."

Collins refers to the figure of six million Jewish victims of the Nazis as "nonsense" and he suggests Spielberg made the movie to "cash in" on years of propaganda about the Holocaust.

"As the Zundels of the world attempt to gain a foothold, *Schindler's List* provides a needed antidote," Farber said.

He pointed out that Spielberg, in conjunction with Universal Pictures and the Life Time Learning Systems, has compiled a study kit and viewer's guide to the movie.

It asks participants to examine responsibility for actions and to keep a journal describing their feelings about events that disturb them.

Farber said one of the best educational tools for young people remains a visit to a Holocaust memorial followed by a "hands-on discussion with an actual Holocaust survivor."

Ottawa votes to delay school year

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Board of Education voted last week to delay the first day of school to Sept. 8 in order to avoid conflicting with Rosh Hashanah, which falls on Sept 6.

Board trustees had a lengthy debate about the matter two weeks earlier but were unable to reach a decision.

The issue was then referred to the teachers' unions and senior administrative staff. Senior staff recommended that the first day of school be delayed to accommodate the board's estimated 1,500 Jewish students.

A Sept. 8 school start date was also supported by the board's multiculturalism advisory committee and by the National Capital Alliance on Race Relations.

Only one trustee, Brian Mackey, voted against the motion, saying he didn't think a secular school board should adjust the school calendar for religious reasons.

Ron Singer, chair of the community relations committee of the Jewish Community Council, explained that although Jewish students and teachers normally take time off school for the Jewish Holy Day, missing the first two days of orientation would be a disadvantage for them.

"We do not see this as a Jewish issue but one of multiculturalism," Singer said. "The Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and Canadian Jewish Congress would support just as strongly a modification of the school calendar if any religion's major holy day fell on the first day of school."

Four of six Metro Toronto school boards have already decided to begin school on Sept. 8. The York Region Board of Education, north of Toronto, has followed suit. [*CJN*, April 7].

"These boards have not only given comfort to their Jewish constituents and assured them they are welcome in the public school system, they have sent a positive message to all minorities in our schools," Singer said.

The Carleton Board of Education which runs suburban and rural schools in the Ottawa area has decided to start the school year on Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day.

However, Ruth Kahane, director of community relations for the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa said her committee will request that the board reconsider the matter.

According to the lunar calendar which determines the timing of Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah will only coincide with the first day of school every 30 to 40 years.

Canadian woman gets first-ever synagogue administrator designation

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The executive director of Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Synagogue became the first Canadian woman to be designated a Fellow in Synagogue Administration during the eight-day North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE) convention in Israel.

Perle Flam Selch was made a fellow in February following work she did on a paper for NAASE. There are 37 synagogue executive directors who have earned the designation including Selch's fellow Canadians Morris Klians (Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount), who chaired the convention, and David Moscovitz (Shaare Zion in Montreal).

Selch is one of a growing number of women who are filling North American synagogue directorships.

"It used to be that synagogues looked to accountants and people with strong backgrounds in business administration for the position," she said. "Today, there is more emphasis on family life and programing skills and a strong background in Judaica."

Originally from Winnipeg, Selch came to the Shaarey Zedek, this city's largest congregation, in 1988 after having lived in the United States and Israel for many years. She immediately initiated monthly meetings for fellow synagogue administrators.

At the NAASE convention are Canadian directors (from left) Morrie Klians, Montreal; Perle Selch, Winnipeg, Ruth Podeswa, Toronto; David Moscovitz, Montreal; Bernice Levine, Shirley Vernon and Nathan Abramovitz, Toronto.

She helped start the community Pesach seders, which rotate among the synagogues each year, and the new community crisis committee to help the Jewish community cope with tragedy.

She has been asked to chair Chaverim, a new committee which will link regional NAASE members through regular meetings to provide mutual support.

As to the recent NAASE annual convention, Selch said it was important to have it in Israel every few years. The guides, she reports, were wonderful and knowledgeable about the Masorati or Conservative movement which, she notes, is starting to flower in Israel.

Selch said the Conservative movement is also very active in Russia where it is operating numerous Jewish camps and schools.

Premier Bob Rae signs an economic accord with Israel, as consul general Dror Zeigerman (left), Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba and Israel's economic affairs consul Benjamin Noy look on. [Ron Csillag photo]

Ontario signs economic agreement with Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario Premier Bob Rae signed a far-reaching economic agreement with Israel during last week's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut reception at Queen's Park, one he hopes will point the way toward a Canada-Israel free trade accord.

Before some 250 Jewish community leaders, Rae put his signature on a "summary of understanding" that will help promote co-operation and "strategic alliances" between Israeli and Ontario companies.

The groundwork for the accord was laid during Rae's trip to the Mideast in December and January, when he led over a dozen Ontario business leaders on an economic mission to Israel, the territories and Jordan.

The document will be signed in Israel by Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish.

Rae told the gathering that the "logical next step" is the signing of a free trade accord between Israel and Canada to eliminate what he called a Canadian "tariff disadvantage."

Ontario is planning to welcome an Israeli business delegation in the coming weeks, the premier added.

The agreement commits Israel and Ontario to encourage

- the establishment of direct channels for the exchange of information on business opportunities in Israel, Ontario and other parts of Canada;
- review of data banks in order to identify potential joint projects;
- efforts to locate potential partners for high-tech and turnkey projects in Ontario, Israel and the rest of Canada, particularly in the fields of energy, telecommunications, medical equipment, aviation, space and construction, as well as agricultural, hydro and environmental projects;
- joint research and development projects, via the planned Canada-Israel R&D Foundation and through existing programs;
- an Ontario seminar for Israeli companies, to be held in Toronto later this year, on Doing Business in Ontario;
- and the negotiation of a Canada-Israel free trade accord.

Rae said the deal "takes relations between Ontario and Israel to new levels," and he spoke glowingly of "the new economy" emerging in the Middle East.

The premier joined Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba, Liberal Leader Lyn McLeod, Tory chief Mike Harris, legislature members and Israel's consul general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman, in toasting the Jewish state on its 46th birthday.

Communal representation included Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella, B'nai Brith Canada president Gabriel Nachman, State of Israel Bonds leaders and several rabbis.

In the face of recent attacks on Israeli civilians, Zeigerman noted that Israel is determined "to win this war against terrorism, just as we have won on the battlefield. We will overcome."

He called on radical Arab groups "to stop this terror, recognize Israel within secure borders and implement the [self-rule] accord."

Israel's economy is expected to grow by six per cent this year and Zeigerman said he hopes the deal with Ontario "will open a new era" in relations.

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Moments earlier in the legislature, Rae rose to speak about Yom Ha'atzmaut.

"It is difficult for me to find the words to express my own feelings on this occasion," the premier said.

He noted that Tory Leader Harris recently returned from a trip to Israel. "I'm sure he experienced, as I did, the sense of vibrancy, the tremendous dynamism of Israeli society ... its outward look to the world, the determination of its people, as well as the sense of being on the edge of enormous change, which always brings with it great emotional and personal challenges for all of us.

"The Canadian Jewish community had a very important role to play in the struggle for independence," Rae said. "All Canadians, through their governments, were supportive and very much involved in the organization of the state of Israel and in the preservation of the peace in 1956, again in 1967 and in 1973, and it's been a long, long association we've had. As premier, I'm enormously proud of this relationship.

"But above all, it's important for us on this day to express our solidarity with the people of Israel, with the Jewish community in this country, which is such an important part of my own life."

Halifax Jews celebrate Israel's 46th birthday

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Organizers of Yom Ha'atzmaut in Halifax planned for an attendance of 125 people.

They were wrong.

At least 250 attended an Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) Israel Independence Day gala at Beth Israel Synagogue April 17, which filled the social hall with singing and dancing and noshing on traditional Israeli food.

"We were more than delighted with the turnout," said AJC president Larry Freeman as he and a group of volunteers hastily brought out more Jaffa oranges after a light lunch of falafel, hummus, techina and vegetables quickly disappeared from the tables. "But we apologize that we ran out of food."

A telephone poll a few days earlier generated 110 positive responses to the program. Freeman and his committee added 10 per cent — considerably short of the eventual in-person attendance.

It's a dilemma he hopes occurs more often. "It was a great community event. We had both Hebrew schools involved (from Shaar Shalom and Beth Israel congregations) and lots of parents and grandparents came out to see their children perform."

He said the goal of the AJC this year has been continuity and satisfying the region's craving for community involvement. "People want to identify and they can't always do that in a religious service. We need this type of event, a happy celebration for the whole community, to bring us all together."

Isaac and Herman, an Israeli musical duo based in Toronto, sang a selection of Israeli and traditional Hebrew songs, bringing loud ovations from a singing and hand-clapping audience.

"This brings a lot of Israel home to me," said Gali Salamon, the shlichah in the Atlantic region who is eight months into her first of two years on the job. "The Israeli decorations in the hall, the music, the Hebrew words, all give us a sense of unity."

Similar celebrations were held in St. John's Nfld., April 16, with Isaac and Herman performing, and in Moncton April 17, highlighted by an Israeli lunch and Hebrew school performance.

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Mary Fisher

Mary Fisher's energy and quiet strength bely the fact that she harbors a deadly virus. An artist and mother who once served as assistant to (then) U.S. president Gerald Ford, Fisher learned that she was HIV positive in July 1991 after her ex-husband became ill.

Fisher, the Detroit-born daughter of industrialist and philanthropist Max Fisher (founding chair of the Jewish Agency), will speak at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall on May 9. Her talk is part of the Unique Lives & Experiences series to raise money for the Hospital for Sick Children.

Fisher has become an internationally recognized crusader for AIDS awareness. She continues her work through the Family AIDS Network, a national organization which she founded two years ago when she was living in Boca Raton, Florida. She has since moved to Washington, D.C., where the Network is now based.

CJN *reporter Frances Kraft interviewed Fisher recently by telephone.*

CJN: *Where do you get the strength of character to do what you're doing?*

Fisher: I don't know. I believe that there's a reason for everything, and that gives me strength. My children give me strength. Helping other people gives me strength, and knowing that there's a possibility of making a difference makes me feel as if I can at least try to make change.

CJN: *Do you feel your Jewish background has an impact on what you're doing today?*

Fisher: Well, certainly my belief in God has kept me centred at many moments. I believe that the values I learned in my home have helped me teach my children how we are going to deal with this.

I don't know if I can specifically say as a Jew I feel differently than I do as just a human being.

CJN: *Do you find support within the Jewish community?*

Fisher: Some Jewish communities are very supportive and others are not. They're like any other community. It runs the gamut.

CJN: *How can a community best be supportive?*

Fisher: I think that all communities need to respond in a way that will allow people to talk openly and honestly without fear of job loss, insurance loss, or even friendship loss. If we could get rid of the stigma, I believe that we could all deal with the illness.

And we have to make provisions for taking care of people who are infected. That's going to become a worse problem as time goes on, because there are going to be more and more people approaching the illness stage of this, as we are increasing our infections daily.

CJN: *Are you referring to hospices?*

Fisher: I'm not just talking about dying care. That's important, but I'm also talking about medical care. I'm talking about doctors being willing to treat patients who are HIV positive and learning to recognize symptoms of opportunistic infections.

Part of the problem is that our medical community will look, for example, at a woman and say, 'Well, you're not that type of woman, so you don't need to get a test.' In the meantime, the woman could pass this disease on to somebody else because she doesn't know. That's dangerous.

I think that we have to educate. We have to give money to research and encourage the private sector to spend the money, energy and time to work with governments to find treatments and a cure, and to work towards a vaccine for those children — our children — and our peers who are not infected.

It's a global issue. It's not an epidemic of one community or another. Heterosexual adolescents and women are the fastest rising group, because we're unprepared. We deny that it could be us. Three-fourths of the hemophiliac community in America has been erased by this disease.

CJN: *You have been quoted as saying that both you and your father work within the system until the system doesn't work any more. How has the system worked for you, and how has it not worked?*

Fisher: The system works when it gives me the opportunity to speak to people who might not ordinarily hear this message, for example, the [1992 Republican] convention, but a political system is a rough system to try and change. It's very difficult to take something as intense as death and politicize it.

CJN: *What do your children know of your work and your HIV status?*

Fisher: My children are very young. [They're 4 and 6, and have tested negative for the virus.] I don't believe that they totally understand the process of this disease. We had to deal with their father's death last year, and I was reluctant to put them in a situation that made them feel less than stable. I would not say to them, 'This is what's going to happen to your mom.'

They hear me speak. They wear their AIDS ribbon. They don't necessarily understand the HIV part, because I'm not sick. It's difficult to explain to children.

CJN: *What would you tell other parents about teaching their children about AIDS?*

Fisher: [For] young children, I think that it's important to know that the disease exists. I believe that what parents need to teach their children at any age is compassion for people who are sick or [who] might need help.

As a child grows, I think that it's up to the parent, when the parent feels comfortable, to talk about AIDS and about how you get the disease and how you don't.

CJN: *A lot of parents don't feel comfortable talking about intimacy. Can you suggest some sort of door in for them?*

Fisher: You could talk about the fact that you can be intimate without having intercourse. Intimacy can be hugging and kissing and loving and cuddling. Parents can explain that you can have relationships of intimacy without having sexual experiences until you're ready.

If parents feel uncomfortable, they have to get over it, because we're not talking about any kind of moral agenda or religious agenda. We're talking about a health issue.

The truth is that 75 per cent of all young people [in the United States] are having sexual experiences by the time they're 16. We have to give our children the options, [tell them] how they can protect themselves, or else our love is not what we are [professing] it to be. If I love you, I'm going to tell you how you can save your life. Parents have to be really clear.

CJN: *What do you think is the biggest misconception regarding AIDS or HIV?*

Fisher: That it is only a gay disease is probably one of the largest tools of denial. It's easier to think that it's somebody else's problem. [That] is changing, [but] I don't think it's changing fast enough.

We tend to want to forget that this is an infectious epidemic. You can't catch cancer. You can't catch heart disease. There's a lot of confusion around that.

I think that we have a tendency, because it's difficult to track HIV infection, to report just AIDS deaths or AIDS cases. And the numbers aren't wrong, but it gives us a lower number to deal with, because you talk about the people who were infected 10 or 12 years ago. It has nothing to do with new infections.

CJN: *Why is it so difficult to track new infections?*

Fisher: Many people who are HIV positive haven't been tested. If my husband hadn't gotten sick, I never would have been tested, because I didn't think I was at risk.

CJN: *How has the medical outlook changed over the past 10 years for people with HIV?*

Fisher: Not much. We have more [treatments] which will stave off symptoms, but we don't have any anti-virals that will really prolong life.

I believe that one of the reasons doctors have such a difficult time with this is because they have no answers. They're unable to work *as partners* with people with HIV. They have been set up, and they set themselves up to [provide] answers to questions, to be able to provide life, and they cannot provide life in this situation.

I believe that AIDS in many instances has changed the way a tremendous [number] of doctors, at least in America, look at health care.

It goes for anyone facing a terminal illness. A doctor cannot say to me for example, 'I think you should do this.' He can say, 'These are your options. What would you like to do?' And that's a very scary situation for a doctor as well as a patient.

CJN: *How are family and friends affected when someone close to them is diagnosed HIV-positive?*

Fisher: I think that family and friends need to go through some of the same grief process as a person who is infected. You're dealing with a lot of issues, you're dealing with children in many instances — at least in my case. You're dealing with changing the way you look at priorities within your life.

CJN: *How would you describe the process for the person who is HIV positive?*

Fisher: It's obviously a very personal process. I think that if the initial reaction, which is almost always shock and anger and fear and pain, can give way to some acceptance, and then turn negative emotions into positive energy, it can certainly help one. It helps me to be more positive, more productive. I think the process is really devastating. It's frightening. It's horrible.

CJN: *How long does it take to come to terms with it?*

Fisher: I think it's different for every person. It's my hope that people have enough support around them when they do find out that they can come through this as quickly as possible so that they can go about living with HIV or AIDS rather than dying from it.

CJN: *What is the best way to support someone who's just been diagnosed?*

Fisher: To just be there. To be loving, to be honest, but most of all it's to be there.

CJN: *Is there anything people shouldn't do?*

Fisher: I think it would be a mistake not to find out the facts about AIDS. I think we all need to. Actually it could be dangerous for the people you talk to about the disease [if you don't know] how you get it and how you don't get it.

This is not a casually transmitted disease. It's not easy to get unless you are in intimate contact with a person who is infected, intimate meaning sharing blood or bodily fluids such as semen — things that happen when you are having sexual intercourse. You can get it through unprotected sexual contact with someone who is infected, by sharing needles with an infected person, [or it can be passed] from [an infected] mother in utero or through her breast milk. You don't get it by kissing, and you don't get it by hugging and touching and loving and going out to lunch with somebody.

CJN: *And yet there are still people who are afraid to get near to somebody...*

Fisher: You can't get it that way. That's important for people to know. It can be devastating to someone who has just found out that they're positive when all of a sudden a person doesn't want to touch them. You've been touching them for years — they're your friend, your child, your mom or your dad, and all of a sudden you don't want to get near them.

CJN: *What is the most important message that you want to get across to the public?*

Fisher: This is a disease of all of us, and we are all at risk. Once people begin to understand that, I hope they become a little more compassionate, maybe put some action behind their feelings.

It's really important for people to understand that the testing process, as difficult as it is, is important. When we know we have the disease, we don't pass the disease on.

CJN: *Do you think everyone should have the test?*

Fisher: Other than those who in their own hearts can say, 'I have never had an unprotected sexual encounter, I have never shared a needle, [and] 10 years ago never had a blood transfusion,' — other than that, I think we should all be tested, and understand what that process means.

A negative test, if you've been in sexual encounters around that time, doesn't necessarily mean that you're negative. You need to have another test. The body builds up antibodies to this virus; sometimes it takes a while for the antibodies to develop.

A person has to be honest with themselves and with those that they say they love. It's not something you fool around with. It can happen, and all it takes is one time. You don't have to be promiscuous. You just have to be a human being, and the virus can find you.

JDC brings humanitarian efforts to Bosnia

Jews leave Sarajevo

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — On February 5, 296 residents of the embattled city of Sarajevo clambered on board a group of specially-chartered buses that were to ferry them away from the carnage and indiscriminate killing that has become commonplace in the Bosnian capital.

As if to remind them of the reason they were leaving, an artillery shell came crashing down only 200 metres away, killing 65 people. The buses quickly departed and after a difficult journey past numerous military checkpoints, the 296 found safety in Markarska, Croatia.

The convoy was the 12th evacuation of Sarajevo co-ordinated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (the Joint) and like the evacuations that preceded it, was carried out in a non-sectarian manner.

One of the passengers on board was Zajniba Hartaga-Susic, a 77-year-old Bosnian Muslim woman who had been named a Righteous Gentile for helping save Jews during World War II. Another on board was a Jewish woman named Rachela who had been separated from her family for 22 months. Both were later welcomed to Israel as new immigrants.

Their heartwarming stories were related recently by Beila Matusof, a desk officer of the Joint with responsibility for the former Yugoslavia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and the Baltic states.

During a brief visit in Toronto, she spoke to a group of communal professionals at a staff development day of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto as well as to the international affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. She also met with a select group of United Jewish Appeal donors.

The Joint is still in need of medical supplies, clothing and food to help stock its storehouses in Sarajevo, Matusof said. La Benevolencia, the Sarajevo Jewish community's philanthropic organization, supplies 15 per cent of the medical supplies available in the besieged Bosnian capital and, with the Joint's help, it has a team of doctors available to make house calls for those unable to come to the community centre for treatment, she said.

Outlining the Joint's humanitarian relief efforts, Matusof said that, in conjunction with La Benevolencia, it runs a soup kitchen serving 300 people a day on a non-sectarian basis. The Joint distributed thick plastic sheeting purchased in Israel so that hospitals, homes and public institutions could cover windows destroyed by shelling. It operates the only three pharmacies in Sarajevo, providing free medication to 60,000 people per month.

The Joint has also set up a radio link between Sarajevo and its offices in Zagreb, Croatia, allowing Sarajevo residents to stay in touch with friends and relatives.

Matusof called for assistance to help the Joint carry on its humanitarian work in the former Yugoslavia. She pointed out that the organization is on good terms with all factions in Bosnia and as a consequence was able to organize the 12 rescue operations — three airlifts and nine bus convoys.

She said that most of Sarajevo's Jews have left. Of the city's current population of 300,000, only about 350 are Jews. Another 200 Jews reside in other parts of Bosnia, down from a pre-war population estimated at 1,600. As of March 1994, the Joint had rescued more than 2,100 people, of which 1,001 were Jews.

Turning her attention to other projects of the Joint, Matusof, who grew up in Morocco, said one-third of the organization's $60 million budget is allocated to projects in Israel to help the elderly and the handicapped. Some funds go for job retraining and youth aliyah.

The Joint is also involved in remote corners of the globe, she said. It provides social services to approximately 8,500 Jews in China, Burma and India. In Latin America, it provides technical assistance and aid in leadership development, while in Cuba, the Joint has arranged for a rabbi from Mexico and for a youth worker to serve the community's 1,200 Jews.

The Joint provides social services to Jews in Morocco, Tunisia and even Algeria, where a scattering of elderly Jews still resides, she said.

In the former Soviet Union, the Joint operates programs in 80 cities where it helps local Jews set up their own infrastructure for schools, homes for the eldery and libraries.

Established in 1914, the Joint operates in more than 70 countries fulfilling its original mandate to help Jews in need through rescue, relief and rehabilitation, Matusof said.

IDF MOVES OUT

The Israel Defence Forces personnel remove army equipment from army base buildings in Gaza. Similar movements are taking place in Jericho in preparation for the implementation of IDF withdrawal under the peace plan. [IPPA photo]

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Canada Condemns Hadera Deaths

OTTAWA — The federal government condemned last week's terrorist attack in Hadera, which left six dead and some 30 wounded.

According to Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore, Ottawa "condemned this act of violence" and expressed "deep sympathies" to Israel's Embassy.

Canada also "applauds the willingness" of Israel and the PLO not to let the incident impede talks on Palestinian self-rule. Ottawa issued a similar statement following this month's suicide bomb attack in Afula, in which eight Israeli civilians were killed.

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Community Reaction to Hadera

TORONTO — The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) condemned the Hadera attack. National chair Daniel Pekarsky said the incident "underscores the need for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to exercise effective discipline over all Palestinian factions."

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) called on Arafat to "immediately condemn [the bombing], categorically and without qualification."

B'nai Brith Canada described Arafat's response as "tepid and insufficient," and called on the PLO to control Palestinian extremists and honor its commitment to renounce violence.

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Peat Marwick Donation

TORONTO — KPMG Peat Marwick, one of the world's largest accounting firms, will donate $250,000 over the next five years to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

"The firm is making this contribution because we strongly support the value of human diversity," said Chairman Jon Madonna in announcing the donation. "The Holocaust museum makes it painfully clear what happens when prejudice goes unchallenged."

Peat Marwick came under fire about a year ago for not including Israel in its international directory of offices. The firm was accused of complying with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

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Israel's Population Rises

JERUSALEM — On its 46th birthday, Israel has roughly 5,350,000 inhabitants, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics here.

The total represents an increase of 115,000, or 2.2 per cent over the year before.

The population figures, which are released annually on Yom Ha'atzmaut, indicate that two-thirds of this year's increase is due to births rather than immigration.

Israelis are dispersed over some 1,170 towns, villages and small settlements, according to the Bureau of Statistics, and 17 Israeli cities now have populations in excess of 100,000, compared with only 11 a year ago.

During the past year, the bureau reported, some 71,000 immigrants came to Israel, the vast majority from the former Soviet Union. But overall, immigration was down by 15 per cent over the previous year.

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Settler Kills Pregnant Woman

JERUSALEM — A settler from the West Bank town of Shiloh was detained by police for the shooting death last week of a pregnant Palestinian woman.

The shooting occurred after Palestinian youths from the village of El-Jib, near Ramallah, threw stones at the settler's truck.

According to witnesses and Israeli military sources, the settler got out of his truck, pulled out his pistol and shot at one of the village homes.

A bullet went through the window of the home and fatally wounded 18-year-old Fatma Khaleifa, who was three months pregnant and the mother of an eight-month-old baby girl. The child was unharmed.

The settler fled but was later caught near Jerusalem.

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Dalai Lama Gets H.U. Fellowship

JERUSALEM — During his recent trip to Israel, the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists, was named an honorary fellow of Hebrew University at a ceremony at H.U.'s Givat Ram campus.

The Dalai Lama was recognized for his contribution to world peace through his advocacy of religious and ethnic pluralism.

Present at the ceremony were Hebrew University officials and staff, religious leaders, MKs and members of the Tibet-Israel Friendship Association.

The Dalai Lama was in Israel as a guest of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Na'amat to Field Candidates

JERUSALEM — Na'amat, established in 1921 as Israel's first women's rights movement, says it intends to field dozens of candidates in future races for Knesset seats and the chairmanship of local authorities.

Ofra Friedman, Na'amat's secretary-general, said the move is intended to get Israeli women the power they deserve.

Friedman is the only women to get the number two slot on any party's list for the Histadrut elections next month.

Na'amat claims 800,000 members in Israel and over 900,000 worldwide.

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U.S. Jets to Israel?

WASHINGTON — In a move expected to enhance Israel's defence capability, the Clinton administration announced last week that it hopes to sell up to 25 McDonnell Douglas F-15I fighter planes to Israel.

With the announcement, the administration has voiced its support for a plan announced by Israel last January, when Jerusalem said it would order approximately 20 of the F-15I aircraft at a cost of around $2 billion (U.S.).

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Ramon Seeks Histadrut Post

JERUSALEM — Former Health Minister Haim Ramon threw his Labor party into turmoil with his decision last week to run against Labor's incumbent for the post of secretary-general of Histadrut, Israel's largest trade union.

Ramon, 46, is regarded by many as among the Labor Party's best hope for the future.

But with his announcement, Ramon has stirred up internal Labor politics by running against Haim Haberfeld, the incumbent Histadrut boss and the party's choice for another term when elections are held in mid-May.

Ramon's decision is seen as ill-timed since Labor needs also to present a united public front against the onslaught mounted by right-wing opposition to the peace process.

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Zhirinovsky At It Again

STRASBOURG — Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who manages to raise hackles wherever he travels, did the same last week when he addressed the Council of Europe here.

"We don't want to be Zionized, Islamized or Americanized," Zhirinovsky said.

In a separate incident, Zhirinovsky, leader of Russia's ultra-right Liberal Democratic Party, lost his temper when about 100 Jewish students demonstrated against him in front of the Russian consulate.

Television cameras showed Zhirinovsky grabbing small bushes from the consulate's garden and throwing them at the demonstrators. He reportedly also spat at the protesters and threatened to use a "nuclear pistol" against them.

Meantime, Zhirinovsky has denounced as forgeries documents unearthed by reporters in his home town of Alma Ata which show his surname, until age 18, had been the Jewish-sounding "Edelshtein."

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Accused War Criminal Arrives

SYDNEY — Konrad Kalejs, an Australian citizen recently deported from the United States for failing to disclose his wartime activities in Nazi-occupied Latvia, arrived here last week.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry wrote to the government arguing that "there is a compelling case" to "consider all remedies available" if grounds are found to prosecute Kalejs in this country.

Australian Attorney General Michael Lavarch said the federal police would review the case, which first came before Australian investigators eight years ago.

Kalejs, now 80, immigrated to Australia from Germany after World War II and became a naturalized Australian citizen in the 1950s. He immigrated to the United States in 1959 and omitted any reference to his wartime membership in the Arajs Kommando, a mobile killing unit in Nazi-occupied Latvia.

Efforts to deport Kalejs from the United States began in 1984.

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Huge Neo-Nazi Rally

ADELAIDE — This South Australian city, still reeling from a skinhead gang's rampage three weeks ago, was the scene last Sunday of the largest neo-Nazi demonstration in Australia in at least 30 years.

Some 80 to 100 skinheads, bikers and other neo-Nazis, many wearing swastika T-shirts, attended a demonstration sponsored by the neo-Nazi Australian National Action group to protest the possible introduction of anti-racist legislation in Australia.

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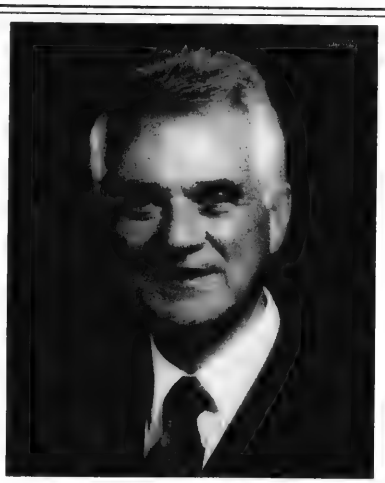

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Israel preparing new proposals on the Golan

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The United States expects Israel to commit to the extent of its withdrawal from the Golan Heights during Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit here later this month, senior U.S. sources told *The Jerusalem Post* Sunday.

Syrian President Hafez Assad has already told the United States it would upgrade Israeli-Syrian talks to the foreign minister level, and agree to direct military-to-military talks, if the Christopher mission succeeds, sources told The *Post*.

"Assad has already said he would be comfortable with a higher level of talks with Israel," one source said. "If the Christopher mission works, these higher-level talks will take place."

Christopher is expected to arrive in Israel April 28.

Under this latest scenario, according to a source, the ongoing Israel-Syria talks in Washington would be relegated to dealing with technical details.

The United States has been promised it would receive an Israeli "package proposal" that Christopher will deliver to Assad.

Detailed blueprint for peace with Syria

The proposal, to be authored by the Israel Defence Force, will deal with extent of withdrawal, nature of peace, security arrangements, and phases of withdrawal. It remains unclear whether Syria will present its own counter-proposals.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin confirmed at Sunday's cabinet meeting that Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran had prepared a position paper on Israeli security requirements in any Golan withdrawal, and the Foreign Ministry prepared a similar paper on the political aspects of an accord with Syria.

Biran's proposals reportedly include an Israeli willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights, but without any mention of full withdrawal.

Rabin said the IDF paper did not address full withdrawal. Foreign Ministry officials, however, indicate privately that there is no alternative to full withdrawal, and that the ministry document is based on full withdrawal from the Golan.

The Biran paper is on the package of issues — peace, withdrawal, and security arrangements, — Rabin reportedly told the cabinet.

A recent report in the Israeli daily newspaper *Ha'aretz* indicated that the foreign ministry was drafting a detailed blueprint for peace with Syria that would be based on a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The IDF working paper calls for a withdrawal to be implemented over a period of years, while normalization of relations between the two countries would start after the first stage of withdrawal, when the IDF would still be in control of substantial parts of the Golan.

Peres to meet Arafat in Bucharest

Security arrangements covered in the proposals include the demilitarization of certain areas in the Golan, the scaling down of military forces there, the establishment of early warning stations and the stationing on the Golan of an international force to oversee the implementation of the agreement.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected to meet PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at an international economics forum in Bucharest this week.

Israeli officials are also seeking to arrange a meeting in Bucharest between Peres and Jordan's Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali. Peres is also slated to to meet with Romanian President Ion Iliescu.

Rabin said he would not discuss the components of Israel's proposal with Syria, fearing that any more leaks would undermine Israel's bargaining position. He was furious that reports on the Biran document had appeared in the media.

Meanwhile, talks with the PLO continued on Sunday in Cairo.

"I do not expect we will finish this week, but let us see what happens next week," said Israel's chief negotiator Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, prior to leaving for Egypt.

Among Israel's demands are immunity for its citizens from prosecution in Palestinian courts, as well as protection for Palestinians who have cooperated with Israeli authorities since 1967.

THIS WON'T HURT A BIT

A brave new recruit is welcomed into the army with a jab by an IDF medic at the conscription centre in Tel Hashomer, Ramat Efal. [IPPA photo]

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Swiss turned Jews over to Germany, records show

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GENEVA — According to recently opened archives here, Switzerland was not as hospitable to Jews during World War II as has been widely assumed.

For years, Holocaust researchers in Israel have been seeking access to the Swiss federal archives in Bern, which contain some 46,000 files on Jews who sought refuge in neutral Switzerland during the war years.

But it was not until Swiss Secretary of State Jakob Kellenberger visited Israel in 1993 that Bern agreed to provide limited access to the files. His agreement was a limited gesture, however, since a 50-year embargo on the files' release was about to expire anyway.

Recent research on the files by historians chosen by the Israeli government has shown that Switzerland's record of accepting Jewish asylum-seekers during World War II may be more complicated than has been generally believed.

Israeli researchers, working alongside Swiss officials, have found that some 23,000 Jews were granted asylum in Switzerland during the war. Official Swiss figures show that 10,621 Jews were sent back over the border, but the latest studies indicate that the total was more likely in the range of 20,000 to 30,000.

Preliminary studies also indicate that Jews fleeing into Switzerland were often handed over personally by Swiss military police to the Nazis.

The official explanation was that such steps were taken in an effort to maintain good relations with neighboring Germany.

Poignant file

Many who succeeded in entering Switzerland were later expelled. On Aug. 13, 1942, Swiss Chief of Police Heinrich Rothmund gave the order to send back all non-political refugees over the age of 16 — an order targeted at fleeing Jews.

To date, only 150 files from the massive archive have been thoroughly researched. Information in the files is often fragmentary, and some only refer to a Jew's brief "passage" on Swiss territory before being expelled. Some of the files show refugees having held as many as five identity cards.

The archives, which are considered a treasure trove of information on that period of Swiss history, include identity papers, records of interrogations and reports by the Swiss authorities.

One particularly poignant file tells of a man identified only as Popowski, a Belgian national who crossed the Swiss frontier in July 1942.

"It was terrible," he wrote. "They wanted to send us back. The Germans awaited us at the other side of the Delemont frontier. Women were crying, children screaming — we were about to be handed back when a Swiss customs official was revolted.

"Tears in his eyes, he told officials from Bern: 'If you send back these people and their children, I warn you, I shall kill all of them first and you right after' — and he meant it. We are alive thanks to him."

According to the files, even when Swiss authorities did accept refugees, they demanded that members of the small Jewish community in Switzerland "pay for their brothers."

"The behavior of the (Swiss) federal authorities was far from honorable towards the refugees," said Bernard Lavrie, coordinator of a Swiss-based organization that fights anti-Semitism.

"That is surely why the government took so long to grant access to their archives. The true story of Swiss politics during World War II has yet to be written," he said.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

SZAYMAN

Michael Madesker claims to be a certified Litvak, born in Yerushalaim d'Lita (Vilna). His letter demonstrates that he is a scholar.

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איין טאג האבן מיר אפגעגעבן צו באזוכן עטלעכע יידיש-יידישע אינסטיטוציעס: די „קדימה", די שלום-עליכם-שול און דעם חורבן-צענטער. אויף דעם באזוך האט אונדז געפירט באנא ווינער, אונדזער חבר און גאסט-געבער, אליין אקטיוו אין די אלע אינ-סטיטוציעס. די דריי אינסטיטוציעס געפינען זיך אין זייערע אייגענע בנינים, וואס פארנע-מען כמעט א גאנצע גאס. די „קדימה" איז דער קולטור-צענטער פון יידיש-וועלטלעכע יידן. זי עקזיסטירט שוין זינט 1911. אין דער „קדימה" קומען פאר יערלעך ארום הונדערט יידישע אונטערנעמונגען, וואס ציען צו א גרויסן עולם. יעדן מיטוואך טרעפט זיך אין דער „קדימה" כמעט אויף א גאנצן טאג א קלוב פון עלטערע מענטשן. די ארבעט מיט דעם קלוב פירן אן פרייוויליקע אויף יידיש.

די שלום-עליכם-שול איז א טאג-שול. די שול האט א קינדערגארטן און זעקס קלאסן. יידיש הייבט מען אן צו לערנען פון קינדערגארטן, העברעאיש פון דריטן קלאס אן. די תלמידים מיט אויסגעזוכטע פנימלעך און אנגעטאן אין אוניפארמען לאזן אונדז וויסן מיט זייער געזאנג אין יידיש, אז פורים איז ניט וויט. אויף די טאוולען אין די קלאסן, באמערקונגען אויף יידיש. אין די קארידארן יידישע אויפשריפטן. די שטימען פון די לערערס און די תלמידים מישן זיך צוזויף אין א זיסן יידיש. די שול האט 170 תלמידים. חוץ דעם קומען אין קינדערגארטן 60 קינדער. די שול קריגט פאר פארבעסרן דעם בנין א סובסידיע פון דעם שטאט וויקטאריא. די שול קריגט אויך א באדייטי-דיקע סובסידיע פאר יעדן תלמיד. די שול איז דינאמיש. די לערער שאפן טיילווייז אליין די מאטעריאלן וואס זיי נוצן. אזוי האט אונדז א לערערין געווייזן פארשיידענע ביכלעך, וואס די שול האט ארויסגעגעבן. די שול האט מיט א קורצער צייט צוריק איינגעשטעלט א גרויסן קאמפיוטער צימער און שאפט יידישע קאמפיוטער שפילן און אנדערע יידישע קאם-פיוטער לערן-מאטעריאלן. די תלמידים זיינען באאקאנט מיט דער יידישער קאמפיוטער טערמינאלאגיע און זיי נוצן די קאמפיוטערס צום שרייבן. די תלמידים אין דער שול זיינען אפט קינדער פון געווען תלמידים.

אונדזער לעצטער אפשטעל איז געווען דער חורבן-צענטער. חוץ איין אנגעשטעלטן אר-בעטן דארט בלויז פרייוויליקע. יעדעס בילד און עקספאנאט דא האט חוץ אן ענגלישער דערקלערונג אויך א דערקלערונג אויף יידיש, און עס קען דערפאר ניט זיין קיין ספק מיט וועלכן לשון אין זייערע מיילער זיינען דער גרעסטער טייל פון אונדזערע קדושים אומגע-קומען. אין גרויסן זאל פון חורבן-צענטער קומען פאר רעפעראטן פאר הונדערטער תלמידים פון יידישע און ניט-יידישע שולן, וואס קומען כסדר באזוכן דעם צענטער.

די וועכנטלעכע יידישע אקטיוויטעטן צי-טונג (א צוגאב צו דער ענגלישער יידישער צייטונג) און דער וועכנטלעכער יידישער (אויף יידיש) ראדיא פראגראם וויזן אויך אן אויף דעם חשובן ארט, וואס יידיש פארנעמט אין לעבן פון דער קהילה.

סאיז אפשר נישט קיין צופאל, וואס יידיש איז א סך פראמינענטער אין מעלבורן ווי בי אונדז. די יידיש-רעדנדיקע טיילן פון דער יידישער געזעלשאפט אין מעלבורן האבן פארשטאנען, אז כדי אין די יידישע אינסטיטוציעס זאל יידיש פארנעמען א פרא-מינענט ארט, מוזן זיי נעמען אן אקטיוון אנ-טייל אין זייער אנפירונג און האבן א דעה אין אינהאלט פון זייער ארבעט. דאס האבן זיי געטאן און דאס זיינען די פרוכטן פון זייער מי. וויל איך זיי ווינטשן א יישר כוח. זייט מצליח הלוואי אויף אונדזער ישוב געזאנגט

World

Ghetto-era documents found in Warsaw attic

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WARSAW — On the eve of the 51st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, an extraordinary cache of documents detailing ordinary Jewish life in the wartime ghetto has been made public after lying hidden under the floorboards of an attic for nearly 50 years.

The collection of 180 items — letters, notebooks, photographs, ration cards, books, medicine bottles, food packaging, cigarettes, clothing and other material — was discovered during recent renovation work on the building currently housing the Warsaw offices of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and other Jewish organizations.

The Lauder Foundation runs a wide range of Jewish education programs, primarily aimed at young people.

The building, next door to Warsaw's sole surviving shul, the Nozyk Synagogue, served as a Jewish clinic before the war. During the war it was inside the Jewish ghetto.

Discovery of the documents was made on Feb. 28 and following days. Workers doing renovation work found a piece of paper with Hebrew writing on it amid a layer of dirt when they took up the floorboards of the attic.

Rabbi Michael Schudrich, director of the Lauder Foundation in Warsaw, happened to look in to check on the progress of the building work just after the paper came to light and, immediately recognizing its importance, initiated a search for further documents and material.

The documents were hastily examined and catalogued by Lauder Foundation archivist Yale Reisner. Working in collaboration with Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute, he set up some of them in a temporary exhibition that was unveiled last week for participants in the March of the Living, which includes Canadian students.

The documents are personal papers and memorabilia of the residents of two apartments that also were in the building, the four-member Melchior family and a 20-year-old bachelor, Moses Dov Bursztyn.

Reisner said the cache was probably the most important discovery of ghetto documents since those written as eyewitness accounts and hidden by historian Emmanuel Ringelblum, which were found after the war.

Of the newly discovered material, Reisner said, "What makes this new discovery special is that all the documents and papers are so absolutely ordinary.

"Elja Melchior and his wife Ruchla were both about 36 years old when the ghetto was sealed in 1940," he said.

"Elja was an administrator of the Jewish clinic, and Ruchla ran a little shop that sold vegetables. They had two teen-age children — a daughter, Tauba, who was about 15 and went to a private high school, and a son, Shmuel, who was bar mitzvah in August 1940," he said.

One of the documents in the trove is the first page of Shmuel's bar mitzvah speech — a speech much like those given by bar mitzvah boys today, which includes the phrase that "the Jewish path is not strewn with roses."

The other occupant of the building, Bursztyn, "was a very erudite young man," Reisner said. "He was a member of the Betar Zionist Youth Organization and a graduate of a rabbinical seminary. Among the items we found were some of his books, in three languages, bookplates and a fragment of a book list of his personal library."

One of the papers is a Chanukah speech he wrote in the early days of the war:

"A terrible picture appears before us through the fog of hatred and jealousy directed at us. To one side, there is a homeland awaiting its children, its builders and redeemers, but it is closed tightly before them.

"On the other side stand exiled and tortured Jews with packs on their shoulders standing upon the borders of nations, trying to get out, but there is nowhere for them to go," Bursztyn wrote.

"But the day will surely come when all the evil that surrounds us will fade away like smoke, when Israel's oppressors will be vanquished and a Jewish people, healthy in body and soul, will be a free people in its homeland, the land of Zion and Jerusalem," he wrote.

The exhibit is a moving evocation of the life of a typical middle-class Jewish family as the madness of Hitler's Nazis closed in.

Elja was inside the ghetto when it was sealed, but his wife was out of town. The daughter, Tauba, appears to have smuggled herself — and goods — in and out of the ghetto.

"I could write a lot about our lives, but I don't want to set off my nerves, and my heart and willpower are too weak at this moment to get into it," Elja wrote to his wife in a letter that was part of the trove. In the letter he mixed Yiddish and Polish in an apparent attempt to dodge the censors.

Other items include Tauba's schoolbooks and notebooks — including her doodles — as well as her class autograph book, full of sentimental verse, and Shmuel's report card, in Polish and Hebrew. His grades were all simply marked "adequate."

Yellow ration cards were found, as well as food wrappers. There were also keepsakes, like prewar wedding invitations.

"It was very exciting for the young Polish Jews here," Reisner said of the discovery. "They began to see the continuity."

He said it wasn't known how the documents ended up in the attic, but that it's likely the gentiles who moved into the apartments after the war simply used whatever they found in the building as insulation.

The latest dated document was a 1946 bill for repairs to the apartments.

Forged letters threaten to deport Nuremberg Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NUREMBERG — The Jewish community in this Bavarian city has reacted furiously to forged letters informing Jews of their forthcoming deportation, a chilling hearkening back to the Holocaust.

The official-looking letter appeared on the stationery of the Federal Office for the Recognition of Asylum Seekers.

The letter stated that according to a certain "deportation law," the recipient had to appear at a train station within a week if the person could not prove by then his or her "Aryan origin."

So far, 13 citizens of Nuremberg, the German city where the postwar trials of Nazis were held, have reported receiving the malicious letters, according to German police.

All the letters were mailed in Nuremberg on April 10, and Israelis living there were among the recipients.

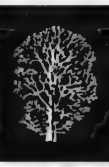
Both the letterhead and the name signed at the end of the letter were apparently forged.

German police are investigating, but no arrests have been made. They are offering the equivalent of a $3,000 (U.S.) reward to anyone who can provide information that will lead to arrests in the case.

The chairman of the Nuremberg Jewish community, Arno Hamburger, sought to calm nerves, saying the letter was a forgery and the community's 400 members have nothing to fear.

But Hamburger, 71, described the letters as a particularly heinous form of anti-Semitic material, "because in their style" they are "reminiscent of the Nazi era."

A government official in Bavaria described the letters as "infamous." He said that the perpetrators trample on "Germany's reputation."



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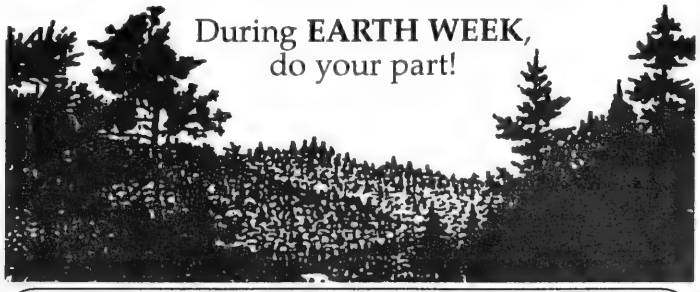

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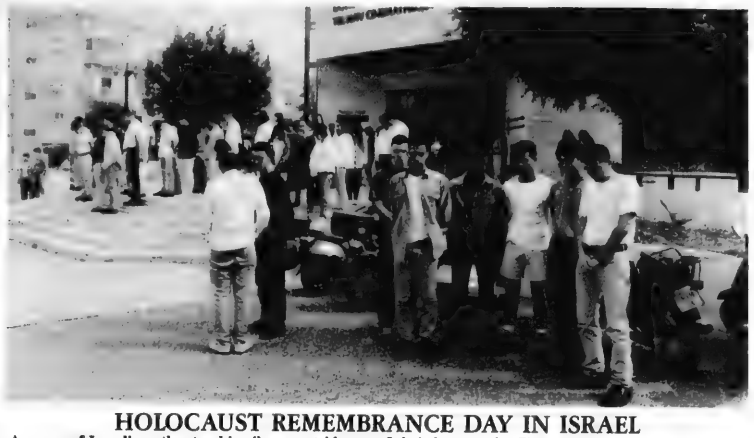

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY IN ISRAEL
A group of Israeli youths stand in silence outside one of their haunts, the Cinematek in Tel Aviv during the two-minute siren on Yom Hashoah. The youths were on their way to hear a lecture about the Holocaust to be delivered at the cinema. [IPPA photo]

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah (Kedoshim) we read: "Each man shall fear his mother and father . . ." This command complements the fifth commandment, where the word honor is used. It is impossible to summarize all the practical halachot of these commandments in this article but we'll tackle some of them in the form of 10 commandments for children and 10 for parents.

Many times we have to agonize a little over our children's upbringing, but if we do it early on, we'll avoid worse agony later. The story is told that some men, posing as mourners at a mock funeral, were once smuggling contraband over the border in a coffin. Everything was going smoothly until one alert guard noticed that no one was crying. "Strange," he thought, "a funeral with no tears." So he ordered the coffin opened, and discovered the contraband. The mock mourners all began to cry. Said the guard, "if you had cried earlier, you wouldn't have to cry now."

Remember also that if we train our children and ourselves in these laws, we are offering the greatest gift of all — life itself, as promised in the Torah.

1. Thou shall obey thy parents' request the first time it is expressed (as long as it does not contravene one of HaShem's commands). 2. Thou shall attend to thy parents' needs in a pleasant and willing manner (bring them food, drink, clothing, other requested items) — at the same time thou shall be appreciative of all that your parents do for you. 3. Thou shall rise when parents enter the room (at least once a day). 4. Thou shall greet thy parents — good morning, afternoon, evening. 5. Thou shall study Torah and do good deeds. 6. Thou shall not contradict thy parents. (Thou may respectfully explain or question). 7. Thou shall never insult (or raise thy voice), embarrass, or distress thy parents — (thou shall always talk with respect and courtesy). 8. Thou shall not sit in thy parents' seat. 9. Thou shall not call thy parents by their first name. 10. Thou shall not wake up thy parents (unless you know that not waking them would distress them — or unless it is for a mitzvah).

For parents: 1. Thou shall teach thy children and enforce the laws of honoring and respecting parents. 2. Nevertheless, thou shall be sensitive to the honor, dignity, and hurt of your children. 3. Therefore thou shall not strike any child who you would cause to transgress the laws of respect if he would react by insulting you — (almost all children). 4. Thou shall not be overdemanding or overbearing. 5. Thou shall not reprimand sternly when a gentle reprimand would suffice. 6. Thou shall not be unforgiving when a child disobeys his obligations toward you — rather thou shall be forbearing and forgiving (sometimes depending on the circumstances, the nature of the offense, and the sincerity of the apology). 7. Thou shall avoid, wherever possible, attacking the personality of the child — but rather describe the offense that has been committed. 8. Rather than reacting angrily in a non-thought-out and inappropriate manner, thou shall defer punishment until thou can react in a calm, collected and reasonable manner. 9. Thou shall, in many (most) cases, allow thy child to present an explanation for his misbehavior before meting out punishment. 10. Thou shall as parents act in a manner which will bring honor to your children rather than dishonor (set a good example).

I end with a quote from Kitzur Shulchan Aruch (143:21):

"One who wishes to sincerely honor his mother and father should involve himself with Torah study and mitzvah observance. This is the greatest honor to parents, for people will then say, 'happy is the father and mother who raised such a child.' But if the child does not go in the right path, his parents will suffer shame and he will embarrass them in a manner which can bring no greater embarrassment. Similarly a parent who sincerely wishes to honor his children, should involve himself in Torah study and good deeds and should act pleasingly in the eyes of God and man. His children will thus be honored through him. But one who does not follow the right path; his children, too, will be despised through him. Also, through the sins of parents, children sometimes die, as it is written, "He visits the sins of parents on children." There is no greater cruelty than this, that through his sins he causes the death of his children. And there is no one more merciful on his children than the righteous whose merit lasts for a thousand generations."

Good Shabbos!

Front Line

Problems at home accompany hopes of peacemaking

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

As Israel enters its 47th year and external attention focuses on the slow-moving peace process, the internal agenda presents other challenges. Still, the most crucial question is whether this society and its political leadership are strong and self-confident enough to sustain the high costs of an imperfect settlement with the Arabs, or whether the present window of opportunity will again be closed for an indefinite period of maybe even greater risks. Meanwhile other issues on the internal agenda keep the government just as busy as the peace process and its problems.

The commission of inquiry into the Hebron massacre will in the end offer a reliable report on how the unprecedented massacre in the mosque could happen. It is beyond its scope to tell how the continued presence of the tiny group of Jewish fanatics in that most hostile Arab town can be assured. That will remain the inescapable task of the government, unless it decides to evacuate the group from the inner city.

The appearance on the scene of United Nations observers (at the request of the PLO) can only add new hazards to the already impossible co-habitation.

Then there is the uncertain future of the Jewish settlements in the rest of the territories. This explosive problem cannot be solved by clever rhetoric, but must be confronted politically and financially. It won't go away if left to the care of destiny alone.

A comprehensive solution must be found for the labor market in Israel, from which, for security reasons, Arab workers are now excluded. They are to be replaced for the time being by a much smaller number of imported foreign workers who will be employed in the building industry and in agriculture. However, this emergency measure offers no alternative means of subsistence to the many tens of thousands Arab workers, the providers for their families in the territories. A grave economic crisis in the closed territories could easily generate a more vicious wave of terrorism than the one the harsh measures are attempting to stem.

Yeshayahu Anug

The closure of greenline Israel to Arabs from the territories affects not just the breadwinners, but also thousands of ordinary people who can now not enter East Jerusalem, the site of the principal Arab hospitals, schools and other institutions used daily by the population of the adjacent part of the West Bank. No solution for them has so far been offered.

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In May, the political scene could be shaken and Labor damaged by the outcome of the Histadrut (Confederation of Trade Unions) elections, as its current secretary — and Labor candidate — is being challenged by the former minister of health, Chaim Ramon. Ramon wants to reform health care and free its beneficiaries from obligatory membership in the Histadrut. His reformist plans are opposed by the mighty Labor apparatus of that institution. A very popular young politician, Ramon seems to count on substantial public support, but only the Histadrut voters will decide whether his daring step will make or break him. Ramon wants to remain in the Labor party and if his opponents do not succeed in expelling him, he could — if victorious — even help his party in these important elections.

In the economic-financial sector, where relative prosperity and growth co-exist with falling stocks and high interest rates, a number of once omnipotent bankers accused of having (in 1983) allowed stock prices to rise well beyond their reasonable levels, causing their collapse and enormous losses to the confident public and to the Treasury, have now been sentenced to prison terms. They will appeal, but history was made by a district judge against a formerly untouchable species.

The list of unusual issues would not be complete without mentioning the bizarre case of the General Commissioner of Police, who, after barely a year in office, resigned because he had accepted relatively small favors from the owners of recreation facilities in Eilat and Tiberias. Small fry compared to the great corruption scandals which cover the front pages of the world press almost everywhere, yet another example that house cleaning is under way.

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And finally, there is the peace process.

Last September, when the accord with the PLO was signed, the mood was a mixture of hope and suspicion, both inflated, but optimism prevailed. Now that implementation — several times postponed — is about to occur in Gaza and in Jericho, with an international presence in Hebron as an unforeseen bonus for the Palestinians, the air is filled with question marks. Arab revenge for the Hebron massacre is predictably taking its toll, the government's reaction reflects short-term improvisation and the public is getting disenchanted. Many partisans of "peace by compromise" now doubt the government's resolve and ability to act decisively, and the various opponents of any settlement describe the official policies as tantamount to national betrayal. That opposition, though divided, ranges from the uninspiring Likud to the militant settlers with their potentially terrorist fringes and is assisted in the wings by a number of politically mobilized rabbis.

In the Palestinian community, where the Oslo agreement was initially seen as a magic prescription for rapid change and elicited too many unrealistic expectations, disappointment set in soon, when little happened on the ground to keep the expectations alive. And the PLO leadership is not even in the area to prove its authority and influence in the Palestinian community. The leaders are still in Tunis and probably not too eager to return.

Both negotiating partners appear to be insecure and inhibited and are dragging their feet. The opponents of the peace process on both sides seem to dominate the streets with noisy demonstrations and stickers on their cars. The one uses the massacre in Hebron and the other the latest wave of Hamas terror to blame the ongoing negotiations between Israel and the PLO for the bloodshed, and both groups demand — in almost identical terms — to stop the peacemaking altogether. But they have no alternatives to offer.

This is why, if for no other reason, the peace process stands a chance of materializing after all.

Israel just beginning to take women seriously

By ANAT HOFFMAN

Israeli Commandos Train was the subtitle of your front page photograph (Dec. 2, 1993. It caught my eye, because the images in the photograph and subtitle, Female members of an IDF Commando unit undergo vigorous training, seem as if they were taken from my fantasy about what the IDF should and could be as well as your wishful thinking about the modern Israeli woman.

In reality, I have no idea where and when this photograph was taken. Since there are NO WOMEN COMMANDOS in the Israeli army and women are not trained for any combat activity, your guess is as good as mine as to who those uniformed women are.

Although women are subject to compulsory service in the army, they spend only 18 months in uniform (while men serve over 3 years). Women can apply to only 124 army professions (all non-combat) while over 500 are available. Most Israeli women soldiers are army clerks; they type, file, and make tea for their male commanders.

I know that many Jews abroad would like to think that Israeli Jews, and in particular Israeli women, are "new Jews" — breaking old molds to create a strong, healthy and courageous new breed. Events such as the Gulf War and the Entebbe Raid ignite the imagination and fuel belief in the Israeli as a "new Jew." I share this aspiration with Diaspora Jews. I too, long to see Israel as an incubator for normal healthy Jews, free of "baggage" and paranoia where a person with vision, courage and just the right measure of chutzpah can flourish.

However, being a native product of Israeli upbringing, I have learned that this new Jew stereotype has been superficially modeled after Paul Newman's character Ari Ben Canaan in *Exodus*. Today's reality in Israel illustrates how we are a complex Jewish community. We struggle with the challenges of our climate, neighbors, local bullies and yes, our "baggage" which we carried from our countries of origin.

One of the prominent signs of unfairness in modern Israeli society, rooted in our ancient customs, is the status of women. Women make up only 9.2 per cent of our Knesset (Parliament), earn 30-50 per cent less than men with comparable jobs and cannot initiate divorce from their husbands. At the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a holy site to all Jews, women are restricted from prayer while wearing tallit (prayer shawl), reading from a Sefer Torah and singing. Furthermore, in January 1994, the Rabbi of the Wall announced that women soldiers will henceforth no longer be allowed to sing the national anthem *Hatikvah* at the Western Wall during induction ceremonies. The Israel Defence Forces agreed.

IDF women commandos... fact or fiction?

Nevertheless, in some other matters Israel is just now beginning to take women seriously. The delay has not been due to a lack of serious women or awareness of major discrimination. Rather, it appears that the onset of peace has opened the way for social issues to take their proper place on Israel's public agenda. These issues, including women's issues, were always set aside from "burning security concerns." So NOW is the time for Diaspora Jews, especially those in Western democracies, to help shape the character of Israeli society. We are in desperate need of Jewish feminists (male and female).

I believe that a photograph of the Women of the Wall being jeered at by ultra-Orthodox men at the Western Wall, or of proudly dressed female soldiers unable to sing their country's national anthem (Hope for the future generations) are truer images of Jewish women in Israel today than your women "commandos" article; one may observe how the expressions of the Women of the Wall reveal conviction and determination, how the soldiers seem ironically placed in commando fantasy. These are the faces of the "new Jews" at the forefront of Israeli society.

Anat Hoffman is on the Jerusalem City Council and is a regular participant in the Women of the Wall group. (The author wishes to thank Julie Blane of WUJS for help in preparing this article.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The picture of the female soldiers was supplied by IPPA [Israel Press and Photo Agency], as was the information identifying them as members of an IDF commando unit.)

Revival of Jewish culture in Berlin

By MIRIAM WIDMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Almost 50 years after Adolf Hitler nearly wiped out Germany's Jewish community, there's been a spurt of growth of things Jewish in Berlin, with openings of everything from kosher restaurants to a Jewish art gallery.

A revival of Jewish culture is taking place in this city's old Jewish neighborhood, the Scheunenviertel.

So extensive is the activity that, in a city where the only thing the average citizen knows about Jews is that they were victims of the Holocaust, Jewish places are very much in fashion in some quarters.

"You could say it's sort of chic," said Nikolai Sluzki, an artist born in St. Petersburg, Russia, who operates the Jewish art gallery.

"There's a certain part of the intelligentsia that always wants to try something new," he observed.

Sluzki's gallery features artists from the former Soviet Union, and his visitors are a mixture of Jewish and non-Jewish Germans and tourists.

The tourists come mostly from Canada, the United States and Australia.

Sluzki's gallery is on the Oranienburger Strasse, a main street in the city's Jewish neighborhood and home to the spectacular dome-topped synagogue that once was the crowning glory of the Berlin Jewish community. The synagogue is now being renovated.

Next to the synagogue is Cafe Oren, an Israeli-style cafe operated by Joachannan Bergel, a 44-year-old machine engineer who became a wildly successful restaurateur with the cafe's opening 18 months ago.

Jews and non-Jews and quite a few tourists gather here to munch on falafel and humus and drink Israeli wine.

Bergel has been in Berlin for more than 20 years, and as he says, he "just got stuck here" after his application to the city's renowned film school was rejected.

He started the cafe at the suggestion of Heinz Galinski, the deceased former leader of the German and Berlin Jewish communities.

Around the corner is the equally good but much more sedate Beth Cafe, run by the Jewish community of the former East Germany.

The cafe serves bagels. It is reportedly the only place in the city where you can find American-Jewish culinary treats.

Just off the same street is a kosher food store, where homesick North Americans can buy Empire chickens and Manischewitz gefilte fish.

Added to the places where you can fill your stomach with goodies that answer to a higher authority are the numerous places to feast on Jewish history and religion.

Adult education is offered in both the eastern and western parts of town, with materials available at a very good Jewish bookstore near the famous Kurfurstendamm shopping street.

The city supports a Jewish elementary school and a recently opened high school, and has at least a half-dozen synagogues.

This is in a city where only about 10,000 of the town's nearly 4 million residents are Jewish and where most people do not have the foggiest notion of what it means to be a Jew.

At the opening of the Jewish adult education classes in eastern Berlin, Peter Gay, a Yale University professor who was born here and forced to leave in 1939, said, "If you're pessimistic, you can view the opening (of this school) as a Band-Aid that won't stick.

"Lots of people are conscious of the concentration camps and they know about German anti-Semitism. And many know about famous German Jews, like Einstein. But few Germans are conscious of how Jews lived — they only know them as victims," said Gay, a biographer of Sigmund Freud.

Yet despite the packed lectures, restaurants and classes, leaders of the Jewish community here emphasize that their efforts to build the community are not made for tourists or the few well-minded gentile Germans.

Roman Skoblo, a member of the board of the Berlin Jewish community, said Jewish leaders here are primarily trying to bring things Jewish back to the Jews.

They also have the goal of teaching the some 6,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union what it is to be Jewish.

"We have a lot of work to do to make Jews Jews," Skoblo said.

The community is not only working with the former Soviet Jews, but it is also trying to make Jewish life more attractive for the estimated several thousand Jews in Berlin who are not registered with the Jewish community.

It also wants to get those who are registered to be more involved.

To the outside world, Germany's Jewish leaders would like to have their pariah status removed. Long criticized for living in the land that nearly destroyed them, Germany's Jews are often on the defensive.

While kosher restaurants and Jewish art galleries bring a sense of normality to the community, acceptance takes some time.

"Maybe we'll be successful with the next generation or the generation after that," Skoblo said.

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New reality

South Africa is bracing for the most politically-charged and historically momentous general election in its history.

By having enfranchised all South Africans, not just whites, the white-minority South African government, led by President F.W. de Klerk, has rejected apartheid and set the stage for the country's first multiracial election next week.

And since blacks vastly outnumber whites, there is a strong probability that Nelson Mandela — the leader of the African National Congress — will be elected as South Africa's first black president.

The prospect of imminent black majority rule has ruffled many whites in South Africa, but it need not be so. Apartheid was an evil and economically inefficient system that was historically doomed. Now, on the cusp of a new era in South African politics, the white community would do well to accustom itself to this looming reality. To be sure, there are holdouts, whites and blacks, but their rejectionist position has been roundly repudiated by the majority of South Africans, weary of the morally bankrupt policies of the past.

The Jewish community is, as one observer aptly put it, "holding its breath." In common with all whites, Jews wonder whether the post-apartheid government will be able to contain the escalating ethnic violence which has convulsed South Africa since 1984; whether the wave of street crime can be reined in; whether the white community will be the target of a demoralizing redistribution of wealth; whether Jewish institutions and private schools will continue to be partially funded by state subsidies; whether foreign exchange regulations will enable Jews to send charity and investment funds to Israel; and whether South Africa's heretofore close relationship with Israel will remain intact.

Obviously, there will be changes, some fundamental and wrenching, as South Africa trades in apartheid for mass democracy. But one hopes that the powers-that-be will act wisely and with restraint as South Africa leaves its unsavory legacy of apartheid behind.

Justice for Pollard

U.S. President Bill Clinton disappointed many people recently when he decided not to grant Jonathan Pollard clemency. Citing national security reasons and the alleged gravity of Pollard's spying activities, Clinton indicated that his decision represented the recommendations of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and "the unanimous views of the law enforcement and national security agencies."

What is especially disquieting in the Clinton statement on Pollard is the side-stepping refusal of the president to confront the real issue. Neither Pollard nor his supporters have ever denied that he is guilty of passing classified information to Israel. The issue is not his guilt but the life sentence that was meted out to him under circumstances which cry out for explanation.

Those circumstances include: allegations that Pollard was promised leniency when he agreed to forego a trial; the bizarre and vindictive role of a former American defence secretary and the disproportionate sentence handed Pollard compared to comparatively light sentences given to other convicted spies in recent years, even to those who spied for enemies of the United States. It should not be lost on the president that Pollard gave classified information to an American ally.

How was it possible for Clinton to ignore these factors in reaffirming Pollard's sentence?

The answer probably lies in the U.S. president's shaky political position in view of the Whitewater probe into his and his wife's financial activities more than a decade ago. The recent arrest of CIA agent Aldrich Ames on charges he spied for Russia has also complicated the situation by making it more difficult for Clinton to display flexibility in the Pollard affair.

These factors and a mounting wave of criticism of the president's inability to move the country on health and economic issues has induced a timidity on his part. Refusing clemency for Pollard was an easy out for the American president.

Bill Clinton is no Pharaoh and his heart, far from being hardened, is still susceptible to a change for the better. That change will be effected, however, only if the vast coalition of Pollard supporters — Jews and gentiles — continue to pressure the White House unceasingly with appeals to the moral conscience of the American government.

The gauntlet has been picked up by, among others, Elaine Zeitz, the Toronto-based spokesperson for Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard and Pollard's fiancee. Zeitz, no shrinking violet, has pledged that the battle for her betrothed has only just begun.

Righteous protests of this sort have been found to work. They can bring Jonathan Pollard out of his captivity.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

A SMEAR ON U.S. JUSTICE

Bert Raphael, Jonathan Pollard's Canadian counsel, has written the following letter to President Clinton.

Your recent decision not to pardon Jonathan Pollard is both disappointing and with all due respect, a continuing violation of his constitutional rights. That your Attorney General and you as a lawyer could fail to see the injustice of his sentence defies logic. You were both trained in legal systems that honor and respect precedent. My approach to you in previous correspondence has not been on the basis of compassion or sympathy but as lawyer to lawyer, based on long and sound established legal principles. Your refusal to adhere to the rule of law and to fail to recognize an ongoing injustice is both disappointing and frightening. You and your administration will perpetuate this dark smear on American jurisprudence initiated by your predecessors.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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SUPPORT SAME SEX BILL

We are writing this open letter to the Ontario Jewish community, both individuals and organizations, to urge you to support the same sex legislation that we hope will soon be introduced by the provincial government. This legislation would amend all statutes that discriminate against lesbians and gays. This is not a gay versus straight issue. Rather, it is an issue of human rights for all.

We urge all Jews of good conscience to let the government know that our tradition insists that we deal justly and compassionately with all individuals. Until now our discriminatory civil laws have failed to respect the equal rights of all.

As Jews, it is our obligation to take a stand now in support of this legislation that will begin to right this grievous wrong. As well, we must make a strong statement of support to the lesbian and gay members of our Jewish community.

These issues have gone unaddressed for far too long.

Nora Gold, Deena Mandell, Marsha Melnick, Lisa Rosenberg, Trish Samuels, Sandy Wise and Marcia Zalev
for The Feministiyot: Jewish Feminist Political Action Group
Toronto

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DISPUTE CJC ON REFORM PARTY

The Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League (JFAFL) was deeply troubled to read Canadian Jewish Congress President Irving Abella's description of Preston Manning as a "very impressive man [whose] heart is in the right place" in *The Canadian Jewish News* (May 31). We believe that the CJC should be deeply suspicious of Manning, and his promise to inform the CJC of any "[racist or anti-Semitic] troublemakers" in his party.

The CJC's legitimation of Manning's politically expedient comments is problematic. Indeed, should we not be asking why racists and anti-Semites are attracted to the Reform Party in the first place?

Does Congress truly believe that after one meeting Manning has "realized" that his party's position on immigration might actually generate racism? If so, mazel tov is in order, for in a few hours the CJC has achieved what anti-racist activists have been unable to do in a few years. Ultimately, the CJC is profoundly mistaken to assume that Jews, or any other vulnerable Canadian community, will be served by the trust that was reflected in these comments. When formulating a position on immigration, history ought to be remembered: it was not long ago that massive populations of Jewish immigrants were denied entry into Canada for many of the same views espoused by Preston Manning and his Party.

Because it is crucial that when representing the Jewish community the CJC acknowlege the community's diversity of opinion, we would like to take this opportunity to make Congress aware of our position on this and other issues.

Six members on behalf of JFAFL
Toronto

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WHAT DANES DID

Re — Rabbi Joseph Kelman's column in which he wrote: "Schindler's List reminds the entire world that it did not care and did nothing to help, etc." (*CJN* April 7)

My purpose in writing is not to outrage or get into dialogue with anybody, but all future attempts to eliminate G-d's great light that shone into Denmark and Sweden in 1943 can no longer be ignored by people who by now, 50 years later, still insist on not knowing what the blessed and heroic Danes did for their 7,200 Jews, (I among them).

If he (and others) do not know, my suggestion is: on their next trip to Israel, stop over in wonderful Copenhagen and find out.

Hakoras Hatov (showing appreciation) is a major Jewish principle.

Michael Ruben
Montreal

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Dry Bones

THE WORLD IS PRAYING THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST PALESTINIANS...
...BECAUSE THAT WOULD WRECK PEACE TALKS FOREVER
OF COURSE THE ONGOING ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS ARE NOT PROBLEMATICAL
?
...THE WORLD HAS ACCEPTED THAT AS NORMAL FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!
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OBJECT TO HEADLINE

We are shocked by the headline "Jews are blamed for firebombing at German shul" (*CJN*, April 7).

The headline completely misleads the reader and misrepresents the article which follows.

Firstly, the headline's wording is ambiguous and at first glance, seems to declare that Jews perpetrated the bombing.

Secondly, according to the contents of the article, it is not Jews that are blamed but only one Jew, Ignatz Bubis.

Thirdly, not mentioning the source of the statement in the headline (ultra right, former SS, etc.) legitimized the source's claim.

Finally, we are dismayed by the suspension of accuracy in favor of sensationalism. We did not expect to see this in *The CJN* and we do not accept it.

Alan Heisler and Enna Pearlston
Toronto

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LOSING BY DEFAULT

Re: Mara Koven's Article on Defence Against Missionaries (Feb. 24).

I applaud every article on this subject. Five years ago I also wrote to *The CJN* in reference to an article by Ancil Kashetsky on the same subject. But both articles failed to mention one of the most powerful and vital tools available to Jews to combat the evils of missionary activity: Gerald Sigel's superb book, *The Jew and the Christian Missionary: A Jewish Response to Missionary Christianity.*

The book was published in New York by Ktav in 1981. Every Jewish home and synagogue library should own this book! All people who are serious about Judaism and Jewishness should use this vital work as a text for workshops, orientation sessions, and adult education.

It is appalling that we do so little to defend ourselves! There is great danger that by default we allow strangers to take over our Holy Scriptures and misinterpret them to our detriment. Sigel's book is a first line of defence.

Allen B. Veaner
(Formerly of Toronto)

Something happened on the way from the airport

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

As readers of this column know, I have done a fair amount of travelling. Usually, when the trip is not too long, I take my car to the airport, leave it with Park 'n Fly, then take the bus to the terminal and off I go.

Recently, on a Sunday afternoon, when I returned to Toronto I followed my routine. The bus which picks up Park 'n Fly customers from the airport came and I seated myself near the entrance. So far so good.

At the next terminal the bus became crowded. A large group of rather young people (they turned out to be members of a wrestling team) piled in with lots of suitcases. At the last moment one more young man stormed in, swinging in his hand a fairly large valise, and stumbled into the aisle. In the process, his suitcase hit me squarely in the knee.

Here is where the story begins.

Having had some problems with my knees in the past (due to sports injuries) my body registered an instant cry of pain and discomfort — loud enough so that passengers in the bus were forced to pay attention. The driver was immediately solicitous and asked me whether I was hurt. I told him that I did not know as yet, but hoped that it would be nothing.

However, the young man who had said a perfunctory "excuse me" was no longer interested in my discomfort, and that bothered me a good deal. I asked him what his name was. He refused to give it to me. I explained patiently that I might need it for insurance purposes just in case I was hurt. He gave me a thoroughly unpleasant answer.

Rabbi Plaut

The bus driver, however, radioed ahead for the supervisor to meet us, and it was at this point that the young man realized that maybe it would be better if he complied with my request. He gave me his name, and excused himself again. I assured him that I knew that what he had done was totally unintentional, but just to protect myself it might be necessary to have the information I had requested.

Meanwhile, the bus was on its way, and my pain was no longer as excruciating as it had been before. Perhaps it had been the shock more than anything else.

People opposite me were engaged in pleasant conversation. Not one of them asked how I was, which moved me to ask in turn whether I could use them as witnesses if I would need them. They immediately responded as if with one voice, "We have seen nothing."

Suddenly the entire situation acquired a different focus for me. The physical hurt I had suffered was minor, but I became deeply concerned over what I now perceived to be the real problem: the total unwillingness of other passengers to assist me in whatever minor way might be necessary. They stuck their heads into the proverbial sand and pretended to know nothing at all.

When we arrived at the Park 'n Fly terminal the supervisor was there, concerned and helpful, and it turned out I was all right an hour later. I no longer remember what the pain was like; it is marvellous how one can forget physical ailments.

But what remained with me was the reaction of the passengers. The Bible reminds us (in Leviticus 19) that we should not stand by when someone is in danger. The rabbis widened this concept considerably and said that one should go beyond the letter of the law and testify in court when required to do so. The people in the bus apparently had not read the Bible or in any case were unwilling to follow its unread dictates. I could not help but remember other cases — especially a famous one in New York when people in an apartment complex looked out of their windows and watched a serious crime being committed without doing anything about it. (One of the crowd finally phoned the police, but the rest later pretended not to have seen anything.)

The whole experience was a reminder of the breakdown in our sense of community. We appeared to sit together in the bus, yet we were part of nothing — individuals pressed together by accident, no one responsible for anyone else. The major sentiment was: "Don't count on me, I don't want to get involved. I don't care whether you need me or not. I am looking out for number one."

I still feel hurt all right, but not in my knee.

Weizman makes presidency into Israeli institution

By DANIELLA ASHKENAZY

There is a stark difference between the cool, English temper — the reserve, formality and dignity of the monarchy — and the demeanor of a ceremonial leader for a Mediterranean people hanging by a thread at the edge of the Third World.

For Israel — typified by spontaneity, informality and lack of reserve — the inauguration of the nation's seventh president, Ezer Weizman, has finally made the presidency into a genuinely Israeli institution, not merely an "import item" from European democracies.

Nearly void of actual powers, the Israeli presidency is an institution that relies heavily on style. Weizman, who took office a year ago May, is endowing the office with a special flavor that reflects his Sabra upbringing. One member of his staff described Weizman as ibn el-balad (Arabic for native son), a title *Yediot Achronot* staff reporter Gabi Brun who has covered the presidency for 16 years, described as "the essence of the change."

Israel's fifth president, Yitzhak Navon, was also a Sabra — "warm and earthy but more in the style of 'a benevolent effendi'," noted one observer. Weizman seems to mirror more faithfully the typical Israeli — familial and unceremonious, candid and direct, spontaneous and hyperactive — but in a particularly "Weizman way."

Beginning a series of presidential visits with a tour of Yerocham, a development town south of Beersheva, the 69-year-old president joshed with a 67-year-old citizen that "he was still only a kid" and kidded with a group of children in a karate lesson: "Gimmie a look of murder in your eyes."

Brun subsequently described the new presidency as "open-collar, spirited, direct and abrasive."

While the office of the president leaves little room for substantive change, Weizman seems to have some surprises in store, including expanding the locations honored by presidential visits. Together with environment minister Yossi Sarid, he inspected Tel Aviv's Harivah garbage dump in a joint effort to raise public awareness of the need for recycling.

Even in rigidly structured visits, Weizman remains his own man. During a trip to Ramlah prison, the president — one of whose few real powers is in granting pardons — walked past the cell of the kidnapper-murderer of an Israeli child without shaking the inmate's hand. Weizman spoke informally with other inmates.

Weizman reaches out by participating, not observing. Other presidents certainly have addressed the nation in times of crisis. But while Kiriyat Shmona was under Katyusha rocket fire in last summer's Operation Accountability campaign, Weizman spent the night there sleeping in a bunker with IDF soldiers.

And when Weizman visited the IDF Southern Command, he donned a pair of ear plugs for a bit of target practice, beaming with pride at his scores.

Less the figurehead and more flesh-and-blood persona, Weizman draws on a wellspring of personal experience to connect with people.

While there have been no opinion polls on the "Weizman style," shop clerks, moshavniks, journalists and office executives say his uimposing manner is a welcome change from his predecessors.

When a jittery Elton John fled Israel within hours of his arrival — offended by being asked to present his passport in person and spooked by several aggressive news photographers — a number of Knesset members pleaded with the pop star to return (which he did, giving a splendid concert). But Weizman dryly commented that Israel would manage to survive without him.

Daniel Elazar, head of the Jerusalem Centre for Public Affairs, has followed the presidency for 30 years. He said Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann — Ezer Weizman's uncle — was ill for most of his presidency and played a passive role, adding little more than prestige to the office.

Yitzhak Ben-Zvi had been a Socialist pioneer in his early years, but his status as a poet and historian gave the presidency an aura of scholarship.

Zalman Shazar came to the presidency from the political arena, but his chassidic roots led the third president to introduce a minyan to the presidential residence.

Ephriam Katzir served only one five-year term as president, emphasizing education and the importance of scientific endeavors, but clearly regretting being taken away from his scientific research.

Yitzhak Navon was the first president to expand the scope of the office by taking a public stand on moral issues, and his two terms are associated closely with raising the status of Sephardi Jewry.

Chaim Herzog, a former ambassador as well as a former general, used his gentlemanly-style to emboss the presidency with a sense of grandness, deepening ties with world Jewry and enhancing Israel's international relations.

Weizman has announced he sees his role in bringing the majority of the Jewish people to live in the Jewish state through advancing peace, absorbing immigrants and economic growth.

Nevertheless, Weizman's public image and past history is filled with mischief, surprise moves and slips of the tongue. Something of a local enfant terrible, Weizman once took a "short cut" in Haifa, driving his car down a flight of steps on the Carmel.

Which was the bagel and which was the lox?

By JACK CHISVIN

One of the lesser virtues of locating an office in the suburbs is a lack of facilities to procure a good lunch. As a result many of our staff are brown-baggers. I use the term generically for the hot, sticky, running, gooey stuff displayed at lunchtime is hardly the contents for a brown bag.

The lunchroom tables are spread out with an array of foil and plastic containers offering the best Italian, Greek, Indian, Jamaican, Chinese, Japanese and Polish home-cooking to be found anywhere. The smells are spicy, sweet and pungent and the presentation fabulous, although I, who have seen food served in the strangest way around the world, can't always recognize the dishes. Which brings me to the subject of ethnic food.

My good friend, prominent lawyer and raconteur Bob Hall told me this story. It seems he had a meeting in his office with a client from overseas who had to catch an early flight home. As time was getting short it was suggested lunch be sent up from the neighborhood delicatessen. "You can have a knishe, kishka, kugel or a knaidel — all kosher, but if you favor something with less kolesterol — oops, cholesterol, I recommend a bagel and lox," said Bob.

"Bagel and lox would be fine," the client replied.

Lunch soon arrived and was heartily consumed. "That was delicious," said the client. "But tell me Mr. Hall, which was the bagel and which was the lox?"

Bob's client notwithstanding, most people would recognize a bagel by sight. What a croissant is to French food, and a crumpet is to English food, a bagel is to Jewish food. Bagels are also connected with the kind of Jewish jokes that defy logic. Inquiries into the origin of the bagel generally run something like this. "Why is it called a bagel?" "Because it has a hole in the middle." "Why does it have a hole in the middle?" "Because without a hole it wouldn't be a bagel."

A Toronto daily newspaper recently devoted an entire page to the bagel. Amongst other facts, the article traces the origin of the bagel to Vienna in the year 1683. A more authoritarian source on the history of the bagel is an El Al pamphlet distributed along with the traditional breakfast of bagels and lox. As I remember it, the pamphlet described two versions of the origin of the bagel.

On had an archeologist excavating a tel in the Galilee uncovering a petrified legab, a staple food of an ancient biblical tribe. The archeologist, who normally read from left to right, didn't realize that the people of the legab were Semites, who wrote right to left. Consequently he spelled legab backwards and left us the bagel.

Another version was postulated by a historian who studied life on the island of Crete in the days before the common era. A Jewish baker named Bagelus suffered from gout, and in accordance with the remedy of his time, encased his toes in warm dough for relief. One day, during a treatment, he fell asleep while sitting in the sun and when he woke from his nap he found the toe-rings baked brown and shiny. History does not record whether Bagelus continued to make toe-ring rolls by foot or whether he was astute enough to put them in an oven and thus start the bagel baking business.

Jack Chisvin

An advertisement for a bagel baking franchise states over 13 million bagels are consumed daily in North America, worth over a billion dollars a year. Big business indeed, and nonsectarian.

Even if we accept the Bagelus toe-ring theory, today the best bagels are shaped by hand. Most bagels are sold on Sundays and have come to give purpose to a salmon's life.

A salmon fulfils its destiny not when it swims upstream to spawn, but when it is finally smoked, sliced, and put to rest on a bed of cream cheese. Some people contend the best lox comes from Scottish salmon, others from Norwegian salmon, still others from Pacific salmon, but most would agree the best lox comes from Atlantic salmon. The El Al pamphlet informs us its pilots dip the aircraft's wing in appreciation and respect everytine they fly over the Atlantic provinces.

Bagel eating is a highly personal thing and has evolved an etiquette of its own. Breaking a bagel as you might do with a piece of bread or slicing it in segments is acceptable but not very accommodating for cream cheese and lox. The true way to slice a bagel is to create two symmetrical rings. In so doing, the show-off holds a bagel in one hand and slices down. The more cautious slice from the bottom up. The timid use a plastic holder.

The keen observer will note that bagels are at the heart of realpolitik in Jewish Canada. The key issue is not whether Jews differ on Quebec separatism, but agreement on whether Montreal bagels are really better than those baked in the rest of Canada (ROC). ROC is not a monolithic state. It consists of a number of regions whose Jewish demographics are dictated by the quality of their bagels.

When I was growing up in Winnipeg with a thriving Jewish population of over 22,000, bagels were delivered to the door by the breadman. Fluffy ring-shaped bread tied six to a string. Winnipeg never did adapt to bagel technology and as a result the Jewish population has declined to around 14,000.

Vancouver, on the other hand, got into the bagel thing more recently and its Jewish population has spurted to over 20,000. I have a friend who actually brings bagels from Vancouver to Toronto, insisting they are superior.

Montreal established a bagel style a long time ago to which it is stubbornly committed and its Jewish population has gone down, levelled off at 90,000 and holding. Now in Toronto, the city of opportunists, where you can buy bagels in any style, color, texture and flavor, satisfying all preferences, the Jewish population has exploded to 160,000 and counting.

Since the bagel business has become nonsectarian — even Sara Lee has gone into bagel baking — it is also reflected in national Canadian politics. I have it from a reliable source that the Liberals discovered the power of the bagel prior to the last federal election. But then they had a few people on their team who knew which was the bagel and which was the lox.

Features

South Africa on cusp of change

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"The only certainty in South Africa is uncertainty."

This truism, uttered by British parliamentarian Greville Janner six months ago, aptly summarizes the tense situation in South Africa on the eve of its first multiracial general election next week.

The election is a watershed — not only because it signifies a dramatic shift away from apartheid, but because Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, is widely expected to win and become South Africa's first black president.

As white, black, colored and Asian South Africans get set to vote, the burning question is what black majority rule will eventually mean to whites.

Whatever happens in the future, the fate of South African Jews — a minority within a minority, as in Quebec — is doubtless linked with that of the wider Caucasian community.

As a community, South Africa's estimated 100,000 Jews, down from about 120,000 a decade ago, are probably psychologically better prepared for meaningful change than other whites.

Although the Jewish community reaped the political, economic and social benefits of apartheid, it would be fair to say that most Jews were morally uncomfortable with it and believed it was a passing phenomenon. As I discovered first-hand during a three-week trip to South Africa a decade ago, most Jews could not reconcile apartheid, a system of institutionalized racism and segregation, with the ethics of Judaism.

On the other hand, while criticizing "petty" manifestations of apartheid, such as separate public facilities and the ban against inter-racial marriage, many Jews were chary of dismantling the entire structure and replacing it almost immediately, if ever, with black majority rule.

Like their Afrikaner and British neighbors, Jews prospered under National party rule and thus rejected too abrupt a transition from apartheid to democracy. And, of course, Jews feared that the sleepless demon of anti-Semitism would be stirred if they were too closely identified with the struggle for freedom.

As a result, the Jewish Board of Deputies — the organizational umbrella group of South Africa Jewry — was officially neutral with respect to apartheid, though relatively vocal in its denunciation of "unjust discriminatory laws and practices based on race, creed or color."

This ambivalency, however, was not reflected in the voting patterns of Jews, many of whom cast their ballots for the decidedly anti-apartheid Progressive Federal party. One of its leading parliamentary representatives, the courageous Helen Suzman, was the personification of opposition to the government's stated policy of "separate development."

In disproportionate numbers, too, Jews joined the ranks of the African National Congress. More often than not, they were forced to flee their homeland and live as exiles until they were allowed to return in triumph.

South African President F.W. de Klerk.

And yet, in recent years, it was clear that the Afrikaner-based National party, which has wielded power since 1948, was making inroads into the community. In the 1980s, the most prominent Jewish "Nats" were Abe Hoppenstein, South Africa's consul in New York City, and Theo Aronson, the first Jewish MP to represent the National party. Recently, Louis Shill — a businessman — was appointed by President F.W. de Klerk as the country's first Jewish cabinet minister.

In next week's election, the National party will undoubtedly win the hearts and minds of some Jewish voters, mainly those who are impressed with the gradual political reforms de Klerk and his predecessor have introduced, alienated by the rising tide of crime, frightened by the growing black-on-black township violence that has claimed 10,000 lives in the past 10 years, and uncertain of the direction the new South Africa will take with Mandela at the helm.

By all accounts, the bulk of Jews will vote for the left-of-centre Democratic party, which is far less wedded to the past than the National party, but not as relatively radical as the African National Congress.

Whether by choice or circumstance, the Jewish community seems to have committed itself to the inevitable — black majority rule, which would have been unthinkable only a few short years ago.

When the process of reform got under way in 1984 with the unveiling of the so-called New Dispensation, which gave coloreds and Asians a limited franchise, the Jewish Board of Deputies hailed it as a precursor of "real change."

Not all Jews supported the New Dispensation, as it excluded blacks and left veto power in the hands of white legislators.

But the political momentum it unleashed emboldened the Jewish Board of Deputies, the representative body of the Jewish community.

In short order, it voiced "dismay" with the destruction by the authorities of shelters colored squatters had erected near Cape Town; appealed for an end to race-based quotas at universities; and urged reconsideration of an edict under which the government could detain people without bringing them to trial.

In March 1992, the Jewish Board of Deputies urged its constituents to vote "yes" in a nationwide referendum called by de Klerk to continue reforms aimed at abolishing apartheid and achieving a non-racial democratic society.

It was a break with the tradition — the first time in decades the board had taken a stand on such a pressing political issue.

The community was plainly relieved that the referendum, which paved the way for a multiracial council and an interim constitution, passed by an overwhelming margin.

According to reports, there had been a feeling that a vote against reform would only benefit reactionary whites and right-wing extremists like Eugene TerreBlanche, the leader of the anti-Semitic Afrikaner Resistance Movement.

It was, therefore, hardly surprising that Mervyn Smith, national chair of the Jewish Board of Deputies, hailed de Klerk's victory. As he put it: "I am particularly pleased that the far right, with its neo-Nazi posturing, has been firmly put in its place."

Nonetheless, as South African Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris commented last month, the Jewish community is "holding its breath" in the run-up to the April 26-28 election.

For his part, de Klerk is exuding official optimism. In a recent interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of New York and the Jewish Chronicle of London, he assured Jews that South Africa is on the cusp of "a golden era."

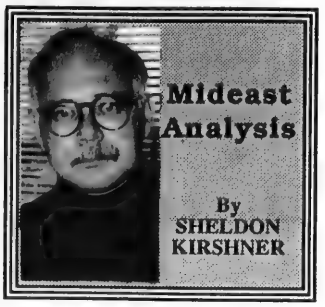
But there are skeptics, some with obvious agendas. Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department, has been quoted as saying that South African Jews are fearful of the future, and that emigration is on the upswing.

Rabbi Harris and Smith, though, have challenged these claims.

Regardless of who's right, no one can deny that South Africa, along with its Jewish community, is entering uncharted waters.

No wonder uncertainty is the byword as South Africa approaches a pivotal moment in its history.

Next week: Nelson Mandela, the Jews and Israel.



Some time soon, depending on the progress of Israel's arduous negotiations with the PLO on limited Palestinian autonomy, the Israeli army will redeploy its forces in the Gaza Strip, one of the most wretched places on this planet.

Israel has already begun the task of pulling out its troops from Arab-populated centres, and redeploying them in and around Gaza's Jewish settlements, whose fate has yet to be determined. Not until the five-year transitional period is completed and a final peace accord is signed with the PLO will Israel actually withdraw from Gaza, which was sealed off from Israel two weeks ago after a terrorist incident in Afula.

Jewish settlers in the territories and rightists in Israel have denounced last September's Israel-PLO accord. But no one else is shedding tears as Israel begins the process of bidding farewell to Gaza.

With a population of 800,000, 58 percent of whom are classified as refugees, Gaza is one of the most impoverished and densely-populated areas in the world.

Before the birth of Israel in 1948, Gaza was variously under British and Ottoman control. By the terms of the 1947 United Nations partition plan, Gaza was to have been part of a Palestinian state. But this entity was still-born when Gaza was occupied by Egypt.

From 1954 onward, the Egyptian government allowed Gaza to be turned into a deadly launching pad for Palestinian irredentism. A vicious cycle of Palestinian raids and Israeli retaliatory strikes pushed Egypt into the Soviet Union's sphere of influence, exacerbated Arab-Israeli tensions and planted the seeds of the 1956 Sinai war.

Israel captured Gaza in the 1967 Six Day War, and it has been a burden ever since, a hotbed of Palestinian nationalism and resistance which has often exploded into terrorism and exacted a high toll in Israeli lives. Indeed, by 1968, Gaza was in open revolt, and Yasser Arafat, the Fatah leader who would take command of the PLO in 1969, boasted: "The Israelis may rule Gaza by day. I rule by night."

Farewell to Gaza

Alarmed by the fast deteriorating security situation in Gaza, Israel ordered Ariel Sharon, the Israeli general, to impose a semblance of order there. To a large degree, Sharon succeeded in quelling the endemic violence.

Along with the stick, Israel held out a carrot, in the guise of an offer to resettle Palestinian refugees in permanent housing in Gaza. Most Palestinians regarded the scheme as a clever ploy to sweep the Palestinian problem under the rug.

In 1970, at the height of the War of Attrition with its Arab neighbors and the PLO, Israel built its first outpost in Gaza, Kfar Darom. More would follow, usually starting as nahals, or paramilitary positions. Today there are 17 settlements, with approximately 5,000 residents.

Although Gaza was more or less pacified by 1971, the bitterness and the resentment over Israel's occupation was never stamped out, and rebellion flared periodically, climaxing with the intifadah in December 1987. Observers were hardly surprised by the fact that the intifadah officially broke out in Gaza, in the teeming Jabaliya refugee camp.

Since then, the intifadah has waxed and waned, but nothing has really changed in Gaza, a stronghold of Islamic fundamentalism and an economic basketcase dependent on agriculture, with little industry and a catastrophic unemployment rate approaching 60 percent.

Israel's peace accord with the PLO has not stopped the killing in Gaza, nor has it slowed the popular ascent of Hamas, the PLO's rival. Hamas, for now, has stepped back from the brink of a physical power struggle with the PLO, but its concerted campaign of terror against Israeli soldiers and civilians, and by definition the peace agreement, continues unabated.

It's an open question whether the PLO can subdue Hamas after it takes over in Gaza. But no such doubt is apparent in the Israeli government's desire to get rid of this running sore on Israel's body politic. "I would like to see Gaza drown in the sea," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared in exasperation a year ago. Gaza will not disappear, nor will its problems fade away, but Israel is finally taking concrete steps to unburden itself of this albatross.

A mistake is rectified

By AVA CARMEL
World Zionist Press Service

It took thousands of pioneers seven back-breaking years, but the draining of the Hula Lake and surrounding wetlands in the 1950s — the first project of national dimensions undertaken by the Jewish National Fund (JNF) — destroyed the breeding ground of the malaria-carrying Anopheles mosquito and allowed 15,000 acres of farmland to be reclaimed for the region's kibbutzim and moshavim.

The JNF is presently involved in another major undertaking — reflooding 250 acres of that same land. The question is, why?

While agricultural land along the margins of the valley continued to yield high crops, with record yields of wheat, cotton, peanuts, corn and alfalfa reported during the first years, the peat soil in the centre of the valley has deteriorated over the years.

"Peat absorbs up to 700 times its weight in water," said Amos Harpaz, director of JNF's northern afforestation region. "But when dry, it disintegrates and blows away in the wind."

Reflooding the area will also prevent the dry peat from catching fire and polluting the Kinneret with nitrates from the ashes.

The Hula rehabilitation project is being implemented by the JNF in co-operation with the Israel Lands Administration and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Over 70 bulldozers and earth-moving vehicles have dug a 250-acre depression. The artificial lake will be filled with water from the Jordan River and will be bordered by wetlands, as it once was.

For this first year, the region will be carefully monitored and, if all goes well, developed for tourism. The lake and wetlands will be transformed into an Israeli version of the Florida Everglades, and a safari park will be created, with animals for which the Hula was once a natural habitat. They will be raised on small islands in the marsh and visitors will be taken through the channels by boat. There will be bridges, observation points and specific areas for swimming, boating and fishing.

Lake and wetlands to be transformed into a safari park

Flora and fauna for the park will be taken mainly from the existing 800-acre nature reserve, established in the region when the swamps were drained. Migrating birds continue to stop in the area, albeit in greatly reduced numbers.

"There are many problems to overcome," said JNF project director Giora Shaham. How to control mosquitoes, which fish to stock the canals with and how to treat the lake's water are among them. Research will be conducted at the Migdal Galilee Technological Centre in Kiryat Shmona, which belongs to 33 settlements in the region.

Meanwhile, agriculture will continue in most of the valley and extensive research is presently being done on how to improve crops. "These fields can be worked, with a lot of patience," said agricultural consultant On Rabinovitch of Kibbutz Kfar Giladi. Rabinovitch has proven that peanuts, corn, sunflowers and beans can grow in the problematic peat.

"But as tourism becomes a more viable alternative," said Bunny Alexandroni, spokesperson for the JNF, "people living in the Hula Valley will be less dependent on agriculture."

A number of kibbutzim have already shown interest in developing private enterprises at the Hula natural springs on the eastern side of the valley. One is planning a second baptismal site on the Jordan River. And a third is considering a rare bird park.

The original Hula Project was based on the Zionist ideal of conquering the land; today's project is based on ecological ideals. "We now have to utilize what we have learned," Alexandroni said, "in order to improve the environment for the next generation."

Cultural program pays tribute to Holocaust victims

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The unspeakable was spoken, sung and choreographed at an evening of remembrance of those who perished in the Holocaust and of those who survived the Shoah. More than 1,500 people sat in silence at a program titled Cultural Reflections on the Holocaust: A Memorial in Music, Poetry and Art, held at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The opening Presentation of Colors by Jewish War Veterans was followed by the recitation of names of people who perished in the Holocaust against a background of music sung by the Beth Tzedec and Beth Tikvah Choirs.

Readings from a script compiled by Beth Tzedec's Cantor Paul Kowarsky and Srul Irving Glick, composer-in-residence of Beth Tikvah Synagogue were interspersed throughout the program. Dramatizations in English and Yiddish narrated by Marilyn Lightstone, Vivian Reiss, Walter Soles, and Gerry Kane, expressed the pain and suffering, as well as the bravery, of Jews and gentiles — highlighting the indomitable spirit of Jews during one of the darkest chapters in Jewish history.

In memory of the six million who perished, a six-branched candelabra was lit by survivors, children of survivors, hidden children, a Righteous Gentile, liberating soldiers and resistance fighters.

A special tribute was paid to the Righteous Among the Nations — Gentiles who risked their lives to save the Jews. Lighting a candle for the Righteous Gentiles was Tibor Almasy, a North York resident who risked his life to save almost 400 Jews from execution.

As a junior officer in the Hungarian Royal Army, Almasy masterminded an armed resistance against German occupiers and their local Nazi affiliates, the Hungarian Arrow Cross. He instructed the terrified Jews to remove their yellow stars and hid their identity by dressing them in Hungarian army uniforms. Almasy fled to Canada during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

Cellist Coenraad Bloemendal played a *Prayer from Jewish Life* by Ernest Bloch; soprano Tracy Atin sang *Roit Knosp'n Oif'n Shnei* (Red Petals in the Snow); Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, senior Rabbi of Beth Tzedec recited Psalm 130; and Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda sang *Shtiller, Shtiller* (Quiet, quiet, let's be silent) an echo of the Yiddish language spoken by millions of those who perished.

Poems written by children in Terezin were read. Partisan stories and songs reflected the courage and dignity of those who experienced the Holocaust.

Other featured performers at the Yom Hashoah memorial evening included pianists Nadia Adler and Francine Kay, and dancer-choreographer Shula Saltzman. Gordon Kushner and Glick conducted the choirs.

The lights were dimmed for the conclusion of the program. Only the six candles illuminated the darkness as Cantor Kowarsky chanted the memorial prayer K'El Maleh Rachamim and Kaddish was recited; all present recited a pledge that our brethren will not be forgotten.

The program was held under the auspices of the Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee and the Canadian Society of Yad Vashem.

Marilyn Light, chair of the Beth Tzedec's Hololcaust memorial committee told *The CJN* that, "To forget the lessons of the Holocaust is to doom the future. To remember and remind the world of its lessons is to safeguard the tomorrows."

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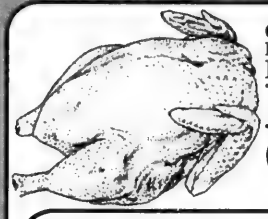

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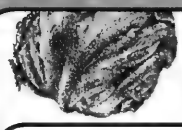

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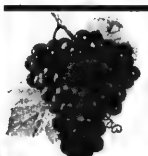

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Young women from Toronto Bnei Akiva perform the daglanut (a complicated set of manoeuvres with the Israeli flag) at the Yom Ha'atzmaut program at Shaarei Shomayim. [Alron photo]

Orthodox community marks Israel's Independence Day

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The change from near total darkness in the Shaarei Shomayim sanctuary to bright light mirrored the division between solemnity and joy, as Toronto's Orthodox community marked Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Teenagers from Bnei Akiva, the religious Zionist youth movement and Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot High School for Girls presented the bulk of the program. They were not much younger, Toronto Mizrachi president Howard Langer said in his welcome, than many of those soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the survival of the State.

A choir was composed of students from Or Chaim, accompanied by pianist David Kalir.

As candles illuminated the gloom, youngsters told the stories of six of those who died, those who went from the yeshivah to the battlefield, from study abroad to death in the Sinai desert, from an internment camp in Cyprus to an Arab massacre. Their ages varied — 20, 34, 26 — their early deaths rendering their stories even more pathetic.

Each story concluded with the eulogy pronounced for every Jewish martyr — Hashem yenakom damo (or dama), G-d will avenge his (or her) blood.

Consul General Dror Zeigerman noted that "even before we could say kaddish for the thousands who gave their lives, terrorists struck again, (referring to the suicide bombing of a bus in Hadera) proving that terror is alive and well, and the terrorist dream of destroying Israel is still alive, as well as the desire to kill Jews just because they are Jews."

Just as his generation was the settler generation, and the current generation, is the warring one, so, Zeigerman said, he hopes that the next will be the generation of geula, of redemption.

"We pray that never again will our children go to war...will our enemies rise up against us ...will we have to bury our dead."

Rabbi Avishai David, rosh yeshivah of Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot, called the evolution and well-being of Israel a reflection of Divine prophesy, and a symbol of the relationship between G-d and the Jewish people.

K'El Maleh Rachamim, the memorial prayer, was chanted by Shaarei Shomayim's Shlomo Sufrin, and Or Chaim student Jonathan Snowbell recited a psalm.

The traditional moment of silence was accompanied by the eerie wail of a warning siren.

As the lights gradually became brighter, the young people told the story of religious zionism in Israel, the kibbutzim, the hesder yeshivahs, the contributions made by religious young women to the poor, the troubled, the immigrant.

"Just as the Temple was destroyed because of sinat chinam (senseless hatred)," one participant said, "so will it be rebuilt because of this ahavat yisrael (this love of the the Jewish people)."

As darkness fell outside, the lights came on full force, and Yom Ha'atzmaut officially began with a highlight of the annual event, the daglanut, an intricate series of manoevres with Israeli flags presented by young women of Bnei Akiva. Their performance was greeted with applause, and enthusiastic cheers and yells.

A special Ma'ariv service, led by Sufrin, included Shir HaMaalot, the psalm of praise recited on Shabbat and holy days, sung to the tune of *Hatikvah*, the blowing of the shofar, and Ani Ma'amin, the affirmation of faith in G-d and in the coming of the Messiah.

The evening concluded with dancing in the synagogue social hall, to music by the Simcha Orchestra.

The annual service was sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada, Emunah Women of Toronto and Bnei Akiva of Toronto.

Endowment fund grows

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The endowment fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) increased to close to $2 million in 1993 and the goal for this year is to double that amount, according to an article in the organization's publication, *Federation*.

"During the past year we solidified the organizational framework of the fund," says the article, "and we saw the establishment of 10 new family funds for a total of 19 within the endowment fund."

Federation says the endowment fund is professionally managed "and we are receiving a solid rate of return." All Jewish community organizations are being advised about the benefits of investing in endowment funds for the whole community on a pooled basis through the JFGV.

The report says the fund's distribution committee "has continued to make responsible distributions which are assisting in building our community for the future." This year, grants helped 33 young people attend programs in Israel, purchased Jewish books and portable classrooms for the community high school, funded three youth programs and provided funds for two emergency relief programs.

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French Jew recalls past horrors at B.C. Yom Hashoah service

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — For over 50 years Jannushka Jakoubovitch kept the horrible experience of her life in Nazi-occupied France locked inside her. But at the urging of Congregation Emanu-El's Rabbi Victor Reinstein, she agreed to tell a Holocaust remembrance day gathering what happened, recalling the events in an emotional speech.

At age five, she lived with her parents and brother in Paris when the Nazis marched in. "Although we considered ourselves French, I had to go to pre-school with my infamous yellow Star of David sewn on all my clothes," she said. "I was too young and happy to be going to school to rebel against such a condition — which I didn't understand anyway."

She remembers little, but said, "My joy didn't last too long. Soon, we received little cards with pictures of Marshal Petain [head of the Vichy collaborationist government] standing happily with the Germans, and other cards with Japanese people. This was followed rapidly by nasty, humiliating propaganda against Jews, showing them in their worst form, with crooked noses and long fingers grabbing money from poor innocent Christians. I felt ashamed and fearful of being a Jew."

After Jakoubovitch was beaten several times by older girls because of her Star of David, the teacher told her mother to keep her at home since the school couldn't guarantee her safety. She and her brother "had to stay alone in the apartment, not make any noise, not answer the bell and not go to the windows. We were prisoners in our own home."

Their father's shop windows were painted with big Stars of David and the word JEW. Stones were thrown and windows broken. Their little synagogue was bombed several times.

Then the family learned they were on the Nazis' deportation list and the children were farmed out to reluctant neighbors every night — because the Nazis always came at night. "I have no idea where my parents hid every night," she said.

The family lived near a police station and Jakoubovitch's mother could hear the Jewish children screaming each night after being separated from their parents, either waiting to be numbered, or sent to a waiting-station or to the railway station to be loaded on a train like animals for concentration camps.

"The people of Paris were relatively calm and seemed unaware that Hitler's deeds violated all human and international humanity," she said.

'Jews had no rights'

"Jews had no rights except to be taken to concentration camps and brutally killed. We were forbidden to go to the theatre, movies or parks, and had to travel on the last car of the metro. Curfew was at 8 p.m. Going through the streets of Paris with our Star of David became an ordeal.

"My mother, my brother and I were arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Drancy, a holding prison for Jews. We were released the next day but we knew we would be arrested again, and this time we would not come back.

"Finally, it became too dangerous and my brother and I were sent to the country to hide with the Maquis, the French resistance. We had very little food and we lived among the machine guns and rifles. We ... learned never to speak, even under torture. Eventually, all the partisans we were with were killed by the enemy. By incredible good luck my parents and my brother and I survived. Others from our family were wiped out at the death camps."

After the war, Jakoubovitch said, "Another type of war began for us. Our lives were affected forever. I didn't want to be a Jew because in my child's mind, to be a Jew meant humiliation, fear, torture and death. The only way to save my sanity was to try to erase my memory of those terrible times. My brother and I, until this very day, have never spoken about the war and my parents never gave us any explanations.

"For a while I changed my name to a very French one. I denied being a Jew and refused to admit what happened to me and my family."

Eventually, after working with the United Nations in Vienna, Jakoubovitch was able to come to Canada with her two children.

Now, she said, "I cry every night for those who died in such a horrible way — I hope not in vain. We'll always remember them and cherish their memories. I can only talk about us as Jews now because I am one, and that is my story. I believe now that God had a purpose for my survival. I have two children and through them I'll survive and so my family will be able to tell our story to their children and grandchildren. I ask myself today . . .why . . why do we have to suffer so much. . . why?"

The service at the Holocaust memorial in the Victoria Jewish Cemetery, included a kaddish written for the camps and ghettos, a reading from *The Diary of Anne Frank*, the K'El Maleh Rachamim and a silent prayer after the Mourner's Kaddish.

Jack Gardner paid tribute to Willie Jacobs and his wife, survivors who helped raise the funds for the memorial, and who were active in Holocaust education. Both died last fall within a few weeks of each other.

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Community pays respects to Israel's fallen soldiers

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hundreds of people paid their respects to fallen Israeli soldiers at a dignified service held last week at Adath Israel Synagogue for Yom Hazikaron.

"We pray and hope that the memory of the fallen will give us the courage to fight for peace and security," said Israeli consul-general Dror Zeigerman. "We pray that never again will a Jewish boy or girl have to go to battle for our land, never again will our enemies rise up to destroy us, and that never again will we have to bury our war heroes."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, spoke of the juxtaposition of pain at the loss of life and pride and gratitude on the [46th] anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

"We are all impoverished by [the deaths of Israeli soldiers]," said the rabbi. "Of how many brilliant authors, caring physicians, outstanding lawyers, scholars, researchers, agronomists...were we deprived as a result of the deaths of these men and women?" he asked. "We are all mourners," he reminded the crowd.

Rabbi Witty said that David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, sent many hand-written letters of condolence to parents who had lost children in the defence of the new state. He read excerpts from two such letters.

Members of Zabar, an Israeli scout group in Toronto, took part in Hebrew and English readings and solemnly lowered the Israeli flag to half-mast as Alex Sorin sounded Taps. The scouts also participated in the lighting of memorial candles along with Tsipi Erez, whose husband Oded died in 1975, and Shlomit Zohar, whose brother, Avner Dital, died in the Yom Kippur War.

Toronto aliyah shaliach Ehud Savion, who served in the Israeli Marine Force for 25 years, read the Order of the Day from Chief of Staff Ehud Barak, saluting the memory of Israel's fallen soldiers.

K'El Maleh Rachamim was chanted by Cantor Efraim Sapir of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The Ne'Imot choir enhanced the service with melodious Hebrew music, as did soloists Israel David and Ilana Millman who sang *On a Silver Platter* and *They shall beat their swords into ploughshares* respectively. Both were accompanied by Doron Ophir.

Also participating in the program were Shimon Zeraviv, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Doron Kadmiel, Lt. Oren Lapsker (Res.), and Shimon Inbar.

Members of the Zabar scout troupe paid tribute to fallen Israeli soldiers at last week's Yom Hazikaron service. [Alron photo]

JCC tennis courts are to be rebuilt

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the past several years, tennis aficionados at the North branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) have been playing under a cloud.

Each year the courts deteriorate a little more and get a little more unplayable. Several years ago, some of the tennis regulars were concerned about a plan that would have seen the courts relocated to the current site of the parking lot, put under a dome and to come under private operation.

But last week, the sun broke through some of those dark clouds as North York City Council passed a motion that could see $230,000 pumped into the courts to rebuild them and bring them up to standard.

The motion, proposed by Ward 7 Councillor Mike Feldman, will see the courts turned over to the city under a lease arrangement. North York will be responsible for $80,000 of the refurbishing cost while matching funds are expected from the provincial and federal levels of government under the federal/provincial initiative for infrastructure improvements, Feldman told *The CJN*.

Should that funding come through, the courts will be redone completely, windscreens will be improved and a "shack" at the site will be renovated and upgraded and turned into a changing room, he said.

Harold Cipin, director of operations for the JCC, said if approval for matching funds comes within a few weeks there is still a chance the courts could be upgraded this summer. If not, they will be rebuilt for next season.

Cipin said the courts will be operated under the auspices of the North York Tennis Association and will be open to the public.

When all the work is completed, seven doubles and one singles court will be available. Because of wear and tear, there are currently only four doubles courts available for play, Cipin said.

The JCC, which is strapped for cash, does not have the funds to upgrade the courts on its own, he added.

Feldman said the idea for North York's involvement in the tennis courts originated with JCC member Tibor Martinek, who suggested it to him.

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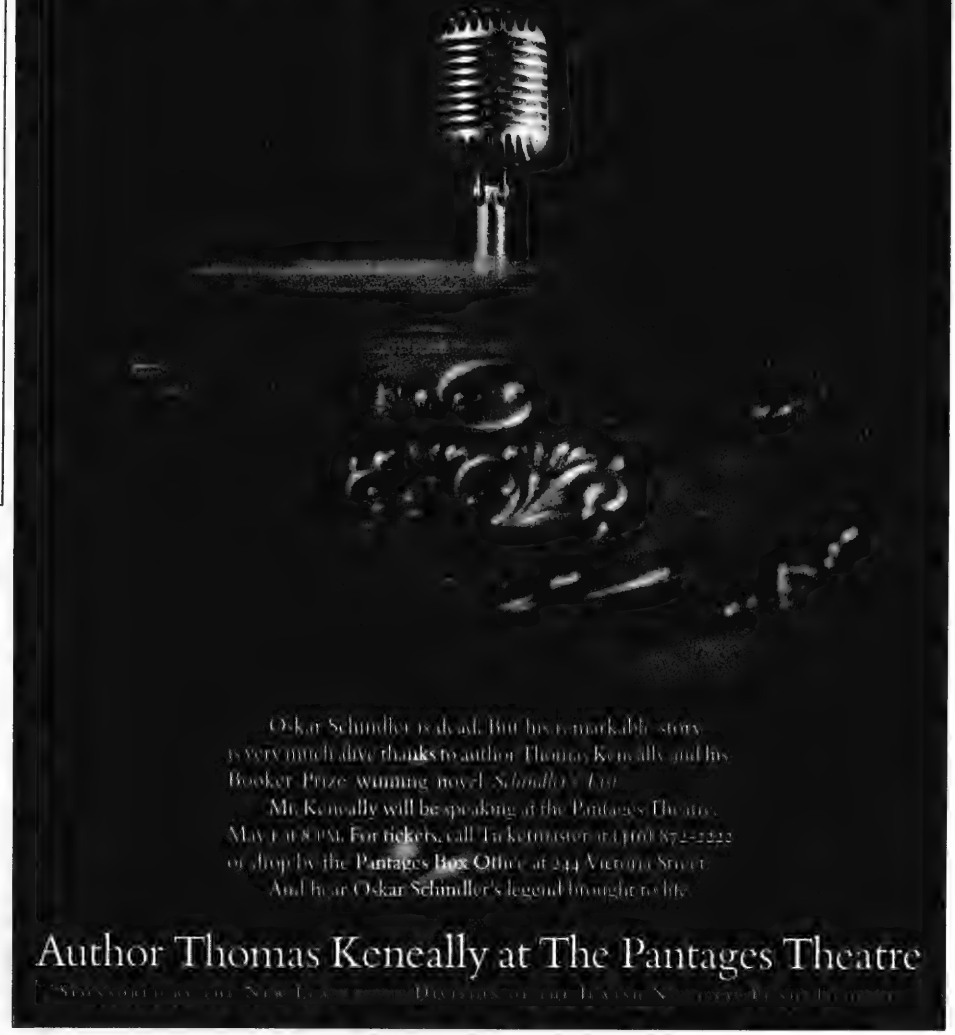
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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Friday, April 22

MUSICAL PROGRAM
Pianist **Stella Rudolph** presents a program of pop, Yiddish and show tunes, 2-3 p.m. Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, April 23

WORKS OF JEWISH ARTISTS
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and the Koffler Gallery present works of Jewish artists who came to Canada as immigrants. Meet-the-artists reception, 8:30 p.m. Koffler Gallery Studio, also featuring the music of Jazz Baroque. Exhibit runs to May 1.

BBYO DANCE
B'nai Brith Youth Organization Spring Dance for teens, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Members $5, non-members $8. Call **Yael**, BBYO office, 635-9411.

SOLEL COFFEE HOUSE
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Sunday, April 24

KTA GEMUTLICH EVENING
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INTRAFAITH RELATIONS — JEW & JEW
At Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club **Rabbi Henry Hoschander** speaks on Intrafaith Relations — Jew and Jew. Services 9 a.m., breakfast (no charge) 9:30. Guests welcome.

ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM
Prof. David Menashri, Dayan Centre for Middle East Studies and African Studies, discusses Islamic Fundamentalism: A Challenge to Regional Stability, 7:30 p.m. Inn on the Park. Sponsored by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. Everyone welcome. RSVP 787-9930.

FESTIVAL OF MYSTERIES
Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach: Thornhill, delivers a lecture entitled Lag b'Omer: Festival of Mysteries, A Kabbalistic View, 8:30 p.m. Ohr Somayach: Forest Hill, 29 Gilgorm Rd. Public welcome. No charge. Information, (905) 886-5730.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENING
Friends of Yiddish (FOY) Holocaust Remembrance Evening, 8 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, features Reflections of Polish Jewry, illustrated presentation on travels to the 50th anniversary memorial of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising by **Bayla Chaikof** plus Yiddish and English readings by FOY members **Jack Botwinik, Michael Lebovic, David Newman, Blema Steinman** and songs by **Jennie Eisenstein**. Admission free.

MONTE CARLO AND AUCTION
Adath Israel Brotherhood's Monte Carlo and Auction, 7 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission $5, light refreshments.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION
Secular Jewish Association Children's School open house for parents seeking a Jewish education for their children that emphasizes humanistic and Jewish ethics and traditions taught from a non-religious viewpoint, 10 a.m. to noon, 131 Fenn Ave. Information, (905) 731-7066.

TEMPLE SINAI BROTHERHOOD
Social worker **Joy Lipkin** discusses As Families Grow Older — Changes, Choices, Challenges at Temple Sinai Brotherhood seminar, 10 a.m. Admission free.

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Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, B'nai Torah and Clanton Park Congregations co-sponsor an all-day symposium for women addressing issues facing the Jewish woman in her role as daughter, mother, wife and self. 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Baycrest Terrace. $15 including lunch. **Selma Elzas**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

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There'll be lots of bargains at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood annual auction. Viewing 6 p.m., auction at 7 at the synagogue.

GRAND SOCIETY
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Monday, April 25

NEIGHBORHOOD INTERFAITH DINNER
Eighth annual Neighborhood Interfaith Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation, with **Very Rev. Lois Wilson** on the topic Religious Leadership in Secular Society. Tickets $20 at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 925-5977 or Beth Tzedec 781-3511 until April 22.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH
General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, meets 7:30 p.m. for refreshments, 8 p.m. election of officers, 968 Eglinton Ave. W.

IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN ISRAEL
Shaar Shalom Synagogue adult education series Ideological Conflict in Israel — Then and Now with **Morton Manilla** begins 8 p.m. with lecture on Israel author **Tom Segev's** *The Seventh Million*.

WEIGHT ISSUES
Emunah Women presents **Carla Rice**, educator/consultant/writer, Regional Women's Health Centre, Women's College Hospital, discussing how media and society have influenced thinking on Weight Issues, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Admission $5.

ASHER YATZAR: WELL-BEING
Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am joint spring study program, Three Prayers: Three Issues in Jewish Life, continues 8 p.m. with Asher Yatzar: Well-Being with **Rabbi Philip Scheim**, Adath Israel.

Tuesday, April 26

WEST BANK SETTLERS TO SPEAK
Yehudit Tayar, a settlement leader, and **Yechiel Leiter**, director of the Settlers' Council foreign desk, speak on What Do the Settlers Really Want, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
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Wednesday, April 27

BAIS YAAKOV ANNUAL DINNER
Bais Yaakov Elementary School annual dinner 6:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, honorees **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weinbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Max Walerstein** and **Samuel Reichmann** family; guest speaker **Dayan Chanoch Ehrentreu** of London, England; special tribute in memory of **Israel Simon**. Cost $180 couple. To RSVP and/or place a greeting in dinner journal, 783-6181.

THE "M" WORD
Dr. Jean Marmoreo discusses that intimidating "M" word, Menopause, at Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

LAG B'OMER YOUTH CELEBRATION
Jewish Russian Community Centre invites the community to a Lag b'Omer youth celebration starting at 7 p.m. with addresses by community leaders followed by barbecue, bonfire, live music and dancing, Earl Bales Park. Admission free (refreshments for sale). Information, **Andrew Palamarchuk**, 222-7105.

KWINTER TO SPEAK
Monte Kwinter, MPP, will speak at Wilson Heights Lodge, B'nai Brith, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Katz's delicatessen, 3300 Dufferin St. Admission free, seating limited. Call 789-1137.

And What Else Is New...

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
As part of Toronto Jewish Film Festival, New Israel Fund of Canada presents the Toronto premiere of *Good Evening Mr. Wallenberg*, Saturday, April 30, 9 p.m. Bloor Cinema, followed by a dessert reception with featured speaker **Carol Younes**, the Fund's Law Fellow from Israel presently studying at McGill University and working at Project Genesis in Montreal. The film is an account of Raoul Wallenberg's rescue of Jews during the Holocaust. Tickets $50 each include reception. Funds raised benefit New Israel Fund's Israel Civil Liberties Law Program. For tickets/information, **Marsha Slivka**, 340-0507.

LAG B'OMER PARTY
The Association of Israeli Academicians in Toronto invites members of the community to a Lag b'Omer party, Saturday, April 30, 8 p.m., Community Centre, 120 Banbury Rd. (York Mills-Leslie). Choreographer/dancer **Marco Ben-Shimon** will conduct dancing. Members $8, non-members $10. Light meal included.

AISH HATORAH PROGRAMS
The Zenith Experiences, a six-hour odyssey into Judaism, Sunday, April 24, noon-6 p.m., at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Pre-registration $10, at the door $15, includes light lunch. Information/reservations, 636-7530.

Firecrackers — Monday morning program for moms and tots 2-3½ years (arts and crafts, storytelling, songs and more for tots, and learning sessions exploring topics in Jewish life for moms). Cost $5 per family per session. Babysitting available for children under 2. For information and registration, **Fran**, (905) 764-8917.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN
Shabbat evening services take place the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7:15 p.m., and Shabbat morning services on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. All services are at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Check notice board for room location. Next services, Friday, April 22, 7:15 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY
The Collector's Eye, contemporary ceramics, American, Canadian and British from the collection of **Aaron Milrad** runs to June 1.

Folk Paintings of Jewish Life in Poland 1920-1934 by **Mayer Kirshenblatt** are on view at the Logia Gallery through June 1.

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FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES

Floating Jewish Singles, 45-65, offers rotating Oneg Shabbats sponsored by Conservative and Reform synagogues, lectures, theatre and varied outings. The next Oneg Shabbat Friday, April 29, 8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd. Refreshments and social following services.

FOUNDATION TRILOGY

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill presents Foundation Trilogy, a three-part lecture series addressing fundamental and timely issues of Jewish belief with **Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb**, former professor of philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, April 28-30. First lecture, Chosenness and Equality, Thursday, April 28, 8:30 p.m. BAYT, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Second lecture, A Shabbat Experience with Rabbi Gottlieb, Friday, April 29, 10 p.m., Ohr Somayach/JEP, 2939 Bathurst St. Final lecture, The Relevance of Religion, Saturday, April 30, 6 p.m., Ohr Somayach: Forest Hill, 22 Gilgorm Rd. (Spadina-Eglinton), followed by Sholosh Seudos (light meal). All lectures are open to the public.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM PLAY GROUP

Shaarei Shomayim Play Group is offering two programs for September 1994 — one for children born in 1991 five mornings a week, and one for children born in 1992 four mornings a week. Highly qualified teachers provide programs of crafts, music, indoor and outdoor play, Jewish holidays, Shabbat and more. Call **Ellise**, 785-6638.

VENDORS WANTED

Artisans, craftspeople, unique vendors are wanted for the crafts and gift sale under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada-Pioneer Women, Monday, May 23 (Victoria Day), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall. Proceeds to charity. Admission free to public. Interested persons call Na'amat office, 636-5425 (days) or **Malka Mirsky**, 633-6538 (evenings).

JUDEO-SPANISH EXHIBIT

All are invited to view the exhibition, Tracing My Heritage: Victor Laredo's Photographs of Jewish Spain at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Brotherhood Hall. There's also a complementary exhibit of Sephardic artifacts in the upstairs lobby. Exhibit runs to May 21. Viewing hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon. Group tours can be arranged. Call synagogue office, 789-3213.

BOOKS NEEDED

Do something about your overloaded book shelves now that Passover is behind us. Donate unwanted books to the annual University College (UC) book sale at the University of Toronto. Proceeds support UC Library. Call alumni office, 978-2968 for pick up.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The course, Machzor: The Holiday Prayer Book with **Dr. Leo Jacobs** starts Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. For information, registration or brochure, 631-5660.

A four-session Yiddish Theatre course with **Faye Kellerstein** and **Nathan Garnick**, Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m. May 2-June 6, JCC North Y, examines Yiddish literary and musical theatre and how it reflects Jewish life. Focus is on some authors and stars of the Yiddish theatre and includes dramatic readings from original Yiddish plays as well as musical examples. Cost $50. Contact **Manya**, 631-5660.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Club Tamar, Na'amat Canada, invites you to brunch, Sunday, May 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Door prizes and entertainment. Minimum donation $18 adults, $10 children. Proceeds to Adopt-A-Child program through Growing Up With Na'amat. Reservations, **Sheila Frohlick**, 636-5425.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Elliot Malamet is now conducting a course, The Power of Prayer, Mondays, 7:15 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library. Course investigates origins, historical development and meanng of Jewish prayer. Information/register, 782-8867.

YOM KIPPUR WAR VETERANS

Disabled Civilian Veterans of the Yom Kippur War support group is looking for new members and volunteers. Meetings every Monday, 7:30 p.m. Call **David Lax**, 489-6851.

MUSICAL AFTERNOONS

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will present a program of semi-classical, popular and dance music, Friday, April 22, 2-3 p.m., Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., and a program of semi-classical, popular and Jewish music, Sunday, April 24, 1-1:45 p.m., Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St.

SHALOM CARNIVAL EXHIBITION

Shalom Carnival Exbibition, an all-day festival celebrating Israeli and Jewish life in Toronto with live stage performances, over 50 exhibitors, kids corner, food court, door prizes, Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Steeles West Market, 2375 Steeles Ave., W. Special guests, Israeli mime comedian **Hanoch Rozenn** and Israel consul general **Dror Zeigerman**, who will open the event. Sponsors *Hamekomon* Hebrew newspaper and *Jewish Life* newspaper. 782-3017.

JEWISH COMPOSERS ON BROADWAY

Holy Blossom Temple's Musical Heritage Series concludes with an evening of songs Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m. at the temple. Tenor **Mark Dubois** and soprano **Gisele Fredette**, accompanied by **Brian Finley**, perform songs by Jewish composers of Broadway musicals. Program also features Shabbat for Today by **Gershon Kingsley**, a contemporary Shabbat service specially written for electronic instruments and Moog synthesizer. For tickets, 789-3291.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council's Kosher Cooking School features Hot and Cold, a session on hot or cold Shabbat and summer dishes, Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Call 635-9550.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Single Parent Challenge (begins May 12); For Women Only (begins in May); Parenting the School Age Child (begins April 26). For information on fees/registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Evening classes, Tuesdays, May 31-Aug. 30, 7:30-9 p.m., conducted under guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons for beginners. For consultation/registration, **Joseph Klinger**, 787-0197.

JCC PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

JCC North Y branch Program Department is accepting new and innovative ideas for programs. Interested instructors, call program director **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Volunteers are needed for North Y branch programs — Bachelor Auction, June 23; Community Wide Garage Sale, Oct. 16; Trade/Consumer Shows; Program Fundraising Techniques. Call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

MARITAL TUNE-UP

Jewish Family & Child Service presents Marriage Tune-Up — Getting More Mileage From Your Marriage, a two-part educational workshop, Wednesday May 4 and May 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. For information, **Sheri Rumack**, JF&CS, (905) 882-2331.

AT ANSHEI-MINSK SYNAGOGUE

Two evenings celebrating Lag b'Omer at Anshei-Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market — Thursday, April 28, 8:30 p.m., weekly Mystic Circle for a late-into-the-night study of Jewish mystical texts; Saturday, April 30, 10 p.m., special melava malka with **Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb**, former professor of philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. Cafe Minsk will be open late into the night. For further details, 595-5723.

for seniors

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Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dance, April 23, 7-10 p.m., clubhouse; Sunday dance with live band, April 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Community Centre; picnic bus trip Niagara-on-the-Lake, Tuesday, April 26; Mother's Day dinner dance, full course dinner, door prizes, gifts for mothers, Sunday, May 1, members $20, non-members $23; Port Dalhousie trip, lunch, transportation, tour of town, carousel ride, May 24, members $23, non-members $25. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports plans for Catskill trip are being considered. Theatre events — *Evita*, July 19; *Me and My Girl*, Aug. 9; *Twelfth Night*, Sept. 29. For information on activities, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). April 28 features a lecture on Healthy Food by **Konie Vetrecht**. For information, call 661-4689 or **Avner** (905) 771-0250.

Young at Heart Seniors Catskill trip offers two hotels, Pines and Raleigh, in August for nine or 10 days. Price depends on exchange of Canadian dollar and includes medical comprehensive, air-conditioned bus and more. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group hosts an evening for lovers of Yiddish 8 p.m., Thursday, April 28, when **Elie Moidel**, story teller, speaks on her experience of Yiddish in Oxford. No charge.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Donway Place and Forest Hill Place sponsoring a lecture by **David Goldberg** on Current Events, 11:30 a.m., North Toronto Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. W. Admission free. RSVP **Gloria Gibbins**, 785-1511.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

The Volunteer Department presents How to Handle Conflict, a skills development workshop for volunteers, Thursday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. No admission charge. Pre-registration required. Call the facilitator **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Coping with Parkinson's Disease, Thursday, April 28, 1:30 p.m. when **Mimi Feutl** of the Parkinson's Foundation will show the video *Moment to Moment* and will answer questions. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

A Shayna Maidel, Wednesday, April 27, 1 p.m., North York City Centre. Meet at the play. Members $17.50, non-members $18.50. Space limited. Details at Information Desk.

Register early for the summer tour to Pines Hotel in the Catskills for members only, July 31-Aug. 4. Limited seating. $495 Canadian, double occupancy, $555 single. Information/registration, 225-2112.

Friendship Circle is holding a dance for singles 55 plus, Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m. with entertainment by **Peter Max** and **Michael Khinkis**. Tickets $3 members, $4 non-members, at Information Desk. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

A reminder about the book sale, Tuesdays April 26, May 3 and 10, 9:30-11:30.

The movie *Serenade* will be screened Sunday, April 24, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon social April 27 features singer **Ella Paket**, 1:30 p.m.

During Volunteer Week, April 17-23, coffee and tea parties were held to say thank you.

at the JCC

A special crime prevention presentation Tuesday, May 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, Room 206. Staff and public welcome. Admission free.

JCC Bloor Y's Jewish theatre committee brunch-time cabaret, Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m., 750 Spadina Ave., with noted performers **Gloria Valentine** and **Corinne Copnick** in a program of stories and songs. Admission $5. Bagels and coffee served. **Luni**, 924-6211.

Israeli dancing Mondays, 8 p.m., Bloor Y branch,, beginner and intermediate level with **Marco Ben-Shimon**. $5 per evening. **Luni**, 924-6211.

STRONACH HONORED

Over 100 business and political leaders attended a special reception recently honoring Magna International Inc. chair Frank Stronach. Hosted by Bank of Nova Scotia president and CEO Peter Godsoe, reception was in recognition of the establishment of The Frank Stronach Centre of Education for Peace at the University of Haifa. Stronach will be honored by Canadian Friends of Haifa University at a tribute dinner May 2 at the Sheraton Centre. From left Frank Stronach, Keren Miller, Campaign Cabinet and dinner committee chair; Peter Godsoe, Mike Feldman, national president, Canadian Friends of Haifa University. [Gadi Hoz photo]

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Leket aims to boost Jewish Agency's image

'Opening a new era'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yehiel Leket's recent appointment as acting chair of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization (WZO) has given him until June 10 — and perhaps longer — to show his mettle. The agency's board of governors will meet at that time to decide the next step in choosing a permanent chair.

Leket, 52, replaced Simcha Dinitz, whose recent indictment for fraud and breach of trust left the agency with problems which were Leket's immediate priority on being appointed.

He spent his first month as acting chair working with senior staff of the agency to boost morale. He wanted to "bring the message that we are opening a new era," he told *The CJN* during a recent interview held in the office of Toronto's aliyah shaliach, Udi Savion.

While individual departments within the Jewish Agency, such as Youth Aliyah, have a good image, said Leket, the agency's image has suffered. "That's what we need to change."

Leket's plan is first to educate the agency's 2,000 staff members by arranging visits to agency projects, then to extend invitations to public opinion leaders from "almost every [sector of the community] — business, education, the army, politics" so that they can also become better informed.

Equal partners

Donations to the agency, which is the primary recipient of United Jewish Appeal funds raised for Israel, have not been affected by the Dinitz scandal, Leket said. (Reports that Dinitz had misused agency credit cards came to light in late 1992.) The agency has a budget of $500 million a year.

Leket had arranged his recent five-day trip to Toronto and Montreal as

Yehiel Leket

chair of the agency's Youth Aliyah department, a position he still holds. While here, he met with Federation and Canadian Zionist Federation leaders in both cities as well as with Habonim Dror, B'nai Brith, a group of departing olim, Na'amat (for which he holds a special affection as an alumnus of their Israeli kindergarten), and Montreal's Herzliah High School.

The visit was not a bid to raise his profile outside of Israel, Leket maintained. Although he had the support of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to become acting chair, Leket faced opposition from those who said he was not well enough known internationally.

"I'm not here to campaign," said Leket, admitting that he would like to have the permanent position.

Leket feels his own strength lies in his knowledge of the agency and of Israeli government. The agency is considered a quasi-governmental body. Leket is a former member of Knesset and has also served as head of the Aliyah Mission in North America, chair of the World Labor Zionist Movement, head of the Settlement Division of WZO and a member of the executive of WZO and the Jewish Agency.

In his meetings with local Zionist leadership, Leket stressed that the Jewish Agency and UJA are equal partners. He disputes Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin's recent well-publicized comments on Diaspora fundraising. "He's totally wrong," said Leket. "I never felt that I asked for charity. I always felt that I asked for contributions — of the mind and the heart as well as the money. I didn't consider it philanthropy. I consider it a partnership. When Jewry gives [money] to bring half a million olim to Israel, this is a common venture."

To cease giving money will affect "the weakest part of Israeli society" including olim and children, said Leket. Israel has 600,000 people living below the poverty line, he added.

A recent survey of 450 Jewish Agency members both in Israel and the Diaspora found that shared priorities included aliyah and absorption, Jewish education in the Diaspora, youth aliyah and enhancing the quality of life in Israel. Increasing aliyah, particularly from the former Soviet Union, is a priority for Leket, as is emphasizing the primacy of Israel for all Jews.

Correction

In the obituary on Dr. Max Florence, a dentist and founder of the Toronto branch of the Dental Volunteers for Israel, in the March 31 issue of *The CJN* the name of one of his daughters was omitted. As well as leaving wife Rochelle and children Lloyd and Ira, Florence also left daughter Michele. *The CJN* regrets this error.

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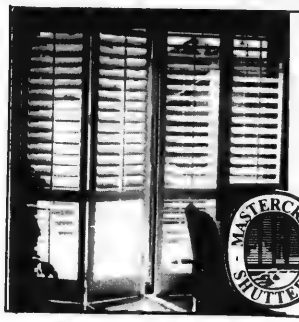

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Mengele twin describes her return to Judaism

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It was the melody of a Hebrew song that brought Sora Vigorito fully back into the Jewish fold.

As a child, she had been tortured at Auschwitz, one of 89 pairs of identical twins expiremented on by Dr. Joseph Mengele. The Nazis murdered all her loved ones except her father, whom she met for the first time after the war. Then death pulled him away from her, too.

As an adolescent, Vigorito was befriended by a nun in an American orphanage who slowly gained her trust.

"I poured out my anger to her," the Cleveland native recently told an audience at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill.

"How could God take away my mother, my sisters, my family, and now my father? Why? What had I done in my young life for God to punish me? What kind of God was He?"

The nun explained to her that the Jews were meant to suffer because they had forsaken the Christian messiah.

Vigorito had recurrent nightmares. Her experiences at Auschwitz had left her feeling dirty, impure, unworthy. Seeking redemption, she joined a Christian prayer group, married a non-practising Catholic, had three children, and earned a master's degree in comparative religion.

She observed both Christian and Jewish holidays. Although her husband tolerated her spiritual eccentricities, she was fired from her job teaching comparative religion at a Catholic girl's school for delving too deeply into Judaism.

Her church-going also ended abruptly, after she complained privately to the priest following a service in which the Jews were vilified for killing Christ.

"He chased me out of the church, shouting, 'You damn Jew, get out, get out!' I went out and I never came back."

It was during a synagogue service that Vigorito heard the melody of *Ani Ma'amin* for the first time since Auschwitz. She got goose bumps, chills, tremors, nausea.

"Suddenly, I was reliving some of the most horrible moments of my life."

Vigorito was 3½ when she and her twin Hanna were housed in Mengele's second story laboratory at Auschwitz-Birkenau. "My sister and I were his lab animals," she said.

The sisters received spinal injections, which gave Hanna convulsions, and Mengele injected the tuberculosis virus into Sora. He scraped away at bone, and performed other operations, all without anesthetics. Hanna died in her sister's arms two weeks before liberation.

Sora and Hanna could see bodies piled through a hole in the crematorium wall. They also heard *Ani Ma'amin* sung every night by hundreds of voices. She never knew what it was called.

"We heard the melody and then we'd hear the screaming. And then the screaming would die down and it would be silent. And then we'd hear this metallic cranking. We heard it all the time."

She didn't hear it again until that day in synagogue. She said she is the only Mengele twin still alive.

Vigorito soon found out the Hebrew lyrics of *Ani Ma'anim* were from Maimonides's 13th principle of faith. They were a proclamation of undying faith in God — "even if He shall delay."

She said she was beside herself when she finally understood the lyrics. "Every night I heard those people who could no longer deny their fate; the smell of their fate was in the air, there was no possibility to escape the fate before them. They were proclaiming their belief in God. And I thought 'I want a faith like that. I don't know how to get it but I want that.' "

Hearing *Ani Ma'amin* sparked her return to Orthodox Judaism. She sought out the Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson in Brooklyn for advice on the recommendation of another rabbi.

"I told the Rebbe I was a Mengele twin, the only one alive, a Ba'al Tshuva, that I had koshered my home ... I said, 'Here I am before you, and my husband is not Jewish. I'm ready to do what the Torah says I must do, but I need strength. Can you give me strength, Rebbe?'

"He looked up at me and I can't describe the look in his eyes. The Rebbe said, 'Don't divorce your husband. Separate yourself from him, don't have any physical contact with him, sleep in another room and everything will be fine.'"

Vigorito followed that advice, and her husband acquiesced under protest. For several months, he was mysteriously absent at regular intervals.

One day he told her he had arranged a meeting for them with the rabbi. She feared he had arranged a divorce.

But to her amazement, the rabbi told her her husband had been studying Judaism and wished to convert. Several months later, they were married according to Jewish law beneath a chupah.

Assimilation called major threat to survival of Diaspora Jewry

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — If North American Jewry is to survive, it must deal with the problem of assimilation says a history professor at Union College in New York State.

Stephen Berk was scholar-in-residence at the recent Sam and Sarah Kerzner Holocaust Studies Institute Yom Hashoah remembrance weekend, sponsored by the adult education committee at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"Only when the Jewish community deals with this problem can we truly say, 'Am Yisrael Chai.' " Berk said.

He said assimilation is an even greater problem than such racists as U.S. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Farrakhan's extreme views are only one form of anti-Semitism, he explained.

"I wish that I could say that the death of the six million Jews could prevent the anti-Semitic impulse, but only an idiot would deny that impulse in our time. It is found in France, Canada, the United States and most emphatically in the former Soviet Union.

"With the tremendous level of economic distress in places such as Moscow or Odessa, the resurgence of anti-Semitism and the growing power of [Russian ultra-nationalist] Vladimir Zhirinovsky should come as no surprise.

"Another problem is that a large number of Russian people cannot come to grips with the fact that there is no longer a Soviet Union and that the Russian people and state have been reduced to secondary status in the world," Berk said.

"Zhirinovsky bases his appeal on addressing the grievances of a large number of Russians... He plays to a background of long-standing anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism and claims that Jews control everything. In a recent public opinion poll, a large number of Russians agreed that Jews have too much control over Russian society."

Berk believes the most important international issue of our time — "the real problem of the 20th century is whether or not Russia can move in the direction of democracy ... The peace and tranquility of the 21st century rests on what happens in Moscow. The future of our planet depends on the evolution of Russian politics."

But, he said, Jews should keep in mind that North American Jewry is the most privileged group of Jews in history. In spite of world-wide anti-Semitism, "what we have to worry about is assimilation.

"In the United States since 1985, 52 per cent of Jews have married out of the faith and I suspect that the problem is coming to Canada," he warned.

Lag b'Omer celebration planned

TORONTO — A celebration of Lag b'Omer will be held Thursday evening, April 28, featuring a barbecue, bonfire, live music and dancing at Earl Bales Park in North York.

Lag b'Omer celebrates the life and teachings of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, who stood for Jewish unity and world peace. He passed away over 1,800 years ago, and since then the day has been marked, especially by youth.

The evening will kick off at 7 p.m. with a welcome from Rabbi Yoseph Y. Zaltzman, executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre. Several thousand people are expected to attend.

For more informationn please call the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto at (416) 222-7105.

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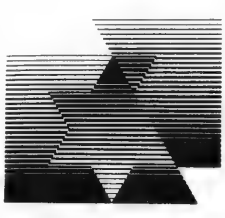
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Soberman was teacher of Holocaust studies

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Susan Soberman, who died suddenly of a heart attack earlier this month, touched the hearts of many people in the Toronto community.

Soberman, a devoted Holocaust educator and English teacher at York Mills Collegiate, was born in Toronto 48 years ago.

She was an active member of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, the Holocaust education committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem (of which she was a founder) and the now defunct Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews. She also served as staff advisor to York Mills' NAHON (North American High School Organization Network) group.

"Susan was passionate about Holocaust education and the struggle to end anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial," said Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights. "She was intense about her work, very sensitive and completely devoted to teaching. We will all miss her."

Mock had worked with Soberman on the Holocaust and Hope Educators' Study Tour, a League program including visits to concentration camps in Germany and Poland and a Holocaust-related tour of Israel. Soberman chaired the Holocaust and Hope advisory committee. A fund has been set up at the League in her memory and another fund is now being organized at York Mills.

She spent her summer vacations for the past decade doing volunteer work in Israel, said long-time friend Karen Solomon. She taught English to Ethiopian olim, whom she also helped by bringing them clothing, raising funds and assisting them in finding employment.

"She often talked about wanting to help people," said Soberman's friend and fellow teacher Roz Lofsky. "She wanted to make a difference."

Soberman was a pioneer in Holocaust education in North York. Former student Isabel Vincent wrote to the North York Board of Education that Soberman's teaching of the Holocaust "helped me to put my life into greater perspective by fostering within me a stronger sense of toferance...Miss Soberman's course should be subtitled, A Course on How to Become a Better Citizen."

Former student Adam Minsky, chair of the Youth for Youth committee of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, credits Soberman with sparking his interest in community Holocaust remembrance work. She had asked him to do a reading at a Yom Hashoah service and worked with him so that he was able to read in a "powerful, moving way. She was always very kind and very supportive." Minsky recalls.

Soberman had an interest in drama dating back to her high school days at Vaughan Road Collegiate, said Lofsky. She appeared in a production of *Showboat* when she was studying to be a teacher at the University of Toronto.

Soberman was "a good friend and a good listener [who was] very loyal and generous with her time," said Lofsky.

Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, described Soberman as "a gitte neshama," and stressed the importance of continuing the work that Soberman began.

In addition to her community work and her students, Soberman was devoted to her family and enjoyed tracking down distant relatives, among them Russian olim whom she visited every summer. Her parents, Tillie and Cantor Morris Soberman, who served Beth Tzedec Congregation for almost 40 years as Chazan Sheini and bar mitzvah teacher, immigrated to Toronto in the 1920s.

Soberman is survived by her parents and her brother Allan.

Himel was a supporter of Yiddish education

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ben Himel, a well-respected Toronto businessman, a firm supporter of Yiddish education and a stalwart of the Labor Zionist movement, died recently at the age of 90.

Born in Lagov, Poland, in 1904, Himel followed his father and his brother to Toronto in 1919. In 1928, he founded the B.A. Himel Co., which later developed into the Union Felt Products, that supplied raw filling materials, such as cotton, wool and foam, to the furniture and bedding industries.

His sons, Mel and Irving, who worked with him, told *The CJN* that their father, known affectionately as "B.A.," was "a good person. He was an honest man, who lived a life full of integrity."

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Yiddish education was a passion, and he worked hard to support it. In Toronto, he was a driving force behind the Borochov Shule and Kindergarten, and was a major benefactor and board member of Bialik Hebrew Day School, where the preschool is dedicated in the name of Ben Himel and his first wife, Edith.

He recently established the Ben Himel Endowment for the Advancement of Yiddish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Himel believed that Yiddish should be a part of the educational world in Israel as well. He established endowments to help promote it and train teachers of Yiddish at Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities, and at the Foundation for the Advancement of Jewish Studies.

A strong Zionist, he was very involved with Histadrut, Amal Schools and Kupat Holim, serving as chairman of the board of directors of the Borochov Cultural Centre and national vice-chairman of the Israel Histadrut campaign.

He was also on the board of State of Israel Bonds and the Board of Jewish Education.

Contributed to many charitable causes

He contributed to many charitable organizations in Toronto and Israel, including United Jewish Appeal.

Advanced age did not appreciably slow him down, his family said, noting that he went to the office every day until the day he went to the hospital for his final illness, and daily went out for lunch with his sons.

His hobby was fishing, something "he did every summer and dreamt about every winter," remembered son Mel. The Himel cottage on Lake Simcoe was a focal point for family gatherings.

Himel was predeceased by his first wife, Edith, sister Ann Pearl and brothers Sam and Marcus.

He is survived by his second wife, Anne, children Pearl and Jerry Banks, Irving, Mel and Pam, and Miriam Freilich, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Woman discovers father's grave in Poland

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For 49 years Irene Gray of Thornhill wondered where her father was buried. Now she has learned her father, Herman Tuvel, escaped the evacuation march from Auschwitz but was killed a few miles from the camp.

She also learned, to her great surprise, that her father's grave in the Polish town of Przyczowic has been cared for by strangers all these years and a tomb erected to honor Tuvel and three other victims of Auschwitz. Tuvel was 47 when he died.

"There are some good Poles. These four women didn't have to do it, they don't know me or any one in our family. It was an unselfish act," Gray said.

The four who discovered and cared for the grave are Elizbieta Kocur, Emilia Widuch, Helena Dlugosz and Magdalena Wisniewska of Pryzczowic.

The news reached Gray and her broher, Andy Tuvel of Nobelton, Ont., from a researcher in Israel who came across the family name in a Polish newspaper account of the grave and its victims.

"When my brother called me with the news it was a moment of conflicting emotions," Gray said. "I was glad though to know at least where my father is."

She said she wants to see the grave and thank those caring for it, but cannot now because her husband, Nathan, is ill in hospital, and her brother and his wife are also ill.

Only Gray and her brother survived. Her mother, Freda, went to her death in the gas chambers at the age of 43. Her father, a leading merchant in their home town of Munkacs, Hungary (now part of the Ukraine) had his nose broken by the S.S. and was sent to Auschwitz as an example to the rest of the town's 35,000 Jews.

"My mother, brother and I were sent to Auschwitz later and just by accident I saw my father from quite a distance. He shouted to me 'Where is mother?' and I said, 'She was sent away with the older people.' I didn't know what had happened to her but when he heard my words my father knew instantly."

According to the Polish newspaper, it was not until 1986 that the town fathers of Przyczowic decided to recognize the deed of the Polish women and to pay tribute to the Holocaust victims by erecting a a tomb cover for the grave. The mayor and other dignitaries of Gieraltowice County spoke at the service.

Stone cutters Raytmund Skrzpczyk and Zenon Koziel contributed their labor to making the tomb cover and it was Jolanta Krawiec, a school teacher, who suggested the memorial. Henryk Kopiece was the fundraising coordinator. The Przyczowic primary school undertook to take care of the tomb.

The newspaper story said Tuvel and three others escaped from their Nazi guards on an evacuation march. The four escapees were hidden in the house of public school principal Karol Elsner and his wife, Malgonata. Unfortunately, the fighting moved near Pryczowic and the four were killed and buried in a common grave at the local cemetery.

"The story is not clear about how my father was killed, who was fighting and who killed him," Gray said.

Also buried in the grave beside Herman Tuvel is Dziagimo di Veroli brought to Auschwitz from a temporary camp, Passoli de Capri, in Italy, and two unknown prisoners.

Gray's brother, Andy, escaped during the Auschwitz evaucation and hid in a barn, but the Polish farmer saw him and informed the S.S. "They couldn't find my brother in the barn and said they would burn it down. The farmer pleaded with them that it would take away his livelihood, so they relented. My brother heard the argument and ran away."

A girl of 16 when she was sent to Auschwitz, Gray survived by working with 200 others in a Krupp munitions factory near Breslau. She weighed 60 pounds when liberated. In 1946, she and her brother hoped to go to Israel but the new state had not yet been declared and they found no way of getting there. They came to Canada in 1949.

Eight of her mother's brothers and sisters died in the Holocaust, Gray said.

Uncertainty about her father's death has ended for Irene Gray of Thornhill, shown here as a girl of 10 in 1938, with her brother Andy, 12, and her parents, Freda and Herman Tuvel. She has just learned that her father's grave has been looked after for 49 years by four Polish women. Her mother died in Auschwitz. Her father escaped the evacuation march from Auschwitz but was later killed.

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Jewish, Chinese groups unite to fight racism

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC) have joined forces to publish an anti-racism booklet entitled *Resisting Hate.*

The glossy and colorful booklet boasts high production values and is intended as an educational tool for schools and individuals in both communities and for the wider public as well.

It will be offered to schools, community centres and all 11 Ontario chapters of the CNCC, said John Tang, the organization's executive director.

"It will be mailed to every board of education in Ontario and I hope it will be used to teach how to resist hate," added Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

The booklet, funded by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, outlines briefly the history of both communities and how they have struggled against prejudice and discrimination. As part of its seven "lessons," the booklet describes the attitude of the Canadian government to Jewish immigration in the 1930s and how Congress has subsequently opposed manifestations of hatred against Jews and other groups.

It also tells how the CCNC originated in 1979 when Chinese Canadians united to protest stereotyped depictions of Chinese students on a television news program.

Each lesson is followed by a number of suggested questions to be posed to students for discussion. In one instance following a section titled Refugees fighting back, students are asked to discuss how a small racial or ethnic minority might defend itself against racist attacks.

The pamphlet will be distributed to Chinese students taking English as a second language, Tang said, adding a Chinese-language version of the booklet is planned.

Production of the pamphlet "is in keeping with the mandate of Congress to continue to seek partners with whom we can jointly produce material to help counter racism and anti-Semitism," Frieberg said. "This is a unique model that other communities can follow."

The booklet is a joint project of Congress, the CCNC, the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat and the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship. Contributors include historian Paula Draper and graphic artist Jim Woo.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

From left, Kelly Hershenhorn, Leonard Goodman and Alex Eisen lit candles at a Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah memorial service last week at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Earl Bales Park. [Barb Tamir photo].

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Stern named head of Vaad

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Rabbi Moshe Stern, spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue in Toronto, recently became president of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto. He succeeds Rabbi Henry Hoschander.

Other officers are vice-president Rabbi Yaakov Felder of Shomrai Shabbas and secretary Rabbi Raphael Marcus of B'nai Torah.

The Vaad, which was founded in 1982, is an organization of Orthodox rabbis.

Rabbi Stern was born and raised in Montreal, and received smicha (rabbinic ordination) from the Rabbinical College of Canada-Lubavitcher Yishiva and from Rabbi Pinchus Hirshprung, the chief rabbi of Montreal.

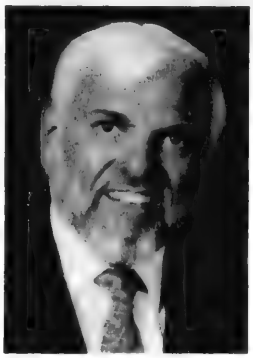
He received his secular education at Sir George William University in Montreal, the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama, earning degrees in political science and philosophy.

Rabbi Stern's first professional position was assistant rabbi in Savannah, Ga. He then became rabbi of Knesseth Israel Congregation in Mountain Brook, Ala., where, besides revitalizing the Orthodox community, he helped establish a Jewish day school. He was active in communal organizations and was president of the Zionist Organization there.

In 1980, he came to Shaarei Tefillah.

Although the Vaad Harabonim is unquestionably Orthodox, Rabbi Stern stresses it is intended "to serve the entire Jewish community, in terms of providing needed and required services that only an organized Vaad can."

Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, for instance, "a longstanding member of the Vaad, is chairman of the Kashruth Council, and together with other members of the Vaad, supervises kashruth in the community."



Rabbi Moshe Stern

A permanent beth din (rabbinic court) under the direction of Rabbi Mordechai Ochs issues gittin (Jewish divorces) and another one deals with matters of conversions, adoptions and disputes related to business and related matters.

The various beth dins take their work very seriously, Rabbi Stern said. "When issues are decided, it is expected that they will be implemented by those involved. Those who refuse to co-operate are effectively barred from membership or honors in the various synagogues."

Rabbi Stern cited the example of husbands who refuse the beth din's directive to issue their wives a get. "The rabbis will use every means within their powers to see that such a person is effectively ostracized from the community until such time as he will do what is right and proper."

In their experience in Toronto, Rabbi Stern asserts, "in almost all instances, the husband co-operates."

Another significant concern of the Vaad is, with the guidance of Rabbi Shlomo Miller and with the blessing of the late Rabbi Abram Price, to "redefine and bring up to standard" the Toronto eruv, which allows observant Jews to carry on Shabbat.

Rabbi Stern emphasized the Vaad serves the entire Jewish community, not just the Orthodox, and that everyone should feel they have the right to avail themselves of its services.

"The Vaad is concerned with the direction of the Jewish community. It recognizes that in attempting to combat assimilation and indifference, we need to strengthen Jewish schools and provide a Jewish education for every Jewish child.

"As well, parents must recognize that synagogues and schools are here to reinforce what children see and experience in terms of Jewish content in their homes. The Vaad as a body encourages every Jewish family to consider strengthening their personal commitment to Torah and observance, and we stand ready to help anyone who wishes to turn to us for guidance."

Toronto, he said, can take pride that "by and large the entire Orthodox Jewish community is united in its concern for Israel, and in its efforts locally to enhance Jewish life for everyone."

While Rabbi Stern is noted for (and makes no bones about) his somewhat controversial right-wing political views on Israeli politics, the Vaad itself, and he as its president, is totally non-political. "Each and every one of us has his particular view of current political issues (like the peace process) and collectively we pray for peace. We take no back seat in our concern and love for Israel."

The rabbi is also concerned with Holocaust matters, something he became sensitized to by his wife, Sarah, a teacher at Beth Jacob High School, and the child of survivors. The Sterns have five children and six grandchildren.

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Organizations and People

Survivors urged to share stories

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Survivors were urged to share their stories so their children could keep alive the memory of the Holocaust at a recent Yom Hashoah commemoration gathering here that drew an unprecedented 600 people of all ages.

Adas Israel Synagogue was filled to capacity for the annual program, which this year marked the 50th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jews.

In their memory, and that of the 6 million, candles were lit by Hungarian survivors.

Guest speaker Steve Paikin, a former Hamiltonian, brought home the importance of survivors sharing their experiences with his account of how he came to make his widely acclaimed documentary, *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto*.

Accompanying a friend and his father, a Hungarian-born survivor, on their first trip back to Auschwitz in 1992, Paikin witnessed how, during the four-and-a-half hour bus ride from Warsaw to Auschwitz, the father broke his silence and for the first time, told his son of his experiences.

Until then, as Paikin put it, "for 48 years of the father's life and all of the son's life," father and son had maintained "an uneasy silence."

For Paikin, the moment he will never forget came when the survivor, having said Kaddish for the father who had died in his arms, "looked up at heaven and said 'Look, Papa, what I have brought back for you — a living monument!' "

It was then he decided to make a documentary and the following year, on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, the TVO producer and host of *Between the Lines* and *Fourth Reading*, went back to film the return to Warsaw of three survivors and their children.

"It was terribly painful but, as all agreed afterwards, terribly necessary," said Paikin as he urged those survivors who have not been back, "to go, if you can, and to tell your children."

Wearing a yellow label on his lapel with the words Never Forget, Hamilton mayor Bob Morrow said nothing in history has come even "remotely close" to the Holocaust, and that in order to prevent it from ever happening again, "we must always learn and know what happened in the past."

On behalf of Federation president David Steinberg, who was in Israel, past president CeCe Schreiber called on the second generation to join the Holocaust remembrance committee and keep the story of the Holocaust alive.

Beth Jacob director of education, Larry Katz, read the names of 400 relatives of local survivors who lost their lives.

Committee chair Gary Frydman opened the program and Cantor David Bercovici chanted the *K'El Maleh Rachamim* and led the Kaddish.

Also taking part were Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel congregation, who read one of his own poems; Hamilton Hebrew Academy principal Rabbi Zev Eisenstein; Cantor Ruth Slater of Temple Anshe Sholom; students Samantha Berlin and Barbara Boswell, and teenagers Michael Leon and Michael Albert, with material they had written themselves; Ilana Karan, Leonid Karan, Charlotte Price, Brian Albert and Marvin Rosenshein.

JFGT nominations

Jack Chisvin, nominating committee chairman for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced nominations for officers and members of the Federation's executive board.

Elections will be held during the Federation's 19th annual meeting, scheduled for June 21, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street.

In accordance with Federation by-laws, no nominations can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination to the Federation executive board or officers' group by complying with the following by-laws:

"Each nomination to the executive board must be accompanied by seven (7) supporting signatures. Each nomination for an officer must be accompanied by 20 supporting signatures. The nomination, in writing, must be delivered to the Federation administrative offices at 4600 Bathurst Street, Suite 538, no later than 42 days before the annual meeting. The nominations must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee. All nominees must be in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal."

Nominations for officers include:

Jack Chisvin and Charles Diamond, past presidents; Bernard Ghert, president; Aaron Brotman, Michael Daren, Sheldon Disenhouse, Marty Goldberg, Judy Gwartz, Shoel Silver and George Wasserstein, vice-presidents; Alan Sandler, treasurer; Julia Koschitzky, assistant treasurer; Harry Krakowsky, secretary; Bev Holtzman, assistant secretary, and Gerry Ross, honorary legal counsel.

Officers nominated by virtue of communal position they hold include:

Wendy Eisen, co-chairman, 1995 UJA Campaign; Gerda Frieberg, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Glennie Lindenberg, president of Jewish Women's Federation; Jeffrey Lipsitz, national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress; Robert Masters, co-chairman, 1995 UJA Campaign; Francie Storm, chairman of Human Resources Department; Barry Tissenbaum, chairman of Community Planning and Allocations; and Joseph B. Salsberg, honorary officer.

Nominees to be elected to the Executive Board at the annual meeting include:

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In addition, Samuel H. Cohen, Madeleine Epstein and Henry Koschitzky are recommended to sit on the executive board as honorary vice-presidents.

Past presidents of the Federation who are life members include:

Ronald Appleby, Donald Carr, Dr. A. A. "Bucky" Epstein, Irving "Yitz" Feldman, Phil Granovsky, Milton Harris, Jack Rose, Herb Rosenfeld, Sam Sable and Rose Wolfe.

Special needs Shabbat

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg synagogues are planning a "special needs Shabbat" for handicapped Jewish community members Saturday, April 23.

Reform congregation Temple Shalom, which does not hold Saturday services, is planning a potluck supper and singalong Friday night.

The special program is being co-ordinated by the religious affairs subcommittee of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

"We felt April 23 was an appropriate choice for this dedication because parshah Kedoshim has many references to special needs," said comminty member Rabbi Jeffrey Gale of Temple Shalom.

Religious affairs subcommittee chair Dr. Allen Kraut said synagogue representatives and the Council of Rabbis reacted favorably to the event. Each synagogue will mark the day in its own way.

At the Orthodox Talmud Torah-Beth Jacob Synagogue, residents of Shalom Residences, a Jewish home for the mentally handicapped, have been participating in the services for years.

"Since the Torah readings are cyclical, each year we can build on what we start this year and add more," said Kraut.

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Al Waxman, director of A Shayna Maidel, shares a joke with cast members Shannon Lawson (left) and Sharon Bernbaum. [Nir Bareket photo]

Al Waxman takes on a new role

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Al Waxman, the King of Kensington, is moving away from the cameras to direct *A Shayna Maidel* (A Beautiful Girl), a play about two sisters and a father, and how the Holocaust scorched their lives.

Though he was only nine when World War II ended, Waxman is not unfamiliar with the theme of *A Shayna Maidel*. His first important role in the late 1950s was in *Sun In My Eyes*, a film adaptation of *Child of the Holocaust* by Jack Kuper. He played the author, who did not survive, and the late Toby Robins of Toronto was his older sister. The director was the late Harvey Hart of Toronto. The actor met many survivors who came to the Waxman family home for meals.

But Waxman does not see *A Shayna Maidel* which runs in its Canadian premiere April 20 to May 13 at the North York Performing Arts Centre Studio Theatre, as a Holocaust play. Rather, he says, it is a play of the '90s fraught with family tensions and the timeless struggle of people to carve out their own lives.

One sister and the father have escaped pre-war Europe, and live in New York, but one sister and the mother are caught in the Holocaust and the mother dies. The reunion of the sisters in New York, after the war, and the dramatic aftermath, is at the core of the play by American writer Barbara Lebow, produced here in Toronto by Janese Kane.

The father in *A Shayna Maidel*, the fulcrum character, is played by well known TV actor Harvey Atkin. The two sisters are played by Shannon Lawson and Sharon Bernbaum. Bernbaum most recently appeared in *32 Short Films about Glenn Gould*. Maya Swadron plays the mother.

Waxman is confident that the play will uplift and entertain the audience because it deals with universal themes, and despite its sombre background, has humorous moments.

"I'm tremendously excited about directing a play on stage for the first time in many years. I've been lucky that my TV work, for example in *Cagney and Lacey* and *King of Kensington* has been worthwhile, but a lot of TV is just an assembly line process. Directing a play like *A Shayna Maidel* is what theatre is all about and what I've always wanted to do."

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Organizations and People

Filmmaker comes to terms with grandmother's death

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Would you make a film about your grandmother dying? That's what *Thank You and Good Night* is about.

Jan Oxenberg has made an uncompromisingly honest film about the last days of her grandmother, Mae Joffe, and her own attempts to come to terms with the death. It plays May 4 at 9.30 p.m. at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival at the Bloor Cinema, running time 80 minutes.

Its appeal is in its probing of the family relationships—remember this is real life, the people are not actors. "Bring on the cameras," are among Grandma's last words.

We learn that Oxenberg's own mother, Helen, and her grandmother didn't get along, perhaps because one of Helen's young children was killed in an auto accident, and Helen's marriage broke up. "I don't know what she [Helen] has against me," says Grandma.

Oxenberg uses a cut out cardboard figure of a 5-year-old child named Scowling Jane to narrate and comment on events. (It is the filmmaker.) This works well when Jan is young and close to her grandmother who takes her to see *The Pyjama Game* and other plays, when Helen is doing errands or at the beauty parlor.

"Why didn't you teach my mother to cook?" Jan asks her grandmother. "Because she was never home long enough," is the reply.

Scowling Jane doesn't work as well when, in fantasy, she explores her grandmother's afterlife in outer space. The purpose of this sequence is unclear.

Typical of its gritty honesty is a scene some time after the funeral when Helen is all dolled up for a date with a man she met at the shivah.

Oxenberg is a brilliant filmmaker with a laser-accurate eye. Her scene of two grandchildren interviewing each other after the funeral (mimicking the trite things which adults say) is a gem. Her brother Ricky's commentary on Grandma Mae's life lifts the film out of the depths.

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A slice of life of a different kind is *Deaf Heaven*, a 30-minute film about a gay man, Paul, who is not infected with AIDs, and his dying lover, and what he learns from Jake, a 75-year-old survivor of Auschwitz playing May 5 at 8.15 p.m.

In this case, actors play the parts, David Opatoshu coming out of retirement to depict Jake. But the story is based on the lives of friends of director Steve Levitt.

The problem with *Deaf Heaven* is equating AIDS with the Holocaust, though the subject is introduced legitimately, Jake telling Paul that they are both witnesses to events the world does not want to hear about.

But can't understanding and sympathy for an AIDS victim be done in a film that stands on its own, without involving the Holocaust? I've seen many that have done so.

One of *Deaf Heaven's* weaknesses is that the dying lover, losing his sanity and babbling about events long ago, miraculously recovers long enough to turn down a bid from his homophobic parents to get him to return to their home in Kansas. This is quite a lot for the viewer to swallow, even though the director's friends had recounted a story of a mysterious nurse praying with the gay couple before the victim became sane again.

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Another real life drama is the 10-minute film *This Unfamiliar Place* showing May 2 at 7.15 p.m. in which director Eva Hona Brzeski recounts her attempts to find out from her survivor father what happened to him during the Holocaust. He never does tell her. "I realized how important were the things my father didn't tell me," the director- narrator says. The film's chief appeal is the collection of family snapshots of their life in Poland.

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The actual wedding of two Jewish women to each other in Los Angeles is the subject of the 30-minute *Chicks in White Satin*, an Academy Award nominee for short documentary, playing the festival's opening night, April 28, at 8 p.m.

Again these are the real people, not actors, including the family members.

This controversial film is by Elaine Holliman who has been hired by Hollywood Pictures to make a full-length feature on the same subject. Is this exploitation or is it legitimate drama?

The film shows the love Debra and Heidi have for each other, the acceptance of their daughter's decision by Debra's parents and the final but slow-in-developing acceptance by Heidi's mother. Heidi's father is out of the picture—he didn't respond to requests that he take part in the film.

The couple, Debra and Heidi Stern-Ellis, were married by Rabbi Sue Elwell, and the chupah wedding scene is a remarkable one.

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The Molly Picon film *East and West* will not be shown, and in its place, *Tevye* a 96-minute film starring Maurice Schwartz, is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m.

Funny flick looks at the singles scene

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The Jewish singles scene is the subject of Constance Marks' humorous film, *Let's Fall In Love*.

Part of an ensemble of short opening night documentaries at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on April 28, *Let's Fall In Love* revolves around a singles weekend for 1,200 Jewish men and women at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains.

We meet a plethora of eminently sane to quirky people — the woman who seeks a mate with "at least a job" and the ability "to put two words together"; the elderly man who's looking for a "bitchy woman," since all others are supposedly dull; the dentist whose mother is after him to get married; the femme fatale with the see-through blouse who makes a date over the phone; the widow who's "forgotten what to do" on such occasions; the woman who demands "a multi-millionaire who's not a shlep."

The camera picks out a variety of prospects — the man who doesn't want to appear "too eager"; the couple who are getting along famously after having met only two hours ago; the ladies in tight skirts waiting to be romanced; the couple smooching on a couch; the guy who lures women with a white French poodle.

Though usually funny, *Let's Fall In Love* is also somewhat sad. Let's not forget that everyone here is desperately trying to change their marital status. The life of a single person can be rather lonely.

Choir produces cassette

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The golden voices of the synagogue choir and the Zemer Chorale are now available on a well-produced cassette, *Music at Beth Emeth*, just issued.

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The tape is available from Beth Emeth gift shop, Negev bookstore and Israel's on Clark Avenue.

Correction

In the April 14 issue of *The CJN* a caption with a picture described a fundraising picnic held at Kew Beach for the new Jewish Folks Home as taking place in the middle of summer of 1993. The described picnic actually took place in 1933. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Israeli film joins the festival

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Zohar: Mediterranean Blues, the only Israeli offering at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, concerns the rise and fall of Zohar Argov, the soulful, legendary Sephardi singer.

Eran Riklis' moody piece, scheduled to be screened on May 1 at 8:30 p.m., leaves a viewer depressed, if not moved, by Argov's tragic fate.

Argov, whose original surname was Orkaby, was a talented entertainer who squandered it all on drugs. In 1987, at the age of 32, he hanged himself in a prison cell after a courageous but ultimately vain attempt to kick his self-destructive habit.

Largely set in Tel Aviv, where Argov was born and raised, *Zohar* is basically a biopic, albeit colored by socio-political brushstrokes.

In telling his story, Riklis touches on the underlying tension which affects Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations in Israel. This is most apparent in a scene where the singer's canny manager urges him to change his Sephardi-sounding name to satisfy the whims of the Israeli marketplace.

At its best, *Zohar* is a film which traces the ascent of a poor Yemenite boy to stardom. Raised in a deprived neighborhood, referred to as the Eastern Quarters, Argov not only had to cope with poverty, but with a father whose drunken state was a source of embarrassment.

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Zohar opens with the 13-year-old Argov singing Israel's national anthem, *Hatikva*, in his school auditorium. Before he can finish, his father wobbles in, obviously under the influence of alcohol. Argov runs away, deeply shamed by the spectacle.

The film cuts to the future, after Argov has completed a jail sentence for rape. He wants to rebuild his relationship with his ex-wife, but, having been scarred once too often, she is unwilling to try again.

Her reluctance is well-founded. Although Argov becomes a singing sensation, he gets hooked on hard drugs. His friends and handlers rush to his aid, but he is too far gone for any meaningful help. He falls deep into debt to a rapacious drug dealer, someone with whom he grew up.

Shaul Mizrahi, a skillful actor, portrays Argov. He underplays his role, thereby rendering it more powerful.

Dafna Dekel, a lovely presence, depicts Bracha, his former wife. Gaby Amrany as his manager and Menahem Einy as a composer acquit themselves honorably.

Despite its generally somber tone, *Zohar* is enlivened by a lilting soundtrack, highlighted by *The Flower In My Garden*, Argov's greatest hit.

The film is occasionally quite moving and certainly poignant, but it's dogged by a woodenness to which Riklis never finds a solution.

Shaul Mizrahi in *Zohar: Mediterranean Blues.*

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Singers, dancers, musicians, barbershoppers and scintillating rhythmics should keep your pulse hopping. Despite the participation of several anesthetists, the entertainment is guaranteed not to put you to sleep. Proceeds go to Fife House, an organization that provides supportive housing for people with AIDS and HIV infection. Tickets for the gala performance on Thursday April 28 are $125; subsequent performances are $17.50 to $25. Premiere Dance Theatre, (416) 973-4000.

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42nd Street plays at Cardinal Carter Academy (36 Greenfield Ave., North York) on May 5 (preview); May 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at 8 p.m.; and May 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $8 on preview night, $15 thereafter. Phone the box office, (905) 822-7291, for tickets. Audience members are requested to bring canned goods for donation to a food bank.

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Hebrew School Presents Napoleon: Associated Hebrew Schools Parents Association has reserved a block of orchestra seats on Tuesday June 7 for the spectacular new Canadian musical, *Napoleon*, now playing at the Elgin Theatre. The ticket price of $100 helps support the school; an income tax receipt may be issued for a portion of this amount. For details, phone Aurelia at 787-0008 or Doris, (905) 764-6485.

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Memorial Concert to Hyman Goodman: Trio Lyra performs a concert dedicated to the late Hyman Goodman, former concert master of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Sunday May 8 at 8 p.m. The trio consists of Suzanne Shulman on flute, Mark Childs on viola, and Erica Goodman (daughter of the late Mr. Goodman) on harp.

The program includes compositions by Ben Steinberg, Milton Barnes, Srul Irving Gick, Harry Freedman and Paul Ben Haim. From 7 to 7:45 p.m., these composers are scheduled to discuss the topic, Music by Jewish Composers/Jewish Music: Is There A Difference?

Tickets ($15; $12 for students and seniors) are available from Beth Tikvah, 3080 Bayview Ave., North York. Phone, 221-3433.

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Dream, Light and Loneliness: That's the name of an exhibition of etchings and collographs by Treacy Ziegler that opened recently at Odon Wagner Gallery, 196 Davenport Rd., Toronto. The show runs through May 7.

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Library Screening: Made in Hollywood in 1947, *Crossfire* is an 86-minute, black-and-white film that broke new ground in its cinematic treatment of anti-Semitism. A police detective (Robert Young) hunts for a bigoted murderer in this thrilling film noir classic which also stars Robert Mitchum, Robert Ryan, Gloria Grahame and Sam Levene. It's being shown at the Wychwood Branch of the Toronto Public Library (1431 Bathurst St.), Thursday April 28, 6:30 p.m. Admission free.

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Media Watch: This month's cover story in *Saturday Night* magazine has produced a "phenomenal" response, according to a source at the magazine. The cover blurb reads, "The Real Schindler: The People Who Made Schindler's List Never Knew the Wartime Hero — An Exclusive First-Hand Account from Someone Who Did." The article was written by Herbert Steinhouse in 1949 after he interviewed many of Schindler's Jews and then the enigmatic "Righteous Gentile" himself. The article sat in a drawer, unpublished, for 45 years until the emergence of Steven Spielberg's recent masterpiece. The magazine is reportedly selling so well that Lichtman's and other retailers apparently can't keep it on the shelves.

This month's *Ms.* Magazine depicts Sigmund Freud as a woman in a cartoon cover drawing captioned "Exclusive From Her New Book: Gloria Steinem Gives Freud A Sex Change — and shrinks his theories down to size."

Writing in *The Forward*, critic Masha Leon gives glowing praise to *Ivan and Abraham*, a new film (with English subtitles) by Paris-born filmmaker Yolande Zauberman. Leon admits she saw the movie four times. "So evocative and authentic was the experience (of seeing this film) that I wished, in *Star Trek* fashion, to be beamed back to the still intact shtetl on the Belarussian-Polish border where the film was shot .... Zauberman has created a masterpiece, a classic for all time, filled with the hope that all Ivans and Abrahams will be able to live together in peace."

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Arts

Vibrant images of pre-war Poland in Koffler exhibition

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three generations of a Jewish family are squeezed around a seder table with a ghostly Elijah at the door. A youth in a school uniform stands on a street, clutching a store-bought herring.

These and other images of pre-war Polish Jewish life go on view this week in a remarkable debut exhibition of paintings by Mayer Kirshenblatt at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St.

Kirshenblatt's vivid, primitivist "memory paintings" deal with the impoverished townsfolk of his hometown of Opatow. He left Opatow in 1934 at 17, long before Germany's Final Solution would eradicate most of the townsfolk and three million of their co-religionists across Poland.

Asked for an adjective to describe his own art, Kirshenblatt — a retired paint and wallpaper merchant who took up the painter's easel only four years ago — wastes no time. "Innocent."

Spry at 78

At 78, he appears at least a decade younger, a spry, ruddy-cheeked, mustachioed man with flecks of paint on his fingers. (Those same hands crafted a collection of Jewish folk toys that have twice been exhibited in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.) Almost daily, he goes to the JCC Health Club, where most of his friends are concentration camp survivors.

"We sit down, we talk, and no matter what subject we start with, within five minutes we're talking about the concentration camp.

"I certainly do not wish to minimize or diminish the experience of Holocaust survivors, but they talk as though there was no life in Poland before the war. I say there was a life in Poland before the war, a very rich cultural life."

A group of boys in cheder; a washer-woman cleaning clothes; townsfolk gathered around a well to draw water; adults holding live chickens overhead in the pre-Yom Kippur ceremony of Kapores; a funeral procession entering the Jewish cemetery, chock-a-block full of stones — canvas after canvas reflects magical, richly detailed moments, depicted boldly through the overgrown memory of childhood.

Kirshenblatt has a keen eye and the makings of a raconteur. Each one of his paintings contains a story, and he seems to relish its telling. For the benefit of those who inspect his paintings without his narration, small cards beside each painting offer explanations of relevant folklore.

In one painting appears a boy in a white shroud. Since his parents had lost several sons before him, the rabbi told them to dress the boy in a shroud to trick the angel of death into believing he had already died. In another, a woman wears a brazen red dress. The card explains her occupation.

Naive and nostalgic, Kirshenblatt's canvases illustrate a lost world. He says he would rather keep them than sell them; one day he hopes to donate them to a major Jewish institution.

"The purpose of the paintings is to perpetuate the memory of Jewish life in the small towns of Poland," he says. "For someone to take one of them and hang it in his room, where no one else would see it, wouldn't be fulfilling the purpose. That's not what I want."

Mayer Kirshenblatt's Folk Paintings of Jewish Life in Poland, 1920-1934, opens April 20 and runs to June 1. The artist gives a talk at the Koffler Gallery, Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

Immigrants' art in exhibit

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Immigrants are known to represent a large, sometimes untapped pool of talent and skills.

That extends, it seems, to the world of fine art.

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) in Toronto, which helps newcomers with finances, accomodations, employment and other settlement aid, was determined to show the Jewish community that artistic talent exists, even thrives, in the emigre population.

The result is a first: an exhibit showcasing works solely by Jewish Canadian immigrants.

JIAS, working with the Koffler Gallery, has amassed an impressive collection of 40-odd pieces, winnowed from over 100 submitted. The quick response surprised even JIAS and gallery officials, who confess to being overwhelmed by both the quantity and quality of the works.

The idea, says Jacqueline Kott of JIAS, was to remind the community of the importance of immigration and the vibrant Jewish life immigrants bring with them.

As one might expect, many pieces explore the immigrant experience. Some are bright and cheery reflections of the artist's origins; others are gloomy and morose, as if the creator accepts his new home but still pines for his homeland, or speaks woefully of his land's anti-Semitism.

Biblical and concentration camp themes are present throughout, as many artists are Holocaust survivors.

Media of all kind are employed: oil, acrylic, watercolor, silk, glass, lithography, photographs and woodcutting.

Birthplaces represented in the show are many. The Soviet Union and Russia are predominant, but there are artists from Morocco, South Africa, Israel, Egypt, Belgium, eastern Europe and the United States.

An international flavor is unmistakable, as is the perspective of time. Submissions range from artists who immigrated here as early as 1938, right up to a few months ago.

Most of the art is for sale. Prices begin at under $100, with 10 per cent of proceeds going to JIAS.

The exhibit runs to May 1. There will be a meet-the-artists reception at the Koffler Gallery April 23 at 8 p.m.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Bone To The Bone by Nathan Shaham, Grove Press $22 (US)

Avigdor Barkov, the protagonist of Shaham's penetrating novel, is an idealist who is ultimately defeated by his ideology. He is a Marxist, convinced Soviet Russia is the brave new world of the future. His undeviating faith in Communism transcends his concern for his children and the two women he loved and who gave birth to them.

Born in Russia, Barkov comes of age about the time of the revolution. Vigorous and protean, he works as a miner, printer, road builder, farmhand, shepherd, cowboy and lumberjack. Inspired by his Zionist father, an Orthodox Talmudist, he leaves his native Ukraine for Palestine where he finds work as a pioneer in the Labour Brigade and strives to spread his Marxist ideas.

Conflicted by what he comes to regard as the narrow goals of Jewish nationalism against the heady dreams of international communism, Barkov returns to the Soviet Union. There, ironically, he is found to be politically unorthodox and imprisoned for most of the Stalinist era.

The author, a lifelong kibbutznik, is well-known for his previous novels, *The Other Side of the Wall* and the prize-winning *The Rosendorf Quarter*. He takes us into the mind of Barkov, who at 70 comes back to Israel to pick up the tangled threads of his past.

Through a number of notebooks Barkov recounts the major events of his life in a brisk, somewhat offhand manner. He remains surprisingly unbitter — unwilling to condemn his erstwhile Soviet enemies or to extol the virtues of Israel. For him, life is no longer a matter of extremes, but suffused with ambiguity and shades of grey.

Trying to forge new ties with his children and grandchildren Barkov also struggles to find some moral imperative he can cling to, perhaps some form of religious faith. He asserts "all my life I have maintained that He does not exist and behaved as if He does. And all too often I meet people who say that He exists and behave as if He doesn't."

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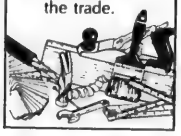

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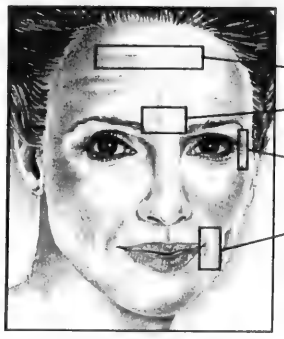

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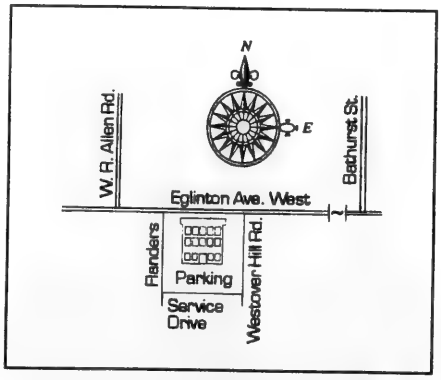

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

Travel & Leisure Show: Roughly 400 exhibitors, including tourist boards, tour operators, airline representatives and travel specialists, display their wares at the eighth annual Travel & Leisure Show this weekend at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga.

Numerous speakers include Isobel Warren, an expert on discount travel, and Dr. Mark Wise of Thornhill, who shares principles of travel medicine in a talk entitled Keeping Fit On The Road.

The show opens Friday April 22 and closes Sunday April 24. Phone (416) 360-5514 for hours. Adult admission is $7.

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Channel Tunnel Opens: Many millennia ago, Britain was connected to the European continent but drifted away. As of May 6, it is set to be officially rejoined when the Channel Tunnel opens. With terminals at Folkestone and Calais, Le Shuttle, a vehicle-carrying train service, is expected to run up to four times hourly, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Passage across the channel takes 35 minutes; transfer from French to English motorways, just over an hour. Fifty kilometres long, the so-called Chunnel lies between 25 to 45 metres below the seabed and costs $444 and up per vehicle (no matter the number of passengers) to traverse. Foot passenger service between London, Paris and Brussels will not begin until mid-1994.

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The Pilgrim's Progress: Since time immemorial, Jews have been waiting for the Messiah. This year, in addition, "Israel Waits for the Pope." That's the banner headline on a recent Message From The Holy Land newsletter distributed by the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada.

As the accompanying article explains, Israel is preparing for the first visit of a Pope in 30 years. Peripatetic John Paul II, who landed at Downsview Airport in the mid-1980s and has kissed the tarmac of airports in many other nations, is finally due to reach Israel in May. The Vatican was even more tardy in establishing diplomatic relations with Israel, extending its belated gesture of friendship to the (then) 45-year-old Jewish state only recently.

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Shaare Zedek Mission: Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's Heart to Heart mission to Jerusalem leaves from Toronto May 19, from Montreal May 22. It is scheduled to coincide with the dedication and opening of the hospital's Comprehensive Heart Institute, Israel's first such facility.

The mission includes special sessions with Israeli and international dignitaries and many other special events. For further details, contact Sheila Dropkin at the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation at (416) 781-3584 or 1-800-387-3595.

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Overnight Bus to New York Area: Alexander Farber, a Russian-Jewish immigrant living in the Toronto area, has established a reliable and economical means of getting to and from New York City. His company, Tourist Coach Line Inc., operates a 49-passenger motorcoach which completes the return trip for $110 per person ($60 one way), inclusive of all taxes and tolls. The bus leaves every Thursday night after picking up passengers in the Bathurst-Cedarcroft area and Lawrence Plaza. Scheduled stops are Flatbush, Boro Park, Brighton (south Brooklyn near Coney Island) as well as Monsey if enough people request it. For reservations, contact Hymie Lebowitz at Tayar Travel (416) 631-9000 or Lydia at Vacation Enterprises (416) 781-4613.

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Haifa Waters Yield Ancient Treasure: A hoard of 4,000 ancient coins, weighing more than 40 kilograms, has been recovered several yards off the Haifa shoreline. Greek in origin, the coins were minted in 145 BCE. Archaeologists believe they were being transported from Egypt on a boat that sank in a storm.

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Goddesses on View in Jerusalem: Idolizing Local Goddesses: From Ancient Deities to Mythical Women of Today is an exhibition that opened recently in the Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem. Displayed are depictions of several goddesses from prehistoric times.

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Israel Arts Scene: The Israel Festival, which runs in Jerusalem from May 16 to June 9, features such international talents as classical guitarist Juliam Bream, violinist Pinchas Zuckerman, and the Israeli choral group Cantus. Canadian performers include the National Ballet of Canada, the Canadian Brass and Compagnie Marie Chouinard.

For information and tickets, phone 011-972-2-240896 or 250905; fax 011-0972-244535.

Exhibit is more than kids' play

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An exhibition of children's art entitled Through the Eyes of the Child: A Journey to Paradise will be presented by the Avenue Road Arts School, located at 460 Avenue Rd. south of St. Clair Avenue, from April 24 to May 1.

The exhibition is open to the public weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The school is located in a turn-of-the-century mansion, the site of the former Royal Conservatory of Music.

The school provides classes in visual art, music, drama and writing for children and adults. School founder and director Lola Rasminsky said she believes children's art is in no way "lesser" than adult art. Her goal is to nurture the creative spirit.

"Children have their own inner vision which must be respected and cultivated at all times," Rasminsky said. "In many ways, the future of the art world depends upon what we teach our children."

Rasminsky, who has worked with children for more than 29 years, believes most adults fail to recognize the enormous richness and brilliance of the inner life of children.

"We are amazed by what they can produce when they are allowed to express themselves fully in a supportive and stimulating environment. Journey to Paradise celebrates the child's vision in a way that we hope will ignite the imagination in all of us — children and adults alike."

She quoted Einstein, who said knowledge is important, but nothing is more important than the imagination.

The children's exhibit has seven themes: The Outdoor Garden, A Portrait Gallery, Mythical Waters, Mad Hatter's Tea Party, A Feast of Beasts, An Anthropological Museum and An Indoor Paradise. The entire school has been transformed into an art gallery.

Putting the finishing touches on a papier mache dragon for the Feast of Beasts which is part of the children's exhibition are (from left) Rae Retchman, Alessandra Reisman and Ali Silverberg.

Instructor Anne West is curator of the show. West said often the only place children's art is displayed is on refrigerators or the kitchen wall.

"Yet, we have found over the years that there is a keen desire among many to view and understand the fresh, intuitive creations of children."

She said that need comes from our mass-media dominated culture. "The images made by children have come to stand as a paradigm for the free and spontaneous in art. Their makings evoke a sense of an unspoiled Eden."

Rasminsky, who founded the creative arts centre and art school in 1979, worked as a music teacher and produced a recording of French songs for children. She frequently gives workshops to early childhood educators and is currently president of The Canadian Society for Advancement of Gifted Education, a charitable organization.

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Business Briefs

A Cool Deal

ISRAEL — Electra Consumer Products has acquired the French-based L'Air Conditionne, the largest domestic air conditioning manufacturer in Europe, for $15 million, says Elco chairman Gershon Zalkind.

Elco is the parent company of the Electra Group.

Electra has re-named the French company L'Air Conditionne - Electra. The company has a 40,000 square meter factory and 410 workers.

L'Air Conditionne is known in Europe under the Airwell brand name. The company reached its peak in 1990, when it had sales of $178 million. Last year, sales fell to $83 million.

Last October, Electra purchased Spanish-based Johnson, a company engaged mainly in marketing, and about one month ago the company established a marketing firm in Italy called Electra Consumer Products - Italy.

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Planned Seminar

TORONTO — One of the United State's leading experts on repetitive strain injuries will be speaking in Toronto on April 27 at a seminar on Workers' Compensation issues.

Dr. Nortin Hadler, professor of medicine and microbiology at the University of North Carolina will be addressing Ontario employers who are concerned about the increasing Worker's Compensation assessment costs.

The seminar, sponsored by the law firm of Fink and Bornstein, will take place at the Constellation Hotel at 900 Dixon Rd. at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Richard Fink at (416) 537-0108.

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Bank Officials Get Jail

JERUSALEM — Israel's leading banks, along with more than a dozen of their top officials, were given large fines and executives were sentenced to prison on charges relating to what had been Israel's biggest financial scandal ever.

In the ruling, the Jerusalem District Court rendered guilty verdicts against Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim and the Discount and Mizrahi Banks in what was seen as the culmination of the scandal surrounding the bank share collapse of 1983.

The court ruled that the bank officials had artificially inflated the price of bank shares, risking the bank's capital and their ability to meet their obligations.

The court fined the four banks some $330,000 apiece. In addition, the court imposed fines as high as $200,000, and in some cases, prison terms of as much as eight months on the executives. The court allowed time for appeals before implementation of the sentences.

Although none of those found guilty are active today in bank management, some are managers of investment companies and the court ruling may bar them from these positions.

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Successful Information Program

OTTAWA — The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada (PMAC) public information campaign has received an overwhelming response from the public and health care professionals.

Over 20,000 Canadians have called the Knowledge is the Best Medicine information line (1-800-363-0203) since the campaign began two months ago. More than 3,500 health professionals have called ordering 231,175 information kits for their patients and clients.

Launched Jan. 17, the campaign consists of a television advertisement that shows a man crossing the street while wearing a blindfold. It makes the point that taking medicines without having all the facts is as irresponsible and dangerous as crossing a busy street blindfolded.

The ad urges Canadians to call the toll-free number for an information package. In it are booklets on how to take medicines safely and effectively, how to talk to your pharmacist about your medications and tips on healthy living. It also includes a personal medication record that should be filled out and shown to your doctor or pharmacist.

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Brisk Real Estate Activity

TORONTO — Real estate activity was brisk throughout the month of March, report members of the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB).

There were 6,008 sales of single-family dwellings which is up 81 per cent over the March 1993 3,323 sales, says president Dorothy Roberts.

"TREB day-to-day sales figures ran at an encouraging pace of roughly 260 per day during March. This strong activity can be attributed to a number of factors — increased affordability, strengthened consumer confidence, and most importantly, the rise in mortgage rates which has hurried some purchasers' decisions about buying a home," Roberts says.

TREB's 6,008 single-family dwelling sales, which were reported throughout Greater Toronto, totalled $1,231,358,608 and averaged $204,953. The median price was $180,000.

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The following briefs were supplied by Israel's Economic Mission in Toronto (416) 961-1242.

A Magic Carpet Ride?

ISRAEL — Evergreen Canada-Israel Investments is helping to get a troubled carpet firm off the ground again.

Evergreen and the textile concern E. Wardinon are purchasing Carmel Carpets, once owned by Knesset member Avraham Shapira. The total purchase price is close to $17 million (US), with Evergreen providing most of the financing and E. Wardinon operating the plants.

However, what remains to be resolved are Carmel's combined debts to the government and a number of banks, estimated to exceed $200 million.

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Best Business Forum for Canadian Participation

TORONTO — Israel's Economic Consul in Toronto, Ben Noy, reports a record Canadian contingent at Israel's Fourth Business Forum, recently held in Jerusalem. There were 30 Canadian representatives there.

Some of the Canadian participants returned with innovative investment possibilities. Toronto's Max Peters was impressed with a new system that transforms recyclable waste into building materials. Ted Belman, also from Toronto, discovered a process to bypass X-ray film. Instead, the X-rays would appear directly on a computer screen, where they could easily be available by modem to other experts.

About $45 million in business transactions took place at the Forum.

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Israel Bank Controversy Familiar to Canadians

ISRAEL — A few years ago, many segments of the Canadian financial world were up in arms when banks were permitted to branch out into other financial services. Now a similar storm is underway in Israel.

Israeli insurance companies are protesting growing involvement by the banks in their business. Israel's insurance agents' association warned that banks have little expertise in the field. The banking industry responded by accusing insurance agents of simply fearing competition.

However, Dan Tichon, the Knesset's state control committee chair, supports banks selling insurance, as long as they are regulated.

Recent insurance sector profit figures will hardly bolster its side of the argument. Profits on basic insurance came to $76.9 million (US) for the first nine months of last year, but insurance firms expect much less rosy results for the last quarter. They cite more auto thefts and increasing car insurance competition for their pessimistic prediction.

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Job Fears Follow Import Figures

ISRAEL — Israel's affinity for foreign clothing has triggered dire unemployment predictions from an official with the country's Manufacturers' Association.

Mordechai Baron forecast up to 20,000 job losses over the next 10 years because of rising imports and stiffer competition.

Last year, Israel imported $183 million worth of clothing, which accounts for 15 per cent of the local market. That's a 70 per cent increase over 1992.

The import problem, particularly from third world countries, may be unavoidable because of lower production costs and reduced Israeli tariffs.

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Minister is in a Hurry for Hotels

ISRAEL — Israel's Tourism Minister Uzi Baram is unhappy with the pace of hotel construction.

Baram has already submitted a proposal to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to speed up the hotel building permit process. Now, he's asking Rabin to implement his recommendations.

New tourism records were set last year as two million visitors landed at Ben Gurion airport. Israeli tourism revenue amounts to about $2.6 billion a year.

In Canada, Christian pilgrimages, which are expected to be bolstered by the Pope's upcoming visit to Israel, represent a quickly expanding tourism market.

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Business & Finance

Partners move fast to set up new business

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's possible that the management staff at the Linero factory, located on Kibbutz Hasolelim, didn't know what hit them.

Motty Weinstock, a Toronto accountant, enthusiastically approached Linero about exporting their drawing and measuring equipment and display systems to Canada.

Two months later, this business partnership is a done deal and the speed with which it was formed is astounding.

The general manager of Linero, Israel Visel, was in Toronto to help Weinstock represent the company at the recent Canada's Office Products Show.

Perhaps there is nothing more logical than an accountant — who has maintained strong ties to Israel since moving to Canada 18 years ago — following up on a small article he read in an Israeli newspaper. However, one question comes to mind. What was it about this firm that spurred such action?

Sitting in his display booth on the last day of the show, Weinstock proudly demonstrated some of the office equipment, pointing out the innovative differences that make Linero products superior to those already on the market.

For example, the ruler is not just a ruler. Adding a strip of rubber along the edge means that it will not slip off the drawing board. Such a simple thing but one that makes the product practical, Weinstock says.

Talking over one another in a good-hearted fashion, Weinstock and Visel relate some of the business factors they believe will help this enterprise succeed.

To begin with, although some Linero products are already being sold in Canada, none of the import/export firms are selling the pieces under the Linero name.

Using what Weinstock called his "Israeli chutzpah" he printed the business cards and literature with the Linero name prior to obtaining permission from the head office.

He was convinced that this would be a selling point in the Canadian market, as potential clients would realize the middle man had been eliminated.

Visel nods his head in agreement adding that in the business world, the previous negativity surrounding products made in Israel has almost disappeared. Today, there is no reason to hide an Israeli name behind that of another, he says.

Weinstock says his plan is to do it big. So far, the partnership is off and running and both men agree that the trust between the two parties could not be greater.

"This relationship is more than just buying and selling. It includes an exchange of business plans and ideas," Weinstock says.

One major barrier facing Linero is the fact that computers have replaced much of the manual office equipment.

Given this fact, what does the future hold?

Visel says that many businesses who hail from the traditional drawing and measuring equipment markets left a huge vaccum when they moved to the computer industry. Linero is already beginning to fill the void.

In order to expand their markets, Linero manufactures pieces that are suitable for back-to-school and educational tools including Hebrew letters.

Two years ago, Linero spotted the trend that would see a move towards computers and they took steps to ensure their future. Linero expanded its business to incorporate display systems that can be used for corporate events, mall kiosks and much more.

The newest item manufactured at Linero is the illuminated board. One model called Lightwrite uses the latest optical technology and enables the client to create eye-catching, colorful messages. A second model, Lightchild is a portable illuminated erasable drawing board for children.

Weinstock is sure these will be top sellers in the Canadian market. His experience in founding and operating an office equipment business originates with the work he did for Star Quality Office Furniture Manufacturing Ltd. in Concord, a firm owned by his brother-in-law. Weinstock has also opened his 1,500-square-foot office in Concord.

The Linero factory was founded in 1971 and is the largest manufacturer of drawing and measuring equipment in Israel. To date, Linero exports products to the European Common Market countries, the United Kingdom, the Phillipines, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, the United States, and now, Canada.

Lightchild is an illuminated drawing board for children.

Tips From Pros

By YARON HAIK
Special to The CJN

There is perhaps nothing so daunting to the average person as the idea of investing in the stock market.

Many investors are confused by the symbols and legends in the newspapers' stock tables, believing ancient Greek would be easier to understand.

And if the language of the stock market is not confusing enough, there are the memories and reminders of crashes, both recent and in the past. In 1929, the world watched helplessly as Wall Street crashed and life savings were lost. The same scenario was repeated more recently, when, on a Monday in October, 1987, the stock markets tumbled, leaving many wondering what had happened to their 'sure-thing' investments.

They were victims of stock market volatility, of the instability of the market. No market goes up or down forever. It merely responds to such influences as changes in the world's political climate.

Many who lost money in the 1987 crash purchased their stock in the height of the market, hoping to realize returns far greater than those available from more conservative investments, such as term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates. When the crash hit they sold what they had for whatever they could get, vowing never to cross that threshold into the stock world again.

These investors lacked two things which are essential to successful investing in the stock market, either directly or through mutual funds. These are patience and discipline. Those investors who held their ground and stayed with the stock market found the market recovered most of its losses within a year. Some investors found the depressed market too attractive to let pass, buying shares and equity mutual funds at deflated values and earned returns of as much as 20 per cent.

Despite the market's ability to recover, many still feel stocks are too speculative. If you compare stocks to Treasury bills (T-bills) and bonds, stocks are perceived to be risky because their volatility over the short term is higher relative to T-bills and bonds.

In the short term, stocks can earn more or less than cash deposits. One cannot predict how successful an investment will be, but over the long term, stocks of quality companies become much less risky. Research shows that during periods of five or 10 years, stocks have outperformed T-bills and bonds. This indicates that an investor's potential return on stocks will exceed the potential return on bonds and T-bills; provided the investor holds the stock for at least five years.

If you're prepared to invest for the long term, you might be tempted to run out and set up a stock portfolio of your own. However, chances are keeping track of a stock portfolio and the stock market would mean dropping everything to manage it properly. In that case, you're better choice is mutual funds. They are professionally-managed, offer a variety of choices to each investor and they work.

Over the long term, well-managed equity funds have outperformed more conservative investment vehicles such as T-bills and guaranteed investment certificates.

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Yaron Haik is an investment advisor with Richardson Greenshields in Richmond Hill.

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Honoring women who make a difference

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Women who want to achieve must never stop learning, according to Sonja Bata, a director of Bata Ltd., a company that manufactures shoes in 60 countries worldwide.

She said after marrying Thomas J. Bata in 1946, she discovered just how crucial knowledge was, as she pitched in to help rebuild the Bata family shoe business, which was lost after the Communist takeover in Czechoslovakia.

Bata spoke at the sixth annual Women Who Make A Difference awards evening hosted by *Toronto Life Fashion* and the Hudson's Bay Company. The $60 a ticket event drew more than 400 people to a reception and presentation at The Bay's Queen Street store. Proceeds go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Having studied architecture, Bata said she thought working with company's designers was a logical starting point for her first year in the business. However, when she did visit shoe factories, she found employees, who always greeted her with a bouquet of flowers, listened to her politely but without a great deal of enthusiasm. "Not much action took place," she recalled.

Bata responded to the rebuff by building up her qualifications. She worked as a salesperson and a store manager and took courses in shoe design. "Over the years I established myself as a person who has some knowledge," she said.

Acknowledging that she is a team player, she stressed she never found being a woman a disadvantage.

For Bata, sitting on boards of various organizations is an opportunity to learn. Her network of contacts has grown along with her accomplishments. "The more you accomplish, the more likely you are to be asked to do even more," she said.

The recipe for achievement, she told the mainly female audience, includes risk-taking, curiosity, sheer determination, vision and an unshakable conviction that one will succeed.

Seven Toronto women were recognized at the 1994 Women Who Make a Difference awards ceremony. Well-known comedian and actress Andrea Martin provided entertainment and made introductions.

The winner in the business professional category was Linda Haynes, president of ACE Bakery. She donates a third of the bakery's profits to a registered charitable organization that provides access to credit for low income, self-employed people in Canada and abroad.

Diane Longboat, the president of First Nations House at the University of Toronto, won for her involvement in community affairs. She started First Nations House to address the needs of Native students on campus.

Zena Kossar, the founder and CEO of the Metro Toronto International Caravan, won in the entrepreneurial category. The award for media went to Pamela Wallin, the co-host of CBC TV's *Prime Time News*. Comedian and actress Sandra Shamas received the performing arts award.

Helen Gurney, the winner in the sport category, started out as a physical education teacher in 1940. She has spent her life championing the rights of women to participate in sports. Gurney built a network of teams and leagues in Windsor, turning the city into a showcase for women's athletics in Ontario at a time when school boards in Toronto prohibited inter-scholastic sports for girls. She was instrumental in the development of provincial competitions for girls through the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations, and helped to create a national women's network through the Canadian Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

The award for visual arts went to Janet Rosenberg, an architect who has designed projects for Cineplex Odeon Corporation, Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto, Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd., Exhibition Place, IBM and Novotel Hotel.

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Rubin said the VISIT system can be used in traditional consumer helplines, financial services, retail operations and training programs.

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TORONTO — "It is unfair to take away part or all of Old Age Security (OAS) regardless of your income bracket," says Bunny Bergstein of **Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower**, an annuity insurance agency.

The agency helps numerous clients, primarily seniors, receive better returns on their money, increase their income in retirement and implement favorable tax treatments in their investment plans. The agency has focused its business efforts in this area for more than 15 years.

Bergstein explains that OAS is a non-contributor universal government pension automatically given to all residents of Canada. Individuals apply at Health and Welfare Canada six months before their 65th birthday.

Bergstein says that when the OAS was established, a 2 per cent surcharge was imposed on everyone's income tax to pay the OAS. "It's not fair to claw back parts of the OAS just because some seniors have been fortunate enough to acquire a relatively comfortable lifestyle that is in excess of $50,000."

He adds that all pension incomes, including OAS, are taxable and individuals in a higher income bracket are paying back up to 50 per cent in income tax.

Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is a contributory pension where individuals and employers both contribute. Applications are filed at the same time as OAS at Health and Welfare Canada.

CPP is considering de-indexing, says Bergstein. If implemented, there will be no increases in income based on inflation.

"If this should happen," says Bergstein, "income will fall behind in a few years and there will be no method of recouping." As the aging population increases, there is an increased cost of CPP contributions and individuals must rely on their own RRSP savings for retirement income.

"We recommend that everyone contribute to the allowable RRSP maximum if they are financially able to contribute to an RRSP." He emphasizes it is important for everyone of all ages to contribute.

"We are seeing the results of those who haven't taken advantage of it and in their later years they are in very poor shape — existing on government pensions and small savings.

"It is becoming more difficult to cope with budgeting."

He says with falling interest rates, more seniors must now depend on invested income from savings. "The drastically reduced income has resulted in a lowering of the standard of living. There is a traditional dependence on guaranteed investment returns. As well, many individuals who invested in mortgages have been hurt financially by mortgage defaults. The income they were depending on is now gone."

Bergstein notes that in the past few years, interest rates have decreased by more than 50 per cent which has drastically impacted on the income seniors were depending on for a good lifestyle, "the lifestyle they were accustomed to."

Discussing mutual funds, Bergstein says many mutual funds are conservative in their investment philosophy and over the years, the returns have always exceeded the returns from interest rate investments. He points out that income can be drawn from mutual fund investments. This will make up the loss of income from guaranteed investment certificates where returns have plummeted.

He advises people plan with professionals who will help them develop the most suited program for them. "The professional is equipped to find an individual's needs based on risk tolerance."

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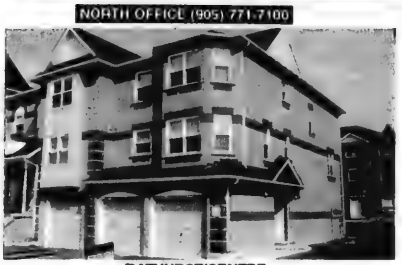

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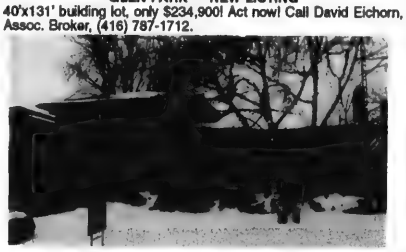

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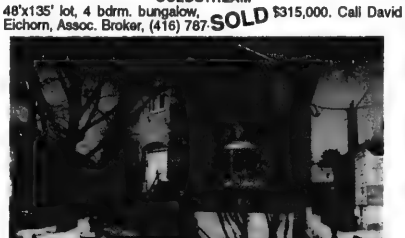

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Fate of Hungarian Jews is documented in films

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The Holocaust seared and decimated Hungarian Jewry. Two movies at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival distil the essence of this devastation.

Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg, a Swedish production, will be screened on April 30 at 9 p.m. *Fragments of Isabella*, by an Irish filmmaker, is scheduled to be shown on May 4 at about 7:20 p.m.

Raoul Wallenberg, the savior of tens of thousands of imperilled Hungarian Jews, was really an ordinary person, at least until he thrust himself into his humanitarian work.

As portrayed in *Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg*, this unassuming Swedish hero was a rather colorless, perhaps mediocre, figure. Then destiny intervened, and Wallenberg rose to the occasion brilliantly.

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Kjell Grede's gritty film opens in 1943 in Central Europe. Wallenberg, a food importer, is on a train. He looks out the window and, much to his disgust, sees corpses being dumped unceremoniously from a freight car. The Holocaust has begun.

The scene shifts to Stockholm, where a skeptical rabbi interviews the diffident Wallenberg for a job — an extraordinary job — in Budapest. It is June 1944, and Germany has begun deporting Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz. The rabbi is not entirely convinced that Wallenberg is up to the task of mounting a mission of mercy in Nazi-occupied Hungary, but Wallenberg is hired.

The scene shifts again, to Budapest, circa December 1944. Wallenberg is in a desperate race against time, as the ghetto is to be liquidated. He distributes phony Swedish citizenship documents and arranges for their recipients to be taken to safe houses.

Wallenberg, as competently played by Stellan Skarsgard, is a seemingly unobtrusive figure in a suit who can raise his voice in anger and throw his weight around when it comes to serving the interests of Budapest's beleaguered Jews.

He berates obstreperous German and Hungarian officials, calms jittery Jews and comforts a woman who's lost her family.

Depicted as a man who's consumed by duty and oblivious to his own personal safety, Wallenberg is urged by the Swedish ambassador to leave Budapest. He refuses, although his enemies have threatened him with death.

Budapest is seen as a city of wanton violence: A policeman casually shoots four Jews lined up against a wall. A man is dragged into a house and disposed of. A woman is throttled with a rifle butt.

Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg is surprisingly static, despite the swirl of events. But it does succeed in conveying a picture of horror and in drawing a well-rounded portrait of a heroic Righteous Gentile.

Based on Isabella Leitner's poignant book, *Fragments of Isabella* takes the form of a monologue by the author, as played by Irish actress Gabrielle Reidy. The monologue is interspersed with file footage of the war and sombre photographs of Isabella's family.

With bitter sweetness, Isabella recalls her hometown in Hungary. The heady aroma of the market is juxtaposed against the indignity of being cursed as "a dirty Jew."

Isabella and her mother and sisters were deported in the spring of 1944. Many of Isabella's Christian neighbors smiled as they were led off. Not a tear or a good-bye. Not a morsel of sadness. Why? she asks plaintively.

Packed into a nearly airless cattle car, the menstruating Isabella doesn't even possess a simple sanitary napkin. On arrival at Auschwitz, where she lost her mother and a sister, she encounters Dr. Josef Mengele, the so-called Angel of Death. The stench of death overwhelms her.

In November 1944, Isabella is moved out of Auschwitz to a series of concentration camps in Germany. On a death march to Bergen-Belsen, she and her two surviving sisters hide in a barn. They are liberated, and with the assistance of the U.S. consul in Odessa, Isabella reaches America. There she begins anew, basking in the joys of motherhood and intent on teaching her son respect for the sanctity of human life.

As directed by Ronan O'Leary, *Fragments of Isabella* is a moving testament of one woman's yearning to transcend her fate. Reidy, at once tranquil and tempestuous, leaves an indelible impression.

Theatre troupe's artistic head addresses issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sharon Enkin was bitten by the acting bug as a 7-year-old in St. Walburg, a small town in northern Saskatchewan. Over morning coffee in her comfortable downtown Toronto apartment, the Winnipeg-born founder and artistic director of Golden Horseshoe Players, a non-profit educational theatre troupe, recalled the beginning of her love of drama.

The only Jewish child in the town co-founded by her father during the Depression, Sharon Segal was asked to play Mary in the Nativity play at the annual Christmas concert. Faced with objections from her father, who was St. Walburg's mayor, a United Church minister intervened and gave her a poem to recite.

"I think that was the first time I felt the thrill of an audience," said Enkin.

Her love of the stage led her to study Drama and English Literature at the University of Manitoba (the family had moved to Winnipeg when she was 15). She married after graduation and moved with her husband Larry to Hamilton where they lived for over 25 years. They moved to Toronto in 1980. Larry is chief executive officer of Cambridge Clothes.

Marc, the youngest of the Enkins' three children is a musician who writes much of the music for Golden Horseshoe Players.

When the troupe was formed in 1979, Enkin was an old hand at combining drama and education. An alumna of Temple Anshe Sholom's Temple Players, she ran drama workshops for teachers, taught drama at Hamilton's Orthodox day school and volunteered at an inner-city school before returning to school herself to obtain her degree in Education at the University of Toronto.

Since its inception, Golden Horseshoe has evolved from a theatre training project to a company specializing in issues-oriented educational plays reaching thousands of students a year from Niagara Falls to Toronto and north to Muskoka.

Enkin's work was recognized last year when she received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation.

Short Circuit, a Golden Horseshoe production for high school students written by Rex Deverell, was nominated recently for the prestigious Chalmers Children's Play Awards. Enkin commissioned the play following the attack on female engineering students at Concordia University. The play addresses violence against women, gender bias and employment equity.

(*The Theory of Relatives*, produced by the Tarragon Theatre, is another Chalmers Award nominee with a Jewish connection. Written by Leah Cherniak, Daniel Brooks, Diane Flacks, Richard Greenblatt, Leslie Lester and Allan Merovitz, the play is set at a Passover seder. The 1994 awards will be presented on May 9.)

All Golden Horseshoe productions have an accompanying study guide which includes exercises, discussion starters and resource lists. The young actors in the troupe are trained to lead discussions following the play.

"We're constantly commissioning new works that address issues," Enkin said. Their current repertoire consists of five plays, among them *Peacemaker*, their longest-running production, now in its ninth year. It concerns children from two warring nations whose curiosity and budding friendship overcome years of prejudice. It was nominated for Canada's Dora Mavor Moore award in 1992 for Outstanding Theatre Production.

"The play addresses prejudice and conflict resolution — a major thrust for many boards of education," said Enkin. "The schools are filled with children from Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Russia. All of them have to learn how to get along together."

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Hebron: The Moral Imperative

by Shawn Zelig Aster

Since the picture in the Middle East dramatically changed, and our own self-image as Jews was called into question, journalists, commentators, and other political figures have published dozens of responses to the Hebron massacre. Almost all of these responses reflect the socio-religious or political views and biases of their authors, who have made political hay out of the massacre by using it to support their own views and discredit those of their opponents. This is astute politics, but is a morally and ethically deficient response to what is above all else, an ethical and moral catastrophe of epic proportions.

The responses, of course, are all cloaked in the language of ethics. In a particularly virulent piece, Michael Lerner, noted socio-religious critic of the right, responds to the killing by attacking Modern Orthodoxy for creating the social and religious climate reflected in the killing (*New York Times*, February 26, 1994). Right wing journalists, in their response, saw fit to blame the Rabin government's policies for fostering, among the Jews of Judea and Samaria, psychological frustration that resulted in the killing. Left-wing cabinet ministers have attacked the right generally for fostering an intolerant attitude towards Arabs, an intolerance, which, they claim, bred the murder. But none of these responses are ethically significant.

Socio-religious and political circumstances create the surrounding conditions in which an ethical violation takes place. But to blame these circumstances for the massacre reduces the absolute condemnation that the massacre must elicit to something relative, something that one does not agree with.

Holders of left-wing views certainly "do not agree with" those on the right, and vice-versa. Lerner "does not agree with" the ideology of Modern Orthodoxy. But left, right, and Lerner, all agree that their opponents' ideologies and policies can only elicit relative disapproval, not absolute condemnation. Neither the left nor the right can, by demonstrative proof, decisively refute their opponents' positions; they do not agree with their opponents' positions, but they cannot prove that they are definitively wrong or absolutely evil. The left, the right, and Lerner, all agree that the groups they blame for the massacre are **within** the realm of legitimate political discourse.

Condemnation Should Be Absolute Not Relative

And herein lies the irony. The massacre should be the subject of **absolute** condemnation. It must clearly lie **beyond** the realm of acceptable political or socio-religious views. And yet by relating the massacre to, and moreover, by blaming the massacre on, such acceptable, though disagreeable views, all of these responses reduce their condemnation of the massacre from the absolute to the relative. These political responses blur the line between the absolutely evil and the relatively disagreeable, a distinction that we ignore at our peril.

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An absolute line was crossed in Hebron. To whatever extent one disagrees with the right of Jews to settle in the Hebron area, or with the right of the Israeli government to remove them, one must admit that what occurred there moved from the disagreeable into the absolutely evil.

The absolute line lies in the violation of the primary principle of all ethics and morals: the sanctity, or inviolability, of human life.

The sanctity and inviolability of human life is the axiom upon which rests any "How to" guide to ethical behaviour, guides that most of us, thankfully, carry in our heads. The loss of this guide, the violation of this principle, was the only ethically-significant cause of the massacre.

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Human Life is Qualitatively Distinct

Because human life has absolute value, it is qualitatively distinct from all other considerations. The value of human life is absolute, hence the human being's life is inviolable. Its inviolability places it beyond any material value or ideological consideration. Material values and ideological considerations can sometimes be ignored because of a higher value or consideration; but there is no higher value or consideration than human life.

When one ignores the absolute value of human life, one crosses an absolute line to commit an act of absolute evil. To connect such an act with political policies or socio-religious ideologies with which one does not agree is to demean the absolute character of the ethical imperative that commands us to view human life as inviolable.

Because it is a primary principle, the inviolability of human life is not subject to proof. It is a universal imperative, which must form the basis of any ethical system.

This imperative certainly forms the basis for the ethical system of classic Judaism. Human life has absolute value because of the revealed notion that "G-d created the human in His own image". Human life is the repository of the image of G-d; "Treasured is the human, created in The Image". (*Abot*, Chapter 3; see the commentary of R. Israel Lipschutz who rails vociferously against those who would restrict this statement's relevance to Jews alone.) The concept of "the image" requires that human life be seen to have absolute value, above all material or spiritual considerations; consequently, no human being can act of his/her own accord to violate the sanctity of human life.

Human Being is an End Not a Means

Much the same result is achieved by Immanuel Kant, the founder of critical philosophy. Kant has a very different perspective, deriving his ethical theory not from the Divinely-revealed notions, but in universal reason. Nevertheless, he too grounds his ethical system in the principle that the human being possesses an essential dignity. No human being may be treated as a means; every human being must be treated as an end. Human life is never an instrumental consideration, it is always an absolute. Based on this Kantian ideal, the modern conception of human rights sprang up, a conception that is but the consummation of the idea that human life has absolute value and is inviolable.

This principle is the be-all and end-all of ethics; it is an absolute, universal imperative that must never be violated.

A re-affirmation of this principle must echo and resound, rebound and be heard again and again in our response to what took place on the grave of Abraham.

An act of absolute evil was committed and it deserves to be condemned in absolute terms. It deserves to be condemned not in reference to policies and views with which one disagrees, but in reference to the absolute principle that was violated.

No other ethically significant response is possible.

Antisemitism In Russia

by Robert J. Brym

There is a horrifying Russian joke about a poor peasant, Ivan, whose prayers are answered one day. In the midst of pleading to God for deliverance from his misery, an angel appears in a flash of light. "Ivan," says the angel, "I will grant you anything you wish." Ivan cannot believe his good fortune. He sits down, he paces, his imagination races to horizons he had never before allowed himself to visit. Finally, after an hour of frenzied speculation, Ivan claps his hands and says, "Aha, I've got it!" "What will it be then, Ivan?" asks the angel. "My wish," says Ivan, "is that the cow of my neighbour, Boris, should get sick and die."

As this joke testifies, imagination functions according to different rules in Russia. Like Ivan, few people can really dream; some who can, find that their dreams run to extremes. According to a country-wide public opinion poll of 2,000 people conducted by the Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Science in March 1993 only 12 percent of the adult population were satisfied with their lives, 71 percent found it a financial strain even to clothe their families, 61 percent reported a deterioration in living standards over the past three months, 67 percent reported a decline in the political situation over the same period and 41 percent thought that the country ran a high risk of complete anarchy. Only 13 percent of adults trusted the head of state – 17 percent distrusted him – while 71 percent expressed little or no trust in the parliament and 57 percent expressed little or no trust in the government. Meanwhile, a mere 2 percent of the adult population belonged to a political party or movement and 53 percent believed that mass disturbances, antigovernment riots and bloodshed were likely to break out. The poll and others like it show that in Russia there is widespread despair, pessimism and political mistrust but no widely perceived economic and political alternative to the status quo. It also suggests potential danger. As Václav Havel, the former President of Czechoslovakia, recently put it:

> In a situation where one system has collapsed and a new one does not yet exist, many people feel empty and frustrated. This condition is fertile ground for radicalism of all kinds, for the hunt for scapegoats, and for the need to hide behind the anonymity of a group, be it socially or ethnically based... It gives rise to the search for a common and easily identifiable enemy, to political extremism...

Or in the words of Nikolai Popov, one of Russia's leading public opinion pollsters, "people... seem ready to support political demagogues or opportunists... who promise the quick salvation of the country, and a way out of the economic chaos."

Despair Leads to Antisemitism

In this volatile context the question of antisemitism – its level, social distribution, and possible consequences, including its possible political uses – takes on special significance. Antisemites have often blamed Jews for the ills of their societies. Russia has a long tradition of antisemitism and the largest combined number of Jews and people with negative attitudes towards Jews of any country in the world. The potential for casting Jews in their traditional role of scapegoat thus appears large.

I will try to shed some light on the questions I have just raised by focusing on the results of three surveys conducted in 1992 and 1993. These surveys give us the first reasonably precise assessment of how strong antisemitism in Russia is, who the antisemites are and what consequences antisemitism may have for the Jews of the country.

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Let us turn first to the question of how widespread dislike of Jews is in Russia. In March 1992, two Russian sociologists were commissioned by the American Jewish Committee to survey a representative sample of nearly 8,000 adults in ten former Soviet republics about their attitudes towards Jews. In Canada outside Quebec about 10 percent of the population expressed dislike of Jews. Dislike of Jews in Quebec was about twice as widespread as in English Canada. In proportionate terms there were nearly three times more antisemites in Russia than in English Canada.

Let us now zoom in on Moscow. I conducted a survey of nearly 1,000 non-Jewish Muscovites in October 1992 with the assistance of a political scientist at Moscow State University. The study was funded by an agency of the Canadian government and the Moscow City Council. The sample was

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representative of the city's population. Among other questions, I asked: "Do you believe that there is a global plot against Russia organized by Zionists?" I wanted to know how many Muscovites shared this belief because the myth of an international Jewish conspiracy dates back to the 1905 publication of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* by the Tsarist secret police and has since become an established element in the ideological makeup of hardcore antisemites the world over. I found that fully 18 percent of Muscovites believed in this myth and another 24 percent were undecided about whether such a plot exists. Thus 42 percent of Muscovites are open to perhaps the greatest antisemitic canard of all time.

Consider now how Jews in Moscow perceive the problem of antisemitism. Between February and April 1993 I conducted a survey of 1,000 Jews in Moscow, Kiev and Minsk with the assistance of one of Russia's most respected sociologists. The study was funded by an agency of the Canadian government. The survey shows that 98 percent of them believed that antisemitism exists in Russia and 91 percent believed that pogroms are likely or certain to break out. Sixty-three percent claimed to have personally experienced antisemitism. Thirty-one percent expressed a high level of fear of antisemitism.

I have cited a lot of numbers and it is time to ask what significance they hold. Are the Jews of Russia in danger? If so, then how much? What form is antisemitism likely to take? What consequences will it have for the Jews of the country?

Russian State Has Condemned Antisemitism

In briefly answering these questions it is first important to remember that not one pogrom has occurred in Russia since the advent of *perestroyka*, Jewish fears notwithstanding. The Russian state has openly acknowledged the existence of antisemitism in the country and openly condemned it, albeit not often and not loudly. On some occasions the government has taken legal action against antisemites. True, a good many antisemitic incidents against individuals have been recorded in Russia in recent years – far more beatings, threats, overturned tombstones, swastika daubings, and so forth than we are used to here. At a collective level, antisemites have until recently basically been free to organize, demonstrate and publish, and have attracted proportionately far more members to their associations than the few antisemitic fringe groups that exist in Canada. Since the uprising of October 1993, however, the most notorious of Russia's antisemitic organizations, *Pamyat*, has been declared illegal. The second failed *Putsch* was organized by people who showed that they were happy to have their followers use antisemitic propaganda in order to mobilize support. There can be little doubt that if Yeltsin had fallen in October, a new and much more dangerous era would have opened up for the Jews in Russia; a partial return to the black days of Brezhnev with all its restrictions on cultural freedom, economic activity, emigration and so forth. But the point is that the attempted *Putsch* failed. Perhaps the most dangerous moment in Russian-Jewish history since Stalin's last years has passed. In the political struggle taking place in Russia between the *ins* and the *outs*, the reformers and the reactionaries, the people who identify Russia's problems with a Jewish conspiracy are the *outs*, both politically and demographically. They have been decisively defeated and their chances for a comeback look dim: they are the older, less well educated and poorer elements of Russian society, the people who do not wield much influence now and are not likely to do so in the foreseeable future. Perhaps that is one reason why the percentage of Jews who are very frightened of antisemitism has fallen from 59 percent 6-7 years ago, during the dawn of *perestroyka*, to 31 percent today.

Difference Between Feeling and Action

Should we not then be concerned about the widespread level of antisemitic feeling in Russia today? Of course we should. But we should also recognize that there is an enormous difference between holding certain beliefs and taking actions that correspond to those beliefs. In order for dangerous people to act in a dangerous way on a large scale they must be well organized. Antisemitism was much more widespread in Romania than in Holland during World War II, but the Nazi genocide machine operated much more efficiently in Holland and proportionately more Jews were killed there because the Dutch had a much better organized bureaucracy which could be pressed into service by the Nazis. What the antisemites in Russia today lack is organization. Yeltsin's recent crackdown gives me confidence that he is intent on keeping things that way.

The Jews of Russia, meanwhile, continue to live in a state of high anxiety. The survey I conducted in the first quarter of 1993 showed that close to a third of them are very frightened and another 40 percent somewhat frightened of antisemitism. The survey also showed that a statistically significant number of them want to emigrate due mainly to the fear that antisemitism generates.

How to Help Russian Jews

In light of my analysis, two courses of action may be suggested for individuals and organizations in Canada who wish to help the Jews in Russia. First, we should encourage the government of Russia to continue its crackdown on the promotion of hatred against Jews and, for that matter, all other groups. Two years ago President Kravchuk of Ukraine stood side by side with members of the Jewish community at Babi Yar and admitted partial Ukrainian responsibility for what happened there during World War II. Such official displays of solidarity and condemnations of intolerance are needed in Russia too. Russians need to be taught to become more tolerant and any educational and confidence-building measures

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Israel, The PLO, And Peace

by Harold M. Waller

Shortly after the announcement of the historic Israel-PLO agreement last September, I happened to speak to a colleague in the NAJF who was quite ecstatic about the deal. Even though she shared some of the caution that all of us felt, she was convinced that the agreement was fundamentally a sound idea because it meant that the further spilling of Jewish blood would be averted.

At around the same time, I met an old friend, an American who made aliya many years ago. He was extremely concerned about the dangers of the abrupt about-face of the Israeli government, fearing that the willingness to go to great lengths to accommodate the PLO reflected a loss of will in the Israeli polity, which in turn portended dire existential threats to Israel in the future.

Diametrically Opposed Reactions

These two diametrically opposed reactions to the stunning developments of last summer reflect the dilemma of North American Jewry: an overwhelming desire for peace after many decades of bloody conflict juxtaposed against a well-justified skepticism regarding the intentions of the PLO and its supporters. Who is right? Obviously it is too early to be certain. The terrorist murders of Jews in Eretz Yisrael by Palestinians has not ceased. In fact, it appears that the attempts have accelerated and in particular reflect an audacity that we have not witnessed for a long time. Unfortunately such acts have provoked violent individual and group responses that must equally be condemned. Will further progress in the negotiations, leading to a withdrawal of Israel from Jericho (whatever that term finally comes to mean) and the Gaza Strip, result in the elimination of violence toward Israelis? Assuming for the moment that the PLO genuinely wants such violence to end, will it be able to insure such an outcome? Based on evidence to date, one has to be skeptical. So Israelis have already begun to pay a price for peace – a price measured by the blood of innocents – and will continue to do so. This is not what the government means when it tells the people about the price for peace, but it is a real cost that cannot be ignored.

As for my friend in Israel, his gloomy prognosis cannot be evaluated in the short term, but it can force us to ask some tough questions as the euphoria of that sunny day on the White House lawn gives way to the prickly atmosphere of intense bargaining involved in the process of spelling out exactly what the two parties meant when they signed the Declaration of Principles (DOP).

North American Jews Favorable

North American Jews have generally been very positive about the agreement, in part because they are willing to follow the lead of the Israeli government and in part because they would very much like to see an Israel at peace with all its neighbors. The persistent tension over the occupation, coupled with the difficulties of dealing with the *intifada*, made many, if not most, North American Jews uncomfortable. A quarter of a century was a long time for an occupation. The reasons why the territories came under occupation are lost in the mists of time, especially for those who cannot remember the anxious month of May 1967 and rely upon the media for their information. Clearly occupation is an unpleasant condition which ought not to last indefinitely. But it is neither illegal nor immoral *per se*. After all, both Germany and Japan were occupied by Allied troops after 1945 without a great deal of soul-searching. In fact, those occupations were probably quite beneficial to the occupied.

Governments of Israel since 1967 have all been committed to terminating the occupation with peace treaties, even though there has been wide variation over what peace means. The question has been, and certainly is now, what Israel will receive in exchange for ending the occupation. The territories have been Israel's bargaining chip for peace. If they are to be offered for something, Israelis will want to be sure that it is peace. Are Israelis certain that the Palestinians no longer want to eliminate the Jewish state? At a time when Israel is sorely divided, it is useful to recall that what can unite Israelis of virtually all political stripes is the need to maintain the security of the state and its citizens. All Israelis understand the centrality of the security issue in their lives. They may differ about how to achieve it, but they can agree that a major criterion for evaluating the progress of the peace process is the extent to which the outcome enhances the security of the country.

What is Israel Getting?

Just what is being offered here, and is Israel getting peace in return? Even though the agreement speaks only of limited self-government, it is evident that Israel is in the process of relinquishing control over the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestinians, perhaps to a government controlled by the suddenly benevolent PLO, perhaps not. Even if the government of Israel, whatever party is in power, wants to prevent the creation of an independent Palestinian state, it will be exceedingly difficult to do so. Yasser Arafat is already trying to act as if the DOP provided for a sovereign entity. It will likely be possible to hold him at bay during the five year interim period, but after that it will probably be impossible. Both internal pressures among the Palestinians and external pressures from the international community will be difficult to withstand, even if the Israeli government is inclined to resist such an eventuality. Thus it is very likely that there will be a Palestinian state in Gaza and virtually all the West bank. By signing the DOP, Israel in effect agreed to a key aspect of the final status of the territories without securing the necessary security provisions, barring the existence of a secret understanding. Moreover, the concept that non-negligible parts of Judea and Samaria might have to be retained by Israel permanently for security reasons is foreclosed by putting all of the territory, save the Israeli settlements, under the control of the Interim Self-Governing Authority (ISGA). Once territory is under ISGA control during the interim period, can Israel have any reasonable chance of getting it back in final status negotiations? I doubt it.

Dangers in the Principle of Autonomy

One of the roots of the conundrum in which Israel found itself when the possibility of an agreement with the PLO emerged is a direct result of the Camp David Accords, which incorporated the principle of autonomy. I must admit to a bias here. I never liked the idea of autonomy for the Palestinians because I have believed for over 20 years that the proper territorial solution, one which would serve Israeli security needs as well as the desire of the Palestinians to control their own destiny, was a new partition of western Palestine (the land between the river and the sea). The boundary between Israel and the Arabs should be a line (to be negotiated) east of the old Green Line but west of the river, a line that would leave the bulk of the Palestinians on the Arab side of the line, but would allow Israel to be in control of territory that is strategically important but has few Arab inhabitants. The Allon Plan was one attempt to achieve this objective. In the period prior to the Likud's 1977 election victory, the ideas of the governing Labor Party generally followed the same line of thinking.

The idea of autonomy was fundamentally different because it preserved the Green Line as a significant boundary, a feature which is quite explicit in the DOP. If autonomy is seen as an interim step, then the first round of negotiations, about the interim regime, necessarily involves discussing the nature of the autonomy in the entire territory. In the second stage, after the autonomy is in place and the ISGA is operating, negotiations are likely to be about the final status of the area designated for the autonomy regime in the first stage. Thus the Palestinians will be in control, albeit limited control, over the territory whose final status is being determined. Can Israel expect to negotiate a transfer of part of that territory back to full Israeli control under those conditions? That is highly unlikely. On the other hand, had the negotiations been about the division of the territory from the start, they would have been exceedingly difficult but at least Israel would have been taking a stand on fundamental security issues.

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No More Enemy Camp

by William Abrams

In 1958, a new novel was published by Jerome Weidman, a very popular writer who focused on Jewish life in America. The title was *The Enemy Camp*. I bought the book and after reading it, placed it in my library where it has remained for over thirty years. It tells the story of a young New York Jew who was raised in an area where Jews were surrounded by tough Irish boys who beat him up regularly when they caught him alone on the street. He and his family thought of them as the Enemy Camp: hence the title.

Rabbi Dow Marmur's article *Taking Risks* which appeared in the last *Viewpoints* issue sent me back to my library to reread Weidman's book; for Rabbi Marmur outlines very clearly the differing perceptions of the outside world held by his mother, himself, and his children. As I had recalled, all the generations in Weidman's book viewed the non-Jewish world as the Enemy Camp. This has in fact been the traditional perception of all generations of Jews for the entire period of the Diaspora, and is reflected in the "modim" prayer that we recite daily. In the Boxer translation it reads: "We gratefully acknowledge that thou art our God. Thou hast been the God of our fathers and thou wilt be the God of our children who will come after us. Thou has been our guardian, *our protecting shield in all the generations*" (my emphasis). Miraculously, God, who like the Pope has no troops, has managed to preserve the Jews despite the fact that they have been living in the Enemy Camp for over two thousand years.

No More Enemy Camp

But no more. Suddenly, and with unbelievable speed, the Enemy Camp has disappeared. Particularly in North America Jews can now live without fear. True, there are individuals and small groups around the world who continue to fulminate against Jews, but they do not constitute a serious threat either to the lives of Jews or to their basic individual human rights which are now guaranteed by law. Obviously, such a drastic change in a situation that has persisted for two thousand years can be grasped by the intellect but not easily by the emotions. That is why this change has not yet been internalized by Rabbi Marmur's mother and only partially by himself. His children, however, have been born into this new atmosphere and have never experienced life in the Enemy Camp. As Rabbi Marmur writes: "They are fully fledged members of the generation of Jews who have left the periphery and entered world history. I am, at best, only a visitor in that world. My mother does not belong to it at all".

Why Be Jewish?

As a result, today's generation of young Jews is asking a question about Judaism, its relation to God and to the outside world that previous generations never dreamt of asking. The question is: "Why be Jewish?" This was never asked before because Jews never had the option of joining the Enemy Camp and of being accepted, even by conversion; their only concern was to survive. They therefore looked to God to be their "protecting shield in all the generations". The present generation however, does not view itself as needing a protecting shield and, despite Emil Fackenheim's 614th commandment, mere survival as Jews is for them an inadequate "raison d'être". Furthermore, having joined the non-Jewish world the problems facing society generally have become their concerns as well.

Our tradition does posit a role for Jews in relationship to the outside world. This is the concept of Jewish "chosenness" in which the Jews, in accepting the Torah given them at Mount Sinai, also undertook

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to uphold a higher standard of morality than that practised by the peoples of the world. The understanding was that the Jews would become a "pilot people" who would present to the world an example of righteous living and thereby lead all nations toward the age of the Messiah. In no way was this understood as implying that the Jews were inherently ethically superior to non Jews, only that they were willing to live by the Torah in the hope that this would render them morally superior.

Now, however, the absence of the Enemy Camp has led to adjustments in the theological concepts I have outlined. The notion of a God who acts as a "protecting shield" has given way to the notion of a partnership between God and the Jews to undertake the task of Tikkun Olam – "the redeeming of the world". Rabbi A.J. Heschel pointed the way in his book: *God In Search Of Man*. Rabbi Robert Gordis in his last book, *The Dynamics Of Judaism* elaborates: "the principle of social justice flows from the commandment of the affirmation of life... the people of Israel are commanded to act *Mipnei tikkun ha'olam*, for the improvement of society, for the correction of the unfinished world, for doing the works that the Creator left undone".

A New Interpretation of Covenant

This marks a major change in the theological concept underlying the covenant at Mount Sinai. Instead of simply presenting to the world an example of righteous living, thereby becoming a "pilot people" whom the non-Jews would be motivated to emulate, Heschel and Gordis present to the Jews a more activist reading of the Covenant, which is that rather than preserving our rituals and awaiting the Messiah to cure the ills of society we should work with other nations to attack these problems directly.

This concept of "Jewish chosenness" has been under-emphasized in our tradition throughout our history for several reasons. First, there was the fear that non-Jews who still adhere to the Enemy Camp would seize on this excuse to increase the persecution of the Jews. Secondly, the notion of "chosenness" does not sit well with to-days' emphasis on egalitarianism in Western society. Lastly, there is a difficulty within the Jewish world itself. This is the notion held by secular Zionists who form a large majority in Israel, that Israel must become a "nation like all other nations" – no less and no more. This notion is feasible for Jews living in Israel, where one can be Jewish simply by virtue of being a citizen of a Jewish state. For those of us who live in the Diaspora, this option is not open. We are citizens of Canada, and our Zionism must be based on our religion to be viable. The idea that one can be a citizen of Canada and still be a member of a Jewish nation located elsewhere in the world is logically untenable.

Our leadership, however, is so conditioned to think of Judaism only in confrontation with the Enemy Camp that, since we no longer have in Canada an Enemy Camp to confront, they have looked outward to other parts of the world where the Enemy Camp still exists, and have emptied our Judaism of almost all of its content except that of helping Jews in those areas to combat their enemies and lead normal meaningful Jewish lives. Thus we read in the front pages of our Anglo-Jewish press every week reports of resurgent anti-semitism in Europe, exhortations to stand behind the Israelis in their confrontation with the Arab world, and reminders that we must remember the Holocaust. None of these activities reflect Jewish life within Canada and therefore we are tending to practice "vicarious" Judaism.

Rabbi Marmur illustrated for us how much more difficult it has been for our older generation to recognize that the Enemy Camp no longer exists and this is leading to a growing alienation between our older and younger generations. The activities that I have outlined are not the exclusive concerns of our younger generation; their concerns lie elsewhere. They want to do something concrete to increase the quality of life for Jews (and non-Jews as well) within Canada.

Our present leadership is composed mainly of our older generation; they recognize the growing alienation of younger adults both from communal and religious activities now at the top of our communal agenda, because it is clearly manifested by the ever increasing rate of intermarriage. They are, however, unable to find an answer except to continually reiterate a call for "more Jewish education".

What Kind of Jewish Education?

What is required, in my view, is a thoroughgoing reexamination of the present content of the Jewish education we offer, particularly to college age youth. Students under age thirteen can be taught only the basic rituals necessary to the practice of Judaism; but adolescent and college age youth are old enough to be introduced to a serious study of Jewish theology, which itself must be rethought to reflect the disappearance of the Enemy Camp. Instead of a lachrymose view of Jewish history with the Jews as perpetual victims, we must clearly articulate to them the fact that there is now a real possibility of living a forward-looking, active Jewish life within Canada.

The major step is for our educators to overcome their discomfort with the concept of Jewish Chosenness and emphasize far more the program of action that flows from this concept. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the leader of Reform Judaism, articulated this point clearly in a recent speech to a general assembly of their Movement. While urging "more, not less" involvement in Israel he said the "vicarious participation in the life of Israel could not substitute for teaching our children and ourselves how to live real Jewish lives at home".

Our present system of education concentrates on ritual and Jewish history, which are easier to impart to children than ethics; the result is that the message being received by our children is more or less the following; learn Hebrew, learn to pray, keep Shabbat, keep kosher, attend synagogue services and raise money for Federations who will distribute it where needed at home and to Israel. This is not exactly a message to stir one's soul.

Our young people have not experienced the Enemy Camp. They have been raised in freedom and mainly in affluence. They do not see themselves as victims, nor are they attracted to a Judaism which seems to boil down to ritual and fund raising. Their concerns are those of the general society today; environmental pollution, gender egalitarianism, control of guns and violence, control of drugs, combatting AIDS and the like. Confronting these ills of society is exactly what is meant by Tikkun Olam's objective of "mending the world" which is today called Social Action – but Social Action for universal as well as Jewish concerns, which of course must continue to be addressed. Tikkun Olam is a basic tenet of Judaism and has been so since our religion began at Mount Sinai – if Jewish educators would impart this message to our young people, they would have an answer to their key question: Why be Jewish?

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People Of The Book, Of Blessed Memory

by Rabbi B. Barry Levy

"Hello, Professor Levy?"

"May I please speak with Professor Levy?"

"Hello, is this Dr. Levy of McGill"

The voices are hesitant, the callers unknown, but the tone is unmistakable, very close to that in which rabbis are contacted by the recently bereaved who need help with funeral arrangements.

"I have a collection of Jewish books and I wonder if you or the Jewish Studies Department can use them."

"My father recently died and left us hundreds of old books. Do you or your staff or students need them?"

"We are throwing out some old Yiddish and Hebrew books. Do you want them?"

The voices are more determined now, reassured by having found me, certain of their message, and determined to rid themselves of a burden, though still hesitating, as if wondering if it is the proper thing to do.

"Where are the books? I will come as soon as I can," I reply, again in vivid parallel to the voice of the undertaker or the rabbi. "I will take a look, and then we can talk."

I have participated in this conversation or a reasonable approximation of it dozens of times in my eighteen years in Montreal, and in other North American cities before coming here. As we witness the rapid aging of our local community, the equally rapid shifting of its linguistic affinities, and the ever accelerating interest in forms of entertainment and sources of knowledge other than books, many people are losing their commitment to the importance of the printed word; modernity itself is taking a huge toll on commitment to the need for personal Judaica libraries. Those book collections or accumulations (two helpful terms from the world of philately) that served our parents' generation so well are no longer able to inspire our own, much less to educate or to entertain it.

TV And Computers Challenge Books

Most books cannot compete with television, movies, or video productions, and on-line computer services with virtually infinite data banks that contain potential answers to questions most people have not even thought to ask leave many volumes looking quaint and in some cases obsolete, even before they leave the printer. Interactive productions will soon make the viewer a participant, and one can anticipate the time when a presentation of the Biblical story of Joseph will allow the audience to decide whether or not he acceded to the sexual advances of Potiphar's wife, or when a movie of Moses' escape from Egypt will call for a vote from the viewers to determine if he should counter-attack Pharaoh, cross the Red Sea, head into the desert, or take his chances on the route along the Mediterranean coast. Good books allude to such choices, but except for their (intentional or accidental) ambiguities, the writers assume the responsibility for the decisions. This, we are told, lacks creativity, spontaneity, and adequate personal involvement. Reading, claim the non-readers, is passive and passé.

Even so, our dearly departed book collectors were not a bunch of inert old fogies, and their books are neither defunct nor worthless. Some contain the Jewish classics – in Hebrew, in Yiddish, in Aramaic, or in translation; others are the repositories of the greatest Judaic scholarship of the past generations or the most creative musings of our ancient or modern teachers. Many are useful, some eternally so; a few are figuratively and literally priceless.

Only In Books Do Past And Present Meet

Over the centuries, personal libraries have been described as spiritual havens, as cloisters, as shrines, as places of worship, as fertile gardens, and, above all else, as the places where one might meet and confront the great thinkers of centuries past. Where, but in my library, might the writings of Isaiah, Maimonides, and Spinoza repose in harmonious proximity, anxiously waiting to address me? Where, but in my library, can I muse repeatedly over the ancient and medieval teachings that so definitively shaped our lives as modern Jews or as members of Western civilization? Meet and confront, muse, interact, absorb, think, and challenge. Reading was never passive, at least for those who knew how to read; it is not and never will be passé.

No End To Making Of Books

Nor is the production of books becoming outdated. The world-wide Baal Teshuvah movement, which has seen the return of untold thousands of Jews to their Jewish roots and religious traditions has spawned a new literature of translations, commentaries, and both fiction and non-fiction suited to their needs and interests. A quick look through any Jewish book store provides a glimpse of hundreds of such volumes, which are rapidly replaced by newer ones as they are snatched up by committed families, interested students, and gift-buyers. In fact, the religious community contains many of our most committed users, purchasers, and collectors of books. Additional tomes of Judaic scholarship are brought into print annually by a host of private and public presses, accompanied by other volumes that are major sellers for the leading publishers of popular books; fiction with Jewish themes is frequently seen on the North-American best seller lists. To paraphrase the words of the author of Ecclesiastes well over twenty centuries ago, no end to the making of books is in sight.

Recent decades have witnessed the publication of hundreds of thousands of books on virtually every subject of Jewish interest, and the concomitant reprinting of many others. Rare or inaccessible items have been recorded on micro-fiche, index-card size pieces of plastic that hold hundreds of microscopic pages. Almost no book is really unavailable any more, at least if one is interested only in the contents; accessibility is merely a function of popular demand, or of reprinting and marketing or photocopying costs. Thanks to the lead of Bar Ilan University, hundreds of thousands of seminal Hebrew texts are now available through data-bases and on CD-ROM.

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Yet, ironically, this information explosion has contributed to the books growing obsolescence, for if every item can be had at virtually any time, there seems no need to collect books in many local centers; nor does the private library appear as essential to the educated person's intellectual survival as it once was. And surely with so many volumes to be had, only intense and life-long efforts can enable one to amass even a representative collection, surely not all that might be needed for all occasions, probably not even for most isolated situations that require more than a moderate amount of research.

I disagree with most of these assumptions, because privately owned books do not serve the same functions as these other sources of knowledge, but the book's success has necessitated the development of the only worthy competitors to personal libraries, institutional and public ones. And so, as our generation prepares itself for the cultural and intellectual realities of the next millennium, books, especially old books, are one of personal commodities of which many people are divesting themselves.

Examining someone else's library provides entrée to a very private realm, for not only does it give access to the collector's 'mind – exposing perhaps hidden concerns, hobbies, and interests – it also provides a window on his hopes, ambitions, and fantasies. The post-mortem examination of a good private library – its special interests, marginal notes, and prized holdings, even their arrangement on shelves – reveals much about who the departed really was; careful attention to this can help preserve that spirit for a long time to come.

And so when the call comes to visit these collections and to consider how they might be used by the bookkeepers of the next generation, I examine each volume, explore the secret thoughts and dreams of their owners, and try to fathom if the paths they lay out for the potential readers are already adequately delineated by existing collections or, indeed, worthy of being made available at all. With the family, I decide if the books are best left to students or to public or private, Jewish or non-Jewish institutions. Should they go to individual faculty members with abiding interests in the collector's passion (in all likelihood, to be harvested and preserved at a later date) or to a rare book room that will protect them for posterity now?

Interaction Between Reader and Book

How, one might wonder, can families part with these once cherished volumes, symbols of their beloved relatives' hopes and dreams? It is because the interaction of the reader and the book is so totally personal and private. Except for those who teach what they read, few readers have the opportunity to share their book-based excitement with others (and all who teach are not necessarily successful at doing so). The attentive family member knows that someone has enjoyed the books, perhaps even remained in semi-permanent ecstasy because of them, but may have little or no chance of sharing that feeling; the neatly bound pages, often in a poorly understood language, provide only boredom and bewilderment. Someone once loved them; perhaps someone else will. Hence the call to me or to one of the other professionals or amateurs who help with this task.

And what is the donor's primary wish? Above all else, I am asked to insure one thing. Whether the books will reside in private or public hands, the one almost universal request is that they end up where they will be used – where someone else who shares the love and the ecstasy can read the map and walk down those illuminated paths, meet the ancients and the moderns, and join the physical heirs as the collector's spiritual and intellectual descendants.

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Canadian Jews and Immigration

by Eugene Kaellis

While the Chinese are as widespread and certainly greater in numbers, historically speaking, Jews are **the** immigrant people of all time. In the First Century B.C.E., prior to the *official* beginning of the Diaspora, large numbers of Jews had left their traditional homeland to found communities throughout the Mediterranean Basin. This was done largely for economic reasons, which were then and are still now, the major motivating force for emigration.

The *push* and *pull* factors which comprise the incentive to settle elsewhere were, in the case of Jews, usually of the *push* variety. They were threatened, discriminated against, harassed, subjected to violence, expropriated, and expelled. They sought and found refuge in areas of relative, even if at time temporary, security. They also experienced fatal rejection. During the period of their greatest peril many countries, among them Canada, doomed Jews to annihilation by denying them a haven.

Jews Empathise with Refugees

Through experience Jews have therefore developed a longstanding sympathy toward immigrants, particularly refugees.

Canada now admits refugees and immigrants annually in numbers equal to approximately one percent of its population. This percentage is by no means unprecedented in degree. Indeed, it is lower than at several times in the past. In the first decade of this century, for example, nearly one-fifth of Canada's population entered as immigrants. The difference is that now the great majority of immigrants are non-Europeans, mostly Asians, with increasing numbers from Africa and Latin America. This change has transformed immigration from a fact to an issue.

It could be argued that in earlier periods immigrants were necessary to *fill up* Canada, but even today, with not many more people than California, Canada has vast, habitable underpopulated areas.

For a variety of reasons Jews can readily appreciate – economic opportunities, the convenience of being close to a supportive community of people who share language, religion, culture and experience, the availability of ethnic foods, and the fear of an inhospitable reception in less cosmopolitan areas – most immigrants settle in one of Canada's three largest cities – Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. If present demographic and immigration trends continue, by the early twenty first century Toronto and Vancouver will harbor no majority groups; everyone will find him or her self in a minority position. It is hard to see how this could fail to improve the status of the Jews.

The large number of people who continue coming from relatively exotic cultural and linguistic backgrounds guarantees diversity in our society in spite of assimilationist pressures which continue to exert themselves even within the context of Canada's multiculturalism policy. Thus, although this policy, predicated on diversity, is not dependent on immigration, it is very closely tied to it.

In the last federal election campaign no major part officially challenged immigration per se, but the Reform Party advocated a considerable reduction in the numbers permitted to enter, suggesting that they exceeded Canada's economic needs and capabilities. Unofficially, however, there was much veiled grumbling about immigrants exhausting Canada's social safety net and health programs and depriving *real Canadians* of jobs at a time of high unemployment. These charges were fuelled by sensationalized reports of alleged fraud by immigrants and refugees in welfare schemes, etc.

The facts, however, are that as a group, immigrants, who are screened for occupational, monetary, and health qualifications before they are allowed entry into Canada, use proportionally less welfare and unemployment insurance and fewer health services than native-born Canadians. If federal and provincial governments allocated adequate funds for language training and settlement services, reducing the social and economic problems of immigrants, the net cost to the taxpayer would be even less.

As far as their general effect on the economy, studies by the government and several *think tanks* have concluded that immigrants are economically beneficial to Canada.

Without immigration, Canada's low birth rate would result in a decline in our population. The present immigration policy not only acts as a corrective, because the average age of New Canadians is five years less than that of native-born Canadians, it offsets the decline in the workforce and the drop in consumer spending that normally accompanies the ageing of a population. A decrease in the number of Canadians would make the individual burden of taxes heavier, increase the cost of reducing the national debt, and threaten the maintenance of our unemployment insurance, welfare, health, and pension systems. The latter are especially important to the Jewish community, which is ageing more rapidly than the general population and any other ethnic group in Canada.

A decline in Canada's work and consumer population would, by diminishing our productivity and domestic market, also dash hopes of getting out from under a branch plant economy in which economic decisions affecting Canadians are made elsewhere, usually the United States.

Many Immigrants Bring Capital and Connections

Many immigrants, particularly from East Asia, inject needed capital into the Canadian economy, a major factor in attenuating the effects of the recession in Western Canada. Many immigrants retain connections to their countries of origin, and their knowledge of foreign cultures, business methods, and languages makes them a valuable asset in facilitating trade with the world's fastest growing economies, in East and Southeast Asia. The cost of integrating immigrants and teaching them English or French has to be balanced against the fact, usually overlooked, that many of them have already been raised and educated at foreign expense.

It is apparent then that Jews, along with other Canadians, can benefit from immigration. The multicultural policy, which immigrants help sustain, has been of noteworthy benefit to the Canadian Jewish community not only in helping support cultural agencies and programs but in creating an environment of acceptance of minority cultures and religions. Canadians who are concerned that the infusion of foreign cultures will undermine Anglophone Canadian culture are missing the point. The more Anglophone Canadian culture is dominated by Anglo-Saxonism, the more permeable it is to the inroads of American culture.

Nevertheless, along with other Canadians, some Jews react to the culture shock of seeing large numbers of people from non-European backgrounds arriving to make their homes in Canada. This, in spite of the fact that it is Europeans who have for centuries been the people most antagonistic to Jews.

Although the growing rapprochement between Israel and Palestinians and other Arabs has created a thaw in the relations between Jews and these ethnic-religious groups in Canada, there is understandably still considerable anxiety regarding Islamic immigrants and refugees, who are seen as sharing an antipathy toward Jews and Israel.

Muslims Less Biased Against Judaism

The Islamic community in Canada is heterogeneous in origin, in denomination, and in politics. Many Muslims come from countries not directly involved in the Middle East conflict. Some Muslims are anti-Israel, others are not, and many are indifferent. Moreover, antagonism between Jews and Muslim Arabs rests largely on a political conflict now in the process of being significantly alleviated. From a religious perspective, Jews and Muslims have closer ties with one another than Jews have with Christians. The anti-Judaic references in the Koran represent a piquedness (expressed toward Christians as well); they do not constitute the kind of anti-Judaism that is a fundamental part of Christianity. As the Palestinian question is resolved and closer organic ties based on trade, water resource management, joint projects, and tourism between Israel and its Islamic neighbors become realities, there is bound to be an improvement of ties between the Jewish and Islamic communities in Canada.

The latest census figures show that as a consequence of immigration the proportion of non-Christians in Canada, including Jews, is rising. Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism, among the major religions of Asian and African immigrants, have no historical

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"WINDOW" BY GHITTA CAISERMAN-ROTH, MONTREAL

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

In this issue we offer a "tour d'horizon" of almost all issues currently on the agenda of every thinking Jew: the peace process; our position within the political process in Canada; antisemitism; Israel/Diaspora relations; liberalising Canadian immigration policy for Jews trying to escape persecution; the importance of maintaining our tradition as being "people of the book"; the necessity of updating our theology to conform to the famous legal maxim: "law must conform to life, or the people perish".

Before receiving Harold Waller's article, I would have said that all aspects or nuances of the ongoing discussions seeking to achieve a lasting Arab-Israeli peace have been more than thoroughly explored. However, Waller's analysis of the implications of the interim agreements that have been reached will alert many of us to possible dangers that we have not considered hitherto. He warns that we must not be too eager "to grasp the prospect of peace without being sure that the basis for peace is really there".

Robert Brym has been following the effect that the breakup of the Soviet Empire, resulting in increased autonomy of its component states, is having on the incidence of antisemitism in those states. He cites two overriding factors: first that throughout the centuries antisemitism has been a permanent feature of Russian society; secondly, not one pogrom has occurred in Russia since *perestroyka*. Nonetheless he has been carefully charting the changes in Russian dislike of Jews within the former Soviet Union, and shares the results of a number of in-depth polls with us. His advice to Canadian Jews is to continue to press our government to recognize that many Russian Jews are in fact refugees and so deserve to be admitted into Canada.

In my own article I have attempted to delineate the single most important and hopeful change vis-à-vis the Jewish people throughout North American society and that is the disappearance of the "Enemy Camp" meaning general society which has threatened Jews unceasingly for the past 2000 years of Diaspora life. The change has come about so rapidly during our lifetime that most of us have not recognized the opportunity to drop the "protecting shield" we have erected against the general society, and instead persist in standing apart and continuing our protective stance. I try to explain that our younger generation who have never had to raise a "protecting shield" and are therefore interested in entering the general society while retaining our religious and cultural identity, find our position to be inward-looking and irrelevant to their concerns.

Throughout Western society, faced with shrinking populations, a fundamental rethinking of attitudes toward immigrants is going on. Eugene Kaellis presents the case for the liberalisation of Canada's policy on immigrants. He points out that particularly in a country still largely empty of population, immigrants can benefit our society by bringing their skills, their capital and in many cases their education all of which can bring about an important improvement in the economic and cultural life of Canadian society. He emphasizes that Jews still face persecution outside of North America and therefore should qualify as refugees who should be admitted to our country.

Rabbi Barry Levy reminds us of our traditional role as "people of the book" which he feels is being threatened by the impact of film, television, and all the distractions of modern society. He offers an eloquent and spirited defense of the continuing importance of books in the life of every Jew who wishes to remain true to his tradition.

Two poems by Ron Charach complete our issue.

POETRY by Ron Charach

THE FUTURE

Safe for now in *The Future* Bakery-Cafe
smiling peasants from the steppes
beaming on the storefront brick,
mound of buckwheat *kasha* veined with shreds of onion
leaning on cabbage rolls, Russian accents at the cash
as real as the cold scarlet beet-*borscht*, a dollop of sour cream
for a muggy summer's evening.
Buttering slices of caraway rye under the awning,
sipping *borscht*, why mind
if a dazed man dressed in plastic bags
stops by to pan us?
Vrrrooooom! A carload of immigrants tears up Bloor
in a battered Buick, a newish mattress-and-box-spring
tied to the roof, its plastic cover flapping
like a raucous boast
in the man-made breeze–
Tailing them, ignoring stoplights
evading traffic, an Evil Eyed great-aunt
who voted against the journey
to the New world.

Just across bustling Bloor-by-The Annex the *Lickin' Chicken*
with its "Sorry, we have chicken" sign,
whimsy from *borscht* belters who once proclaimed:
"*Yes*, we have no bananas."

Oh God of many tongues and faces,
spare us our reflections in skyscraper glass.
Hold us gently in a city by a lake
with a dome, a tower, –but no hill,
save the many-coloured backs
of its people.

AFTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Orbiting the ivy-covered Temple
two hundred parents in Volvos,
Jeeps and mini-vans descend
to claim precious cargo.
The soot has finally been scoured
from the northwest wall of the school,
reminder of the fire that thankGod no man kindled,
an accident of drawings
on a hot rad.

What a kaleidoscope of snowsuits
pours into the center hall!
So many sizes of colour-coordinated kids;
bandy-legged boys in a litany of team hats,
socially practiced girls in Indian braids
or the flouncy ponytails of braids
recently untied, – some
wearing a splash of coppery freckles

The joyous clamor of these getaways
makes me forget the waif
who lives above the chicken 'n rib shop,
who each day must smell the food
his mother can only buy
a few times a year.
Though a swirl of autumn leaves about the stone steps
reminds of the coming of pagan Hallowe'en,
with its universal access
to the sweet.

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The pursuit of the idea of autonomy is leading Israel into a situation where it will likely have to make compromises in the final stage negotiations that will adversely affect security. The problem of maintaining control over border crossings during the interim period, which clearly is Israel's responsibility under the DOP, will seem minor in comparison to negotiations over security matters in the final stage negotiations. If things cannot be settled satisfactorily, can Israel send the IDF back in? If no final status agreement is reached after five years, can Israel maintain the interim regime indefinitely? These are some of the dilemmas created by the autonomy approach with its two stages of negotiation (actually three or more because of the vagueness of the DOP).

After 1967 Labor Party Ideas Evolved

After the loss of power in 1977, thinking within the Labor Party evolved considerably. The idea of a Palestinian state is no longer anathema and the notion of holding on to some territory for security reasons has been relegated to a secondary consideration. The response to the assertion that a new partition was necessary was always that no Arab party was willing to negotiate on that basis. This led to a search for new solutions, such as autonomy. When Menachem Begin first proposed the autonomy plan, he did not foresee that it would lead to the kind of denouement that we are now witnessing. But the plan has evolved over the past 15 years as different Israeli governments have had the responsibility for formulating a position on it.

Interestingly, one of the arguments used currently to justify transforming the autonomy plan from an attempt to keep all the disputed territory under Israeli control with limited self-government on a permanent basis for the Palestinians into the blueprint for an independent Palestine controlling virtually all of the territory east of the Green Line is *ein breira*, there is no choice. The concept of *ein breira* is loaded with significance in Israeli history. It is associated with doing the impossible out of necessity, often in military conflict. If you asked an Israeli 30 or 40 years ago how he and his country could overcome impossible odds to succeed, the reply was simply *ein breira*. Is it now appropriate to transform the term to justify policy changes that were previously unthinkable? Is it an accurate description of reality? Was this particular agreement the only possible course of action for Israel to take?

There is no doubt that Israel has achieved some major gains by taking this step. Many of the benefits will not arrive until some time in the future, but Israel's international position in both political and economic terms has definitely improved. If this works out, Israel has the opportunity to normalize its position in the Middle East, thereby opening the potential for growth and cooperation with erstwhile enemies. Israelis will no longer have to police a resentful and hostile population, a task that was becoming increasingly distasteful for a broad spectrum of the population.

Shortcomings of the Agreement

The shortcomings of the agreement also have been discussed widely. For one thing, too many things were left open-ended in the DOP. The delineation of Jericho's boundaries and the matter of controlling the borders are only the most salient issues. The position of Israelis living in the territories is dealt with, but not in sufficient detail. The very imposition of specific calendar deadlines for the conclusion of negotiations that were bound to be difficult and contentious was an example of shortsightedness or naïveté. The problems of combatting terrorism were not addressed in sufficient detail. In general the agreement suffers from an unreasonable dependence on the PLO to maintain a situation that will satisfy Israel's needs and a failure to think through all of its implications, especially in terms of the connection between the interim agreement and the final stage negotiations.

What does all of this mean for North American Jews? Most of us are inclined to respect the decisions of the Israeli government, which, after all, is accountable to the Israeli electorate. If this agreement really means the end of Israeli soldiers dying in battle and civilians falling victim to terrorist attacks, then it is the Israeli people who will benefit and who will reward the government accordingly. Understandably Israelis are tired of war, tired of reserve duty, tired of eternal vigilance, and tired of external hostility. North American Jews must hope that the direction in which Israel is now headed reflects a correct assessment of the strategic situation and will lead to well-deserved relief from the burdens that its citizens have shouldered for decades. But precisely because of our distance, a distance which has relieved us from the necessity of sharing all of those burdens, we ought not to be vulnerable to the danger of jumping too eagerly to grasp the prospect of peace without being sure that the basis for peace is really there. North American Jews share with their Israeli counterparts a concern that Israel not jeopardize its security in the pursuit of peace. We can make a contribution by helping to identify possible pitfalls in terms of security while at the same time being sensitive to the changes in Israeli society that have led Israel to this momentous undertaking.

Euphoric or Fearful?

Should we be euphoric or fearful as the peace process proceeds? Neither emotion is the right response for North American Jews. The problems and dangers that Israel continues to face, including those with regard to the Palestinians but also the threats from the likes of Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Libya, remind us that euphoria is inappropriate. On the other hand, recent developments open up some very positive possibilities. While being supportive of the initiative because Israel's legitimate government has now made this the policy of the country, we must simultaneously be vigilant regarding the continuing security threat and support efforts to insure that both the interim and final agreements regarding the territories will not compromise the protection of vital Israeli interests. Israel is not engaged in a hypothetical exercise; rather it is making life and death decisions that are of vital importance not only to itself but to the entire Jewish people as well. As we formulate our own positions on the issues, we must constantly be aware of that fact.

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that can be supported by Canadians should be.

Second, concerned Canadians should continue to press their own government to recognize that many Russian Jews are refugees according to the United Nations definition of the term and so deserve to be admitted into Canada. Recently the Canadian Immigration Review Board has shown increasing reluctance to extend the definition of refugee to Russian Jews. However, when large numbers of Jews in Russia demonstrate in public opinion surveys that they are fearful for their wellbeing due to antisemitism and are making plans to leave as a result, the IRB's reluctance seems largely unwarranted. This point has been made most vociferously by our immigration lawyers in court and by Jewish individuals and organizations who are in a position to influence the Canadian government. We should not feel that we are somehow robbing Israel of citizens by doing so. Although it would take me too far afield to document the point here, two 1993 surveys conducted in Russia show that a surprisingly small percentage of Jews wish to emigrate to Israel. I estimate that in all of the former USSR fewer than 10 percent of Jews wish to emigrate **and** give Israel as their first-choice destination; in Russia the figure is less than 5 percent. Many Russian Jews would prefer to stay in Russia, with all its problems, rather than move to the Jewish state, with its alien culture and extremely high unemployment rate for highly educated Russian immigrants. Over the next few years the emigration movement is thus likely to dwindle rapidly in size. The Jews of Canada would therefore not be draining potential citizens away from Israel if they were somehow able to encourage the Canadian government to be more generous in its policy toward admitting Russian Jews as refugees. Rather, we would be acting in one of the few ways at our disposal to actually help the Jews of Russia deal with the problem of antisemitism in a meaningful way.

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or constitutional antipathy toward Jews.

These are important factors to keep in mind when Jews react on cultural or racial lines to the presence of Somalis, Punjabis, and others in their neighborhoods. The events surrounding the reception of Somalis in Dixon, a place near the Toronto International Airport, which received national coverage on CBC TV, demonstrate precisely how native-born Canadian,s including Jews, should not approach the settlement of refugees and immigrants in their communities.

Jews Should Remember Their Own Immigrant Experience

Jews ought also to keep in mind their own history as newcomers to North America before passing judgement on the current crop of immigrants. Almost every immigrant group – the Irish, the Italians, the Chinese.. and the Jews – has gone through its *gang* phase. A Jewish neighborhood in New York was the stamping ground of *Murder Incorporated*, a gang of professional killers led by people like Lepke Buchalter and Jacob *Gurrah* Shapiro, murderers and thugs who committed crimes as infamous and dastardly as any attributed today to Asian street gangs. It was a Jewish neighborhood in which people were killed for reneging on gambling debts owed to Jewish *bookies* and *loan sharks*. It was Jewish athletes who were bribed by professional Jewish gamblers to *shave points* or *throw fights*. It was Jewish children who ran errands for illegal gambling syndicates. History, not only compassion, calls us to restrain ourselves from making general condemnatory statements about other immigrant groups.It is not unusual for members of one minority group to turn against the recent immigrants of another group or even of their own. At the beginning of large scale immigration to North America by poor and ignorant Jews from Eastern Europe, the wealthier, better educated, and established Jews from earlier immigrations (mostly from Central Europe) were hostile. The newcomers, they thought, would undermine their own hard won and still vulnerable position in North American society. Later, ethical tradition and practical good sense made them change their minds and organize aid agencies to ease settlement and integration of the newer arrivals.

Anti-immigration Groups Often Racist

Many opponents of immigration to Canada, regardless of the concealment they often attempt by the use of code words, are motivated by racism. There has never been a single instance of racism initially directed toward any group which did not eventually redound to the detriment of Jews. Running with the jackals provides no safety; at one point, they turn on whoever is at their side.

And a stranger shalt thou not oppress; for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt, is still an excellent practical as well as ethical guideline for Jews to follow in Canada in the late twentieth century.

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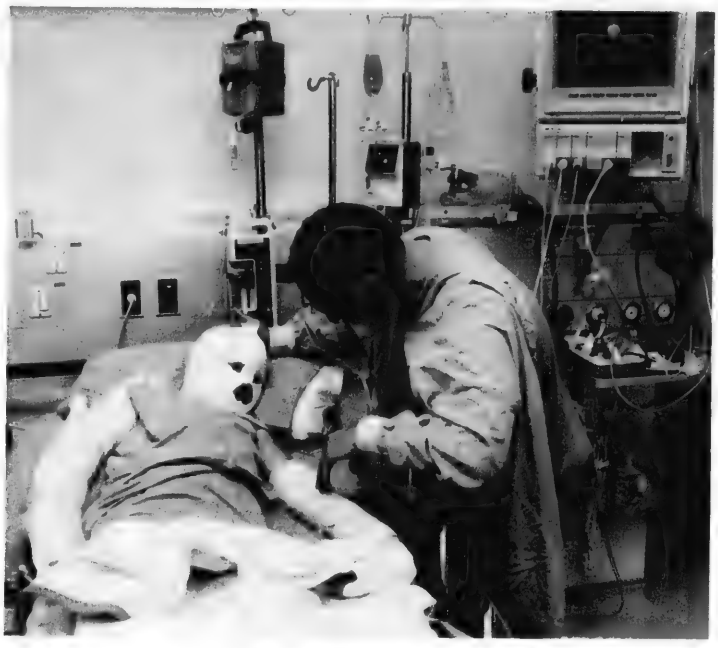

AFTERMATH OF AFULA

Shlomi Eliahu, 13, is comforted by his father Eliahu Eliahu, as he recuperates from the latest of a series of operations at the Children's Medical Centre of Israel in Petach Tikvah. Shlomi was one of the most seriously injured in the April 6 bombing of a bus in Afula. [Israel photo]

Quebec leaders make their pitch at CJC plenary

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau's message to the Jewish community here is the need to establish a society that functions in French — a language he used exclusively in his address last Sunday to the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region's triennial plenary.

Many plenary participants were surprised that Parizeau, who speaks fluent English, did not employ a single word of the language, especially at a time when the PQ has been trying to reassure minorities they will have an equal place in an independent Quebec.

While CJC has stressed to Quebec politicians that the Jewish community is bilingual and completely at home in French, many saw Parizeau's speech as a warning of things to come, and a discourtesy to older people who are less likely to understand French.

CJC community relations chair Max Bernard saw it as simply poor politics.

"It's not a way to win friends and influence people," Bernard said later.

Parizeau explained to the media that he had been invited in "an official capacity" as opposition leader and therefore should speak the official language of Quebec.

Nonetheless, the audience was pleased to hear that Parizeau supports maintenance of the government's subsidization of Jewish day schools.

The PQ leader praised Jewish schools' quality and the contribution their graduates have made to the cultural and intellectual life of Montreal.

He later told reporters he would like to see even greater provincial support for Jewish schools.

(The general studies curriculum of the 16 schools is subsidized at 52 per cent of the public schools' rate. The community has asked the government for associate status with a public school board, a move that could qualify Jewish schools for 100 per cent funding.)

Parizeau also told the plenary that as premier, he would find a solution to the problems Bill 101 pose to the Jewish community in terms of restricted admission to English schools and the hiring of rabbis and educators from the United States.

English-speaking culture is part of the heritage of Quebec, Parizeau emphasized, citing such authors as Frank Scott, Stephen Leacock, Hugh McLennan and — hesitantly — Mordecai Richler.

"The Quebec of today in a large part

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By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — "If at all possible," a re-elected Liberal government in Quebec would maintain and even increase financial support for the province's Jewish day schools, Premier Daniel Johnson said last Sunday at Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region's (CJC-Q) triennial regional plenary.

In a lunchtime keynote address to a crowd of 400 at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel, the premier said the maintenance of provincial support for Jewish day schools would be in keeping with the emphasis his government places on investing in the future and "in people."

Part of this investment, he indicated, includes the educational system.

Speaking to reporters later, Johnson said his continuing support for Jewish day schools was a "reaffirmation" of his government's commitment to Quebec's private schools.

That commitment, he said, followed discussions with Joseph Rabinovitch, executive director of the Association of Jewish Day Schools, the Jewish school system's lobbying organization.

In his general remarks to the luncheon audience, Johnson appeared relaxed and moved between English and French. He also congratulated CJC on its 75th anniversary.

Johnson repeated his government's commitment to open more doors to private and public sector jobs for anglophones and minority communities, and to create more jobs and training programs to spur young people, including young anglophones, to stay in Quebec.

He said he has witnessed the Jewish community's "burning ambition" to have its young people live and work in Quebec.

"Our preoccupation is the same," he said.

To accomplish that task, Johnson outlined a five-point job-creation program, which includes generating more investment and trade; job-training and entrepreneurial programs for youth; and identifying and supporting new sectors for investment.

Johnson took credit for a 1.5 point decline in unemployment in the province over the preceding 12 months, and said his government would seek to reduce it another five points over the next five years.

Johnson said the next election will be "extremely important" because it will "shape the future" of the province within the North American context.

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Federation rescues JCC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The financial crisis that has seen Toronto's Jewish Community Centre (JCC) teetering on the verge of bankruptcy may be over.

Under terms of a recent agreement between the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), the federation will bail out the JCC by purchasing its Bathurst Street branch for $5 million, with $4.5 million of that going towards paying down part of the JCC's debt. Five hundred thousand dollars will be used to operate the centre.

The JFGT will also help a local ownership group take over the Bloor Street branch while a local members group will take control of the Northeast Valley branch, without any financial assistance from the federation.

The $5 million earmarked for the Bathurst property will come from money that had been allocated to the United Israel Appeal (UIA), said Bernard Ghert, president of the JFGT.

A special campaign to make up the shortfall will be held to solicit contributions for the JCC and for the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, which is expected to be relocated in a facility to be constructed behind the Bathurst Street branch.

"That money will go back into the UIA pipeline," Ghert said.

The new arrangement will also see a complete restructuring of the JCC. Three new corporate entities will be formed to own each of the main JCC properties. An additional three corporate bodies will operate and manage each facility. Because the federation is pouring large sums into the Bathurst branch, it will retain the right to nominate half the directors of the facility's new management corporation, Ghert said.

The federation, which is lending $750,000 over three years to help in the purchase of the Bloor Street facility, will control 25 percent of its board. The Valley centre will be completely controlled by its members.

Yet another corporate entity, also under the federation's control, will link all three facilities. The status of the Koffler Gallery and the Leah Posluns Theatre, which are both part of the JCC as it is currently constituted, is still in limbo as it is unclear how they will be linked to the reconstituted JCC, Ghert said.

Spokesmen for the JCC were pleased with the reorganization plan. "I think the structure of the financing is very good for the JCC," said the agency's president, David Perlmutter. "We like the arrangement because it makes the federation more sensitive and aware of the programming offered at the JCC and its importance to the community and perhaps they will help us find more funding for these programs."

"It's very good news that the agency's financial problems are being addressed and that its financial affairs will be put in order," said Mark Sarner, chair of a Bloor committee that has studied the future of the branch. "It provides the ideal context

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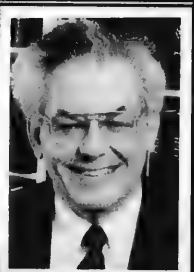

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Berys Richardson and students at Moncton's Jewish preschool.

Baptist teacher helps Moncton Jewish preschool thrive

By JOAN SICHEL
Special to The CJN

MONCTON — When you live in a small Jewish community, you learn to accommodate, to work things out. You do the best you can to maintain your religion and culture, and develop your own traditions, and teach them to your kids.

Making adaptations that are not compromises of faith make you stronger. We don't just want to survive, we want to thrive. And that is the case with Moncton, N.B., home to 200 Jews.

Despite not having a Jewish preschool teacher or enough Jewish kids to fill a class, Moncton's Jewish preschool is blossoming.

Now in its 14th year, the Jewish preschool of Tiferes Israel Synagogue, Moncton's Orthodox and only Jewish congregation, has a non-Jewish teacher. Berys Berry Richardson is the wife of a Baptist minister who is president of the Atlantic Baptist College in Moncton.

The idea of a Jewish preschool was first put forward 15 years ago by David and Margie Attis, Monctonians who had lived in Toronto before moving back east. They wanted the best Jewish education for their four daughters before they got to public school. They were joined by a group of Jewish parents who shared the dream.

Then, there were enough young families with preschoolers. Space in the synagogue was available, the naysayers were hushed, and the Board of Directors gave its blessing. Canadian Jewish Congress helped develop the curriculum. With $5,000 from its small communities committee, and seed money from the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Atlantic Jewish Council, the preschool was set up. Local donations helped build the tables, chairs and bookshelves, and renovate to government standards.

A local teacher could not be found. Advertisements in the Montreal and Toronto papers brought one who lasted only two months.

Serendipity came in the form of Richardson, a sought-after supply teacher with a master's degree in religious education.

Her Bible background and avowal that she was not there to capture little Jewish souls gave the community the courage to take a chance. Interviewed by the rabbi of the day, Philip Lefkowitz, she reaffirmed her understanding and her good intentions, and was hired. It was the best thing we could have done.

Not everyone in the community was convinced. With support from the rabbi, she integrated the Jewish component, the culture, traditions, customs, songs and Hebrew language into her preschool program.

Word spread that Richardson was teaching in the Jewish pre-school, and non-Jewish parents flocked to enroll their kids. We benefited from her personal reputation.

Because of the small Jewish population, we opened the door to all comers. The number of Jewish students have fluctuated from the earliest days of 14 students to today, when there are four. Soon the advantages of having other children in the preschool was apparent.

The preschool became a show piece for public relations. Children of prominent non-Jewish lawyers, business people, professionals flock to the school. Many of them had never really socialized with Jewish people before, and easy relationships and understanding developed.

Parents bringing their kids into shul learn what we are all about, and about Judaism, the customs and holidays. They discover the similarities and differences, how we are the same in so many ways. Some of the parents have to explain to their children that they are not themselves Jewish.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT RECEPTION

At the Yom Ha'atzmaut reception at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto are (from left) Mrs. Tany Fuqman, Tang Fuqman, consul general of the People's Republic of China; Dror Zeigerman, Consul General of Israel; Toronto mayor June Rowlands; Mrs. Asia Zeigerman; and Monte Kwinter, MPP. See story page 21. [Graphic Artists photo]

Waterloo shul, church plan to share facilities

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

KITCHENER — In a unique public display of cooperation, Jews and Christians came together here last week to announce Canada's first-ever joint worship and community centre.

Representatives from Temple Shalom, the area's lone Reform synagogue, and Westminister United Church signed an agreement to build a shared centre in nearby Waterloo.

The $1.1 million facility is to include separate but joined sanctuaries, as well as classrooms, offices, a kitchen, nursery and community hall. It will be open for use by both congregations and made available to community groups.

Construction is expected to start in early 1995, with completion scheduled for that September.

The building will be situated at 572 Erb St. W., currently occupied by a two-storey house the church uses for meetings, social events and after-school programs.

The site was acquired 10 years ago by the United Church, which will own the joint facility. Temple Shalom will initially hold a five-year lease.

"We know of no instance anywhere in the world of a Jewish and Christian congregation actually beginning their relationship by designing a building together," said Temple Shalom president Laura Wolfson at a press conference.

There are three shared Jewish/Christian facilities in the United States but this one will be a Canadian first, Wolfson added.

Seats in the temple will face east, as required, separated by a moveable wall from the church seats, which will face west. If more space is needed, either congregation can use the other's sanctuary, Wolfson told *The CJN*.

Founded in 1966, the temple has rented space from the Church of the Good Shepherd on Queen Street in downtown Kitchener since 1987. The joint building will also provide Westminster Church with a permanent home, since it too has rented space for Sunday services, in a local school gymnasium.

The agreement between the temple and the church is the result of more than a year of negotiations. The whole thing started when Mark Pancer, a temple past president, had a chat with his next-door neighbor, Jim Robinson, chair of the church's building committee.

"When we realized that both congregations were looking for new, more permanent quarters, we said, 'Hey, maybe we can do something together,' "Robinson recalled.

The temple currently has 50 family members, 30 children enrolled in the religious school and a teen group. There's no full-time spiritual leader but a student rabbi, Michael Cahana of Toledo, Ohio, comes for one weekend a month.

"We became excited about developing a project with a congregation of another faith," said Jake Driedger of Westminister United Church. "We believe that all people, regardless of their religious beliefs, can live together in God's love and work together in harmony."

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Ottawa changes refugee aid

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) has mixed reactions to Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi's recent changes in financial aid for immigrants.

Marchi announced recently that from now on, refugees will be charged $500 each to apply for permanent residence in Canada.

And a federal program that gave needy refugee claimants up to $600 a month for clothing, food and housing will now be available only to refugees sponsored and brought here by the government.

JIAS national executive director Susan Davis says she's "saddened" that refugee claimants, who arrive in Canada with little or no money, will have to pay $500 for the right to stay.

"It's an additional hardship," Davis told *The CJN*. "One has to recognize that $500 is a lot of money for a refugee."

Landed immigrants often arrive here with money from the sale of property at home, while refugees come as visitors, Davis explained.

But much of the new burden will be offset, Davis added, by the fact that refugee claimants are now allowed to work in Canada while their applications are being reviewed — another recent change announced by Marchi.

"We see in our caseload that [claimants] are working. [The fee] is a hardship but when people want something enough, they meet the hardship."

As for the monthly stipend Ottawa gives needy refugee claimants, Davis feels it will hit Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union hardest.

As she sees it, those immigrants have the least abilility to fend for themselves in their first few months in Canada.

The changes, Davis believes, are intended to attract more entrepreneurial immigrants — such as businesspeople and scientists — those who won't need help.

But in the former Communist bloc, there were 70 years with no entrepreneurial spirit, and immigrants from there need aid once they arrive, Davis explained.

As well, the vast majority of Jewish immigrants are not government-sponsored, and only that class will receive the aid.

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Ottawa last week released its list of the most desirable occupations sought in immigrants.

Among the most sought-after skills are kosher food cooks.

Ontario Tory leader Mike Harris stands outside Jerusalem's Old City walls during his recent visit to Israel.

Harris learns more about Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mike Harris won't say it but his aides do: The visit to Israel this month by the leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative party was part of the education of "a premier-in-waiting."

Whatever the motives for his whirlwind four-day trip through Israel, Harris says he came away with a better understanding of the country's security concerns and a clearer picture of what the average Israeli thinks about the self-rule accord with the PLO.

Harris — indeed, most of Ontario's political apparatus — is almost on a war footing, ready to pounce the moment Premier Bob Rae calls an election. The Tory leader has always been keen on developing a global view and he's on the board of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. So the time was ripe for a visit to Israel, on the heels of recent visits by Rae and Toronto Mayor June Rowlands.

And Harris says he's always wanted to visit Israel, "to understand the Middle East a little better."

The trip took the Tory chief, his wife Janet and their 9-year-old son Michael Jr. on an unofficial tour of the major attractions, both Jewish and Christian.

Along the way, Harris held talks with two members of the Knesset, Likud's Dan Tihon and Emanuel Zisman of Labor; foreign affairs ministry director general Eitan Bentsur; Canada's ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector; and Palestinian academic Mahdi Abdul-Hadi.

The itinerary included Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Tiberias, Metula (Israel's northernmost settlement), the Golan Heights and Jordan Valley, Jericho, Jerusalem and the territories.

"What impressed me," Harris told *The CJN* in an interview at his office, "was how they were able to irrigate the land with so little water. I thought, 'Here's a desert turned green.'

"I remember standing on the Golan Heights, being able to see Syria, Jordan and Israel, and appreciating a little more how concerned Israelis are about them."

In conversations with "average" Israelis, Harris said it seems "virtually unanimous that people want to give peace a chance. There's an understanding that Palestinians need a homeland. And there's a sense of optimism and hope."

From Palestinians, Harris said the feeling was that there's more to fear from Muslim fundamentalist groups than from Israel.

Both sides of the conflict, Harris noted, sounded an urgent need to improve the lives of Palestinians in the territories through foreign investment, if self-rule is going to work.

He described Jerusalem as "awe-inspiring," and paid a visit to Yad Vashem and its Children's Memorial.

An Anglican, Harris visited the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Capernaum, site of Jesus's first public sermon.

Later that week, Harris was in the Vatican to attend a papal concert marking Yom Hashoah. He was part of a delegation of about 100 people, including several Canadian Holocaust survivors, who met with Pope John Paul II.

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Biluim program going to Italy

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Young Judaea is adding a new component to its Biluim youth leadership program for 17-year-olds who have completed Grade 11.

This summer's five-week Israel-based program will be preceded by three days in Italy to commemorate the ha'apalah (illegal immigration) which helped bring about the establishment of the State of Israel.

After touring Rome, Naples and Pompeii, participants will board the ship Atlanta at Brindisi to sail for Atlit, retracing the steps of the illegal immigrants. Their stay in Italy is scheduled to include a meeting with Avi Pazner, Italy's Israeli ambassador.

Seminars and games during the three days on board will culminate in a simulation of the arrival of the illegal immigrants at Atlit. Shabbat will be celebrated on the ship.

The program in Italy and on board ship, known as Ma'apilim, was developed by the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz department.

"In addition to programmatic value, this new venture will enable [participants] to meet teenagers from diverse Jewish backgrounds," Canadian Young Judaea informed parents and teens in a recent letter.

Canadian Young Judaea will join North American groups United Synagogue Youth, Masada Israel Programs, NELFTY (North East Lakes Federation of Temple Youth), American Young Judaea and Ramah Camps for Ma'apilim. Two dozen Italian Jewish teens will take part in the program along with the 600 North American youth, including 80 Canadians.

Deadline for application is May 15. The program runs from June 27 to Aug. 8. A $4,850 fee includes travel expenses, food and acccommodations. For further information contact Canadian Young Judaea at (416) 781-5156 in Toronto, (514) 735-3167 in Montreal, (604) 263-1200 in Vancouver, (902) 422-7491 in Halifax or (403) 487-0585 in Edmonton.

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Former Likud minister brands talks with PLO 'a mistake'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If news reports from Israel are any indication, it's not a matter of whether Israel will hand over control of Gaza and Jericho to the PLO, it's just a question of when.

The time when the Jewish state refused to talk with the PLO seems eons past, but several hundred listeners at a recent lecture at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue were reminded that for years, Israel's government took a different tack when dealing with the Palestinian problem.

Moshe Arens, Israel's hawkish former foreign and defence minister, expressed the Likud Party's position that it is "a mistake" fraught with danger to deal with the PLO.

Israel should not negotiate with undemocratic Arab interlocutors, whether they are from the PLO or neighboring governments, he said, since any finely-tuned agreement could turn into a mere scrap of paper should a new Arab dictatorship take over.

Speaking as part of the Issues and Insights lecture series presented by the new leadership group of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, Arens said the current negotiations with the PLO will inevitably lead to a Palestinian state abutting Israel's pre-1967 borders. And a PLO state that is undemocratic will always prove

Moshe Arens

dangerous for Israel, he asserted.

The Arab world consists of "despotisms tempered by assassination," he said. Changes in government could mean abrogation of any peace agreement. Arens, who opposed the Camp David accords, said that should Muslim fundamentalists take over Egypt, the "cold peace" with that Arab neighbor will be in jeopardy.

Turning his attention to Syria, Arens said Hafez al-Assad will settle for nothing less than complete return of the Golan Heights — a price that is too high for Israel to pay.

Israel's best chance for peace would be through negotiations with democratically-elected Arab governments. Only that would give Israel the certainty that a treaty will hold and that any concessions it gives will not be in vain, he said.

Asked in an interview what his prescription for peace with the Palestinians would be, he pointed to the Likud's longstanding policy that calls for talks with elected Palestinian representatives, not the PLO.

There is no consensus in Israel over negotiating with the PLO or on relinquishing Judea and Samaria, he added, even though it appears Israel is heading down that path. Only a democratic Palestinian state that respects the rights of individuals, tolerates minorities and is non-violent would be tolerable for Israel.

Arens, who served as ambassador to Washington before joining the cabinet, said he left politics because "I was a great believer in national service, not national servitude. I didn't believe in a lifetime sentence."

He currently serves as vice-chair of the board of the Israeli Corporation, one of Israel's largest investment companies with holdings in container companies, oil refineries, cable television companies and firms that provide educational software.

Educator shoots down 'sacred cows'

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — British religious educator, writer and broadcaster Clive Lawton took aim at what he described as Jewish education's three "sacred cows" in his keynote address to the seventh National Jewish Education Conference last Sunday morning.

The conference, which was held April 16-18 at Winnipeg's Westin Hotel, was entitled Education and Tradition, but the emphasis was on Jewish continuity.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, the conference drew speakers from across Canada to address the 310 delegates on the issues confronting educators in the Jewish school system.

Lawton's first salvo was against Shoah education; he said we have to stop memorializing the past and be more positive. "The remarkable thing is not that we suffered but rather that a powerless people survived despite the sheer savagery and technology," he said.

At the same time, he scorned the "spurious" link often made between the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel as an "insult to God," noting that Israel was on its way into being anyway.

The second "holy cow" Lawton criticized was the Israel experience. A single visit by a young British Jew to Israel is no more meaningful than a holiday in Spain, he suggested. There needs to be a second, third and fourth visit before the experience becomes valuable in promoting a Jewish identity.

The third attack was on the idea that the ideal period for Jewish education is the teen years. "The key loss to the community is at the young adult level," he said. "That's when people are determining their life's course. What do we as a community do for them?"

With the world's endangered Jewish communities (in the former Soviet Union, Syria, Ethiopia) for the most part no longer in immediate danger, "What are we as Jews fighting for?"

Lawton asked. "Mere survival isn't enough. We need a raison d'etre."

The answer, he suggested, is in our history and traditions. "We make the past real in our daily lives," he said. "At Pesach, we experience the exodus from Egypt. At Tisha b'Av, we sit and mourn the destruction of the Temple. At Sukkot, we sit in booths. At Shavuot, we sit up all night to receive the Torah. We can keep our history alive and own it.

"The problem is that with our newfound freedom and independence over the last 50 years, we have forgotten to count the omer. Liberty has become licence...

"We have a rich Jewish culture," he said. "We need to find the trigger that will set Jewish spirits aflame with the desire to learn it again.

"We teach our young how to be Jewish. Maybe it is time to teach them why they should be Jewish!"

Addressing the delegates that evening, Lawton expanded on this idea, stressing that we have to inspire our children with our own behavior, practice and ethical standards.

"Did we all bench after supper tonight?" he asked. "What would a group of Grade 6 students have seen and heard if they were there?

"Many of us live Jewish lives vicariously through our children," he charged. " The message we are sending them is that being Jewish is childish, not for adults, that it can be discarded when they grow up."

Following a screening of the documentary, *Surviving Freedom* filmed by Alan Echenberg of Montreal and profiling the Jewish communities of Ottawa and Peterborough, Lawton noted that smaller communities are "people-sized."

He said "The challenge facing the Jewish communities of Toronto and Montreal is to break themselves down into bite-sized units so that people will feel they belong."

Concerns of young Jews must be addressed, leaders say

WINNIPEG — How can we convince young Jewish adults to choose to live a Jewish life in a free multicultural society?

In separate addresses, two Canadian Jewish leaders discussed the pressing issue of Jewish continuity at the seventh National Education Conference in Winnipeg last week.

Professor Irving Abella, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Aaron Brotman, vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and chair of Toronto's task force on Jewish continuity, assimilation and intermarriage, both stressed that young Jews have the same concerns and desire to belong as their non-Jewish peers; and when they leave home, the Jewish link is often severed.

Responding to the address of keynote speaker British educator Clive Lawton, Brotman expressed his view that Canadian Jewish leaders have to start listening more to young adults, that Jewish learning should be life long, that parents should be role models for their children in terms of Jewish practices, that the connection with Israel should be strengthened and that synagogues have an important role to play.

And if the issue of continuity is properly addressed, he said, more funding will be needed.

Although Abella stressed that support for Israel, commemorating the Holocaust and fighting anti-Semitism remain Jewish priorities, he called for a positive, exciting vision for the future to inspire and create new leadership for the 21st century. — M.L.

There's more to continuity than school, says Witty

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Only the home, school, synagogue and community working together can lead children to a lifetime of Jewish commitment and practice. There would then be no worries about Jewish continuity, said Rabbi Irwin Witty, Executive Director of the Board of Jewish Education of Toronto.

"The Canadian Jewish community is concerned about continuity," he said. "But there are no quick fixes. Unfortunately, the school is expected to do it all alone. The school is supposed to replace the parents. The results are ignorance, indifference, alienation, intermarriage and conversion."

Rabbi Witty was addressing the second plenary of the seventh National Jewish Education Conference in Winnipeg.

Rabbi Witty identified characteristics of current Jewish education (including its role as a a transmitter of Jewish ritual literacy). He referred to the limited number of Jewish experiences offered; the unspoken assumption on the part of many parents that their children won't come out of school more Jewish than they themselves are; isolation from other supporting influences or role models; and the assumption that the children will come out with some kind of Jewish identity from the mere fact of going to Jewish school rather than what they may have learned.

The school can teach the core knowledge of literature, language and how to decode the prayer books, he noted, but educating Jewish children is too important to leave to the schools alone.

Looking to the future of Jewish education in Canada, Rabbi Witty identified six areas that need to be strengthened:

- Capable, dedicated, charismatic teachers have to be attracted to the system, perhaps through a scholarship program.
- Community leaders must reorder their priorities and provide more funding and volunteer time to education.
- There should be an aggressive campaign to recruit and retain Jewish children in the Jewish school system. Rabbi Witty noted, for example, that only 50 per cent of Jewish school age children in Toronto attend Jewish schools, down from 57 per cent 15 to 20 years ago.

"The numbers have increased but the percentage has shrunk," he said. "A major part of the effort should be in-reach — correcting what may be wrong in the system and encouraging children to continue through high school."

- A variety of educational and Jewish experiences must be offered including visits to Israel, camps, youth programs and lifelong learning opportunities; it must be explained to young Jews what is unique about being Jewish and why they should remain Jews.
- Smaller communities must provide Israel experiences, in-depth Jewish learning during school breaks and perhaps a national boarding school program for Jewish junior and senior high school students from those communities.
- "A massive infusion of funds is going to be needed over a period of years for Jewish education to be more effective whether through endowment funds or UJA and UIA appeals ... It is the only realistic approach."

Responding to Rabbi Witty were Jerry Cohen, principal of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC), Winnipeg's Jewish high school and Prof. Martin Lockshin of York University.

Cohen spoke of a JWC program which answers some of Rabbi Witty's challenges by offering a yearly Jewish Awareness Retreat run by Yeshiva University students from New York, student conducted Shabbat services in different synagogues around the city and a quality teaching staff.

"Jewish education on its own is not enough to attract students," he observed. "We must also provide a top notch general program to go with our first rate Talmud program and the extracurricular activities such as musicals, drama and championship sports teams."

Lockshin talked about teacher education and his university's program where teachers qualifying for the Jewish school system also receive training through a cooperative arrangement with the Jewish community.

Endowment funds credited for helping Jewish education

WINNIPEG — There are currently $29 billion in endowment funds in North America, which paid $500 million to beneficiaries last year, according to David Cohen, executive director of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

"Endowment funds are the best way to help Jewish schools with funding on an ongoing basis," Cohen told the audience at the seventh National Jewish Education Conference in Winnipeg.

Cohen was speaking as part of a panel on the future of funding of Jewish schools. Other members of the panel were Martin Buchwald, a founding member of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education and Toronto's Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, who both spoke about government funding for Jewish education in Canada. The panel was chaired by conference chair Rocky Pollack.

Noting that the foundation provided $10,000 for the conference, Cohen said: "We see ourselves as partners in Jewish education in Winnipeg and on the Canadian scene."

Cohen explained that in an endowment fund the principle is held in trust and invested by a charitable foundation. The interest only is distributed yearly.

One of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba's funds, for example, is the Jewish Educational Trust Fund which last year provided $40,000 for special projects in Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education schools.

"Endowments offer an opportunity to honor someone in perpetuity," Cohen said.

He encouraged schools, however, to work with existing community foundations rather than start new organizations.

Farber spoke about the ongoing struggle in Ontario to persuade the government to fund private religious schools in view of the fact that the province already funds private Catholic schools.

Buchwald described provincial government funding for Jewish education in other provinces. In British Columbia, separate schools receive 50 per cent of what public schools receive while their Alberta counterparts receive 75 per cent. In Quebec, under the new Education Act, the figure is still 52 per cent.

In Manitoba, the block grant to private schools has been frozen at 63.5 per cent of public school funding for the last two years although the government hopes to move that figure up to 80 per cent eventually, although government funding to schools in general is being reduced. One option Winnipeg's Jewish community has that is not available anywhere else is a Hebrew language program in the public school system.

"Jewish schools are also unique in that parents can receive a federal tax deduction," Buchwald noted.

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Noah Witman receives the Sam Filer Award from Marjorie Blankstein.

Witman receives Sam Filer Award

WINNIPEG — Noach Witman, 90, is the oldest active member of the Jewish community in Western Canada and most likely the oldest active member of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

Witman was honored with the Sam Filer Award at a CJC reception on April 17 during the seventh National Jewish Education Conference in Winnipeg.

A prominent Winnipeg broadcaster, editor and journalist — and Western Canada's premier Yiddishist — Witman received the award for his significant contribution to the community through the media.

Marjorie Blankstein, a past national officer and chair of the Manitoba region of CJC and past president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, presented the award to Witman, who accepted "with humility and pleasure."

"Since the 1930s, I have never missed one session of Congress," Witman said. "I thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

Speaking partly in Yiddish, Witman chastised Jewish education for not emphasizing more Yiddish learning.

"You should teach Yiddish in all Jewish schools," he said. "That is how to fight assimilation!"

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By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Vancouver may seem to some as a black hole where Jewish young people from across the country move and disappear, but this is not true, said Zack Kaye, executive director of Hillel at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Kaye was moderator of a panel on the Forgotten Generation: 18 to 30-year-olds, at the seventh National Jewish Education Conference held recently in Winnipeg.

Panelist Mark Blumberg, co-president of the UBC Jewish Student Association at Hillel and co-chair of the Jewish Law Students Association reinforced Kaye's comments about their success in increasing the participation of Jewish students on two B.C. campuses.

Lisa Singer of Saskatoon who is now a graduate student at the University of Manitoba spoke from the perspective of a student from a small Jewish community attending a campus with few Jewish students.

The final speaker on the panel was Wendy Eisen of Toronto, CJC national co-chair of Jewish Education and Continuity. Eisen spoke of her pain as a parent watching her children interdating.

Kaye began by telling the packed room, "We are coming up with some answers to the critical issues that North American Jewish communities are wrestling with on college campuses." He noted that, under his direction, paid Hillel membership at UBC has grown from 30 to 245 (since 1990) with another 200 students and young adults in the Vancouver area who also participate.

Kaye provided some examples of what can be done to attract Jewish university students to Jewish programs and organizations. One of the first practices he introduced was that of phoning students on a weekly basis.

"We had a list of 600 names on our mailing list," he said, "but a lot of the letters kept coming back. We scrapped Canada Post. It's those phone calls, that persistence week in and week out that show people we care."

At Simon Fraser University, he noted, he used to have just two Jewish student contacts. Now there is an organized group of 45 who have just elected their own board of directors.

Blumberg was one of the participants in a new program called From Anguish To Hope co-founded by Kaye. Modeled on the March of the Living, the program took 43 university students, many of them from UBC, to Poland and Israel last summer.

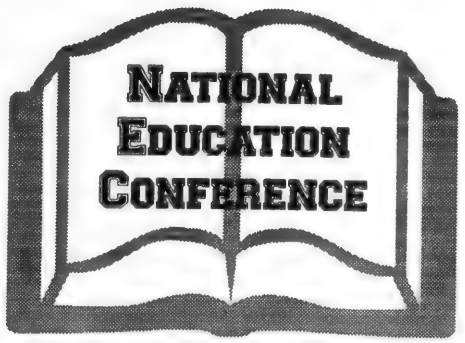
Blumberg noted that since 85 per cent of Jewish students earn university degrees, college campuses are ideal locations to promote Jewish leadership and involvement at a time when many young people are about to make their life's choices.

The ingredients for success, he suggested, are the right location (the UBC Hillel is in the middle of campus), a good professional staff (UBC Hillel has three), the involvement of lay people from off campus, adequate community funding for programs, resources and peridocals. He said the Jewish community at large could be most helpful by pressing for academic courses with Jewish content and more Jewish identity programming and by helping students who want to experience Israel.

The Jewish Student Association at the University of Saskatchewan numbered just 25 students, or 85 per cent of Jewish students on campus, when Singer was there.

Rather than deal with issues in the wider Jewish world, she said, programs were built around Shabbat dinners and Sunday bagel brunches before major holidays. Equally important are Jewish Awereness programs for the campus as a whole.

"We tried to remain an active group with visibility on campus," Singer said. "The Saskatoon Jewish community is very supportive. They are seeing too many of their young leaving the community or assimilating."



Eisen wanted to understand why she sees her children interdating despite her having given them the best Jewish upbringing she could. After much research, she said, she found her answers.

Although Canada's Jewish population has increased to 360,000, she noted, we have the highest average age and lowest birth rate of any other ethnic or religious group in the country.

Of greater danger paradoxically, she said, echoing the opinions of other speakers at the conference, is that all the barriers are down. Canadian Jews can live and work anywhere they desire and associate with almost anyone they want, with little concern about anti-Semitism.

Her proposed remedies included scholarships for some children to attend Jewish day schools; more funding for Jewish programs and staff on campuses (she noted that of 17 campuses which had students participate on From Anguish To Hope, only Kaye at UBC did any follow-up); and that rabbis, federations and Congress work together to make Judaism more attractive and relevant to liberal, western educated, cosmopolitan young Jews and their issues.

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HUTTER — SCHNEE — SHNIER

Helen Drutz, of Toronto, was born a Hutter to parents who emanated from Austria.

Unfortunately, there are ten municipalities in Austria which may have yielded the surname Hutter, including Hutte, Huttau, Hutten and Hutting to mention a few. It will require more detailed information (such as nearby cities or towns) to pinpoint the target.

Her inquiry about Schnee is easier. Although Schnee is the Jewish word for snow, the name derives from Schneyer, a given Jewish name which surprisingly comes from the Latin — Senior. My friend, Irving Shneir, the talented raconteur is a "senior" citizen.

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Touvier verdict praised by French community

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VERSAILLES — The conviction here last week of Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier signals that France may finally be ready to confront its wartime past.

Some 23 years ago, then French President Georges Pompidou pardoned Touvier on charges of committing war crimes with the explanation that France should bury the period of its history when the Vichy government supported the Nazi program for the extermination of the Jews.

But last week, concluding a trial that lasted little over a month, a jury took 5-½ hours to reach the verdict that Touvier, 79, was guilty of crimes against humanity. He was given the maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Nearly 50 years after committing the deeds for which he was tried, Touvier has become the first Frenchman to be convicted of crimes against humanity.

The majority of the French population was in favor of bringing Touvier to trial. More than 64 per cent of those recently polled supported the idea, saying it would help shed light on this dark period of French history.

The verdict was greeted with relief by the French Jewish community.

Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella organization representing French Jewry, said he was "totally satisfied with the outcome of the trial. This was not the trial of Vichy, like some people have said, but the trial of one of the smaller wheels of the collaboration."

Three other Frenchmen have been charged with crimes against humanity, but their cases never went to trial.

Rene Bousquet, Vichy's police chief between 1942 and 1944, was charged with the deportation of 2,000 Jewish children. But before he could stand trial, he was killed by a deranged gunman last June at the age of 82.

Jean Leguay, who was indicted in 1979 for organizing the first mass roundup of French Jews in 1942, died of natural causes in 1989 at the age of 79.

Maurice Papon, a senior official in wartime Bordeaux, has so far managed to evade trial with a series of legal maneuvers. Papon, who served as Paris police chief in the 1960s and was a cabinet member in the 1970s, is now 83 and may never come before a court.

But Kahn said Papon should be brought to trial, because he was "much more important than Touvier." He pointed out that Papon ordered the deportation of hundreds of Jews from the Bordeaux region, "which was not even occupied by the German army."

"I do regret that there will be no Bousquet trial," he added, "because Bousquet was the one responsible for the arrest of Jews in France. I still cannot understand how Bousquet was so conveniently suppressed so close to his trial."

Kahn added that he was totally opposed to the idea of "erasing history."

"Given the crimes committed by those people, how can anyone speak of erasing the memory of what they did? The unique circumstances of the Holocaust forbid us from holding such a view."

French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld expressed bitterness at the current French government's handling of the Vichy period.

Noting that President Francois Mitterrand has remained lenient toward officials of the Vichy regime, Klarsfeld said, "Mitterrand has a different vision of Vichy than the one Jewish families have. We see in Vichy a government that decided to send the police after Jews all through France and who wrought havoc in our lives.

"The leniency of the French president is not a surprise for us. He has expressed it on various occasions, and we had to oppose it, as in the Bousquet case.

"Mitterrand joined the Vichy regime in 1942, a collaborationist and anti-Semitic regime. He left this regime to join the Resistance, but he'd rather have these years of the beginning of his career not mentioned anymore in the courts," said Klarsfeld.

The jury at the Versailles Court of Justice convicted Touvier for his role in the assassination of seven Jewish hostages in Rillieux-la-Pape, located near Lyon in southeastern France, on June 29, 1944.

Henri Glaser, son of Leon Glaser, one of the seven Jewish hostages ordered killed by Paul Touvier, testified at Touvier's trial. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

At the time, Touvier was local head of the intelligence service of the militia, the 30,000-member collaborationist civilian armed force created by the Vichy regime.

The killings of the Jewish hostages were in reprisal for the murder the day before by the Resistance of Vichy Propaganda Minister Philippe Henriot.

Touvier admitted that he personally picked the seven Jewish hostages who were killed in retaliation.

After liberation, Touvier was arrested and held at the Paris police headquarters from where he mysteriously escaped. Condemned twice to death in absentia for his numerous war crimes, he went into hiding.

It was discovered later that he was helped by numerous members of the Catholic Church in France, some of them belonging to the highest ranks of the Catholic hierarchy.

Because of the statute of limitations for war crimes — a charge different from that of crimes against humanity, which has no statute of limitations — Touvier reappeared in his hometown of Chambery, located near Lyon, in 1970.

He requested a pardon from President Pompidou who, it was widely believed, despised the Resistance. Pompidou obliged in 1971.

Aware of the scandalous implications of his pardon, the French president requested that his decision not be printed in the official state publication where all laws and decrees are published.

Despite that, a few months later, Pompidou's decision was discovered by a group of former Resistance members from the Lyon area.

The outrage was immediate, and Touvier was tracked down by a French reporter. Touvier's picture appeared in the large-circulation weekly *L'Express*, triggering a wave of protests against Pompidou's pardon.

Instead of trying to defuse the scandal, Pompidou attempted to justify his action by saying it was time for the French to cast a veil over this period of history "when Frenchmen didn't like each other."

Touvier, in a letter to a Catholic priest, revealed that he was the one who had picked the seven Jewish hostages murdered in Rillieux-la-Pape.

The letter, which was published by the press, then prompted relatives of the victims to sue Touvier for crimes against humanity, a charge for which pardons do not apply.

Touvier went back into hiding in various convents and monasteries until he was discovered by the French police in a monastery near Nice in 1989.

During the five-week trial, the French media provided extensive coverage of the proceedings. As a result, the generations born after World War II discovered to what extent the government that ruled France from 1940 to 1945 was collaborationist and anti-Semitic.

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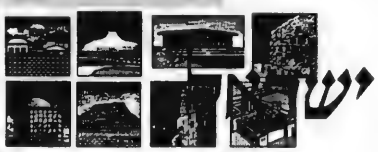

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Jews return to Shanghai honoring city's war efforts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SHANGHAI — Jews returned to this Chinese port city last week to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the haven from Nazi persecution they were given.

In a ceremony held in pouring rain, the city of Shanghai honored the approximately 20,000 Jews who fled Europe and survived the Holocaust.

Because Shanghai was a free port — one of the few cities in the world that did not demand visas or travel papers — it became a sanctuary for Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe.

During World War II, the Jews were kept under armed Japanese guard in the occupied city, in a bombed-out slum known as the Hongkew Ghetto. Most Jewish property was confiscated but Jews were free to leave the area during the day and could apply for three-month work papers.

The Japanese had rounded up the Jews to assuage their Nazi wartime allies but refused a German demand to carry out the "Final Solution" there.

Among the Jews who found haven in Shanghai were the students and faculty of the Mir Yeshiva, near Grodno in the present Belarus.

Others came from Germany, Austria and Poland. Fleeing Russian Jews found brethren who had fled the 1917 Bolshevik uprising against the Czar.

Some Jewish refugees remained in Shanghai for up to 10 years before they left for the United States, Israel or other countries. Others, mainly the elderly, never left, and lived out their days under the Chinese Communists.

Today there is no longer a Jewish community in Shanghai.

One Chinese official attending the ceremony said that the people of Shanghai "will never forget the role of Jews in helping to build our city."

At the ceremony, China's first-ever memorial to Holocaust victims was unveiled by Huang Yuejin, mayor of the Hongkou District People's Government. The bronze and stone memorial is inscribed in Chinese, Hebrew and English.

An orchestra, composed entirely of women, played Hebrew and Yiddish songs.

Attending the ceremony was Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue in New York, a Holocaust survivor and head of the ecumenical group Appeal of Conscience.

Under the foundation's auspices, Rabbi Schneier helped organize the memorial with Chinese officials and led a group of about 60 survivors to China for the events.

The group visited the sites of their former synagogues, including the Ohel Rachel, which now serves as headquarters of the Shanghai Board of Education. A Torah Ark still stands in the former sanctuary room, which is otherwise empty.

The group also took part in a seminar about the Jews of Shanghai with local scholars.

"We are here today in an act of thanksgiving to the people of Shanghai who, despite their hard life during the Japanese occupation, welcomed the tired and hunted newcomers clinging to life," Rabbi Schneier said in a speech.

"We salute the Chinese people, who have been immune to the scourge of anti-Semitism. And we voice our gratitude for the friendship of the American and Chinese peoples and for the newly established bonds between the People's Republic of China and the State of Israel."

Israel and China established diplomatic relations in 1992, although China still maintains its traditional alliances in the Arab world.

Pan Guang, dean of Shanghai's Institute for Sino-Judaic Studies, who helped organized the ceremony, said the self-rule accord between Israel and the PLO helped pave the way for the ceremony.

Among the Jews who found haven in Shanghai and attended the ceremonies were Yehuda Halevi, now executive vice president of Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan; David Zysman, vice president of Yeshiva University in New York; and two New York businessmen engaged in trade with China, Benjamin Fishoff and Joseph Granger.

Other former Shanghai Jewish residents came to mark the anniversary from Austria, England, France and Israel.

The Door's Over There: Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky gestures to a chassidic Jew during his recent stormy visit to Strasbourg. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Zhirinovsky denounces reports about his Jewish background

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — Back on Russian soil after a raucous trip to France, ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky denounced reports that he is half-Jewish at a rambling news conference here last week.

He spurned documents discovered by the Associated Press in his birthplace, Almaty, Kazakhstan, describing them as a "forgery" and a "fabrication."

Public records published by the AP show that Zhirinovsky's mother married a Jewish man named Volf Eidelshtein and that her son used the name Eidelshtein until he changed it to Zhirinovsky when he was 18.

Rumors that Zhirinovsky has a Jewish heritage continue to dog him. Earlier reports had it that he was once granted an exit visa for Israel.

According to local news reports, Zhirinovsky's news conference was filled with anti-Semitic remarks and condemnations of "Zionists."

This month, while Zhirinovsky was in Strasbourg to address the Council of Europe, he lost his temper when about 100 Jewish students demonstrated against him in front of the Russian consulate.

Television cameras showed him grabbing small bushes from the consulate's garden and throwing them at the demonstrators. He reportedly also spat at the demonstrators and threatened to use a "nuclear gun" against them.

Referring to that incident during the news conference, Zhirinovsky said sarcastically, "A group of Jews in Strasbourg can attack any deputy of the Russian Parliament. That's possible, that's democracy. Full freedom for Jews in Strasbourg — and Russian diplomats and deputies have to keep silent."

Zhirinovsky also lashed out at the possibility that Russia would agree to an associate membership in NATO under the Partnership for Peace program.

At the news conference, Zhirinovsky referred to that program as a "vile document."

He also said that Russia should not join the Council of Europe — whose members include 32 nations from Western, Central and Eastern Europe — because it is a "pro-NATO, pro-Zionist, pro-American organization."

Rabin met by festive gathering

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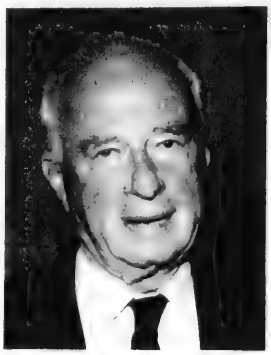

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

MOSCOW — The throng of Russian Jews standing outside Moscow's famed Arkipova Synagogue evoked emotionally charged memories of a different era, one associated with refuseniks and demonstrations of the pre-glasnost period.

But when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was greeted by more than 1,000 Jews inside and outside the synagogue last Sunday, that era seemed far away. The gathering looked more like a spring carnival than a political demonstration.

A dozen youths, wearing Jewish Agency hats and sweatshirts, danced to taped Hebrew music blaring over the public address system outside the synagogue. Some waved Israeli flags as Rabin's limousine drove up.

Rabin emerged and shook a few hands. Many hundreds were left outside, however, as the crowd pushed into the synagogue to glimpse the first Israeli prime minister ever to visit the former Soviet Union.

In his address, Rabin saluted the determination of Soviet Jews. "It is right that an Israeli prime minister's first stop in Russia begins at the synagogue in Moscow," he said. "You succeeded in overcoming obstacles. We accompanied your struggle, doing whatever we could.

"Now your relatives have homes in Karmiel, Upper Nazareth, and Tel Aviv. Many have even come home to the same Jerusalem you dreamed of. Not all have had it economically easy, but they have come home."

But Moscow Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt took issue with Rabin's message, suggesting that bolstering Jewish education should be a top priority, and not just immigrating to Israel.

"Unfortunately, Israel is now in third place for Russian Jews who seek to emigrate, after the U.S. and Germany," Rabbi Goldschmidt said. He stressed that if there is going to be a reawakened interest in Israel, "We must first strengthen Jewish education in the Diaspora."

Jews standing outside the synagogue expressed down-to-earth views, a mix of concerns and hopes.

Vika Shazgozodsky, a 40-something Moscow woman, pointed to her 15-year-old daughter, Natasha, who was about to join a three-year Jewish Agency-sponsored high school program in Israel. "We hear it is a bad situation with the Arabs. I'm afraid about my daughter going there," she said.

Nathaniel Beginov, a 50-ish Bukharan businessman living in Moscow, said, "I have visited Israel five times, but the best place to live is where you have work ... I would come [to Israel] when I retire."

Alexander Stotsky, director of a building company in Moscow, said he is considering immigrating to Israel, "but I don't like his [Rabin's] friendship with Arafat. I would like to know how Rabin will get out of this corner."

A handful of those gathered were seen brandishing anti-Rabin government bumper stickers.

A sticker reading "The people are with Golan" was pasted on the synagogue window. When Rabin emerged from the synagogue, several held up black-and yellow Chabad bumper stickers reading, "The land of Israel is in danger," and yelled out "traitor!"

During his four-day visit, which included a stopover in St. Petersburg, Rabin was scheduled to meet with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and other Russian officials to discuss the Middle East peace process.

In October 1991, Israel and the former Soviet Union re-established diplomatic ties that were severed by the Soviets following the 1967 Six-Day War.

Rabin's visit comes shortly after a similar visit to Moscow by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and at a time when Russia is seeking to play a more active role in the peace process.

The meetings are part of Russia's attempt to increase its diplomatic clout in the international arena, including the Middle East peace talks, which it has co-sponsored with the United States as more of a junior partner.

Rabin has said he also intends to talk with Russian officials about the immigration of Russian Jews to Israel.

Accord nears completion

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A final agreement for implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord in the Gaza Strip and Jericho may be concluded by the end of this week, according to Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Speaking last Sunday with reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took off for a four-day trip to Russia, Peres said it was "possible but by no means certain" that an agreement could be arrived at in Cairo by the close of this week's talks.

But at the weekly cabinet meeting held in Jerusalem shortly afterward, Peres warned that any further delays in reaching a final agreement could lead to an unraveling of the entire peace process.

"If we don't finish it all within the next 10 days, the whole process may come to nothing," Peres was reported to have told his colleagues.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal later explained that Peres "was describing the mood of the Palestinians, the problems they are facing, because of the erosion (of popular support) caused by the prolonged talks."

Peres returned to Israel Saturday night after holding five meetings with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Bucharest.

He told reporters that he and Arafat had resolved several of the issues holding up the signing of a final agreement in Cairo.

But Peres added that a number of issues — including the jurisdiction of Palestinian courts, passports, currency and telephones — still remained to be resolved.

Peres and Arafat were expected to meet again soon in Cairo in an effort to clear up those issues, but no decision on when they would meet was expected until Rabin returns from Moscow later this week.

The first Israeli prime minister ever to visit Russia, Rabin set off for Moscow at a time when the Russians are seeking to play a more active role in the peace process.

In Paris, meanwhile, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat was more optimistic than he had been last week about the progress of meetings being held in the French capital to discuss economic aspects of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

The list of disagreements is fast diminishing, said Shohat, who heads the Israeli delegation to those talks.

Last week, Shohat said Palestinian demands to trade with companies that engage in "dumping" practices — selling their goods at lower than usual prices — could bring the Paris negotiations to a standstill.

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The News in Brief

OK For Junior High Granted

EDMONTON — This city's public school board has given the Edmonton Talmud Torah permission to operate a junior high school program (grades 7 through 9) beginning with the 1994-95 school year.

Twenty students are expected to enroll in the first grade 7 class.

As the current elementary school is full, the board will provide a free-standing portable classroom for the next year. But the Talmud Torah board has been told that permission to operate the junior high school would be revoked unless the board can find a new location.

The Talmud Torah board has assured parents that a solution will be found in time for the following year.

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Negev Dinner Set

KELOWNA, B.C. — The Okanagan Jewish Community, with fewer than 100 families, will host its first-ever Negev Dinner May 10.

Honorees are Member of the Legislative Assembly Cliff Serwa and his wife Lois.

Guest speaker will be Itzhak Shelef, Israel's Ambassador to Canada.

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Hebrew U. Summer Programs

TORONTO — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students is offering a variety of new courses in the humanities social sciences and sciences this summer, among them two courses for law students.

Classes taught in English are offered in two sessions, July 3 to 25, and July 31 to Aug. 18. Credits are transferable to most Canadian universities. Over 1,000 students from 44 countries attend the summer courses annually.

Hebrew and Arabic language courses run from July 3 to Aug. 17. Yiddish language instruction is also available.

Deadlines for application are May 15 (for the courses beginning in July) and June 15 (for the August courses). For more information or to apply, contact Michael Litvack at 416-485-8000 or, in Quebec and Ontario only, 1-800-668-3956.

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Pollard Pessimistic on Parole

TORONTO — The following statement from Jonathan Pollard was transmitted to media recently, in response to U.S. President Clinton's refusal to grant him clemency and statements from various quarters that he will be eligible for parole in 1995:

"My parole eligibility is not relevant. At the present time, I stand no chance of being released in 1995. Firstly, the sentencing judge endorsed [former U.S. Defence Secretary] Caspar Weinberger's position that I should never be released.

"Secondly, the prosecuting attorney, Joseph Di Genova, made a public statement that I should never again see the light of day.

"Thirdly, the president has now stated his support for the intelligence community's prejudicial and fraudulent damage assessment of my case.

"With all this stacked against me, it is virtually inconceivable that any parole board would release me in the near future."

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No Action Against Goren

JERUSALEM — Israel's attorney general has told the High Court of Justice that he will take no action against former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who has called on Israeli soldiers to refuse to obey any orders that call for the evacuation of Jews from settlements.

Private citizens had petitioned the High Court to order the government to act against Rabbi Goren, who had said that his call to the soldiers was based on Halachah.

Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair told the court that the government's policy was one of restraint, in pursuit of which he did not want to prevent the free expression of opinion.

Ben-Yair admitted that Rabbi Goren's statements represented an infringement of the law.

But the attorney general added that because of the sensitive nature of the rabbi's ruling, there seemed no point in pursuing it through the courts when the Israeli government had not yet called for the settlers' evacuation.

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Rabbi Rosen Suffers Strokes

BUCHAREST — Romania's Chief Rabbi, Moses Rosen, has suffered two strokes and is being treated at a Bucharest hospital, Jewish groups here have reported.

The strokes have left the 81-year-old rabbi partially paralyzed on his left side. The chief doctor at the Elias Hospital in the Romanian capital said Rabbi Rosen was in stable condition but would make no predictions because of the patient's advanced age.

Rabbi Rosen, who has been chief rabbi of Romania since 1948, has wielded an extraordinary amount of influence, both as a religious leader and as a frequent ambassador to the United States on behalf of Romania.

He enabled nearly the entire postwar Jewish community of Romania, about 400,000, to immigrate to Israel, an exodus unique in Communist Eastern Europe.

He has also maintained a strong Jewish religious and cultural life throughout Romania.

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Hungary Commemorates Deportations

BUDAPEST — For the first time, Hungary held official ceremonies last week to commemorate the deportation of 600,000 Hungarian Jews to death camps during World War II.

Commemorative events began with a service at the Central Jewish Cemetery. Later, a ceremony sponsored by the World Jewish Congress was held at the Opera House here. Among those attending were Hungarian President Arpad Goncz.

Also in attendance was Shevach Weiss, the speaker of Israel's Knesset.

While in Budapest, Weiss met Prime Minister Peter Boross and Foreign Minister Geza Jeszensky. Boross laid a wreath at the Jewish cemetery, but both he and Jeszensky declined invitations to speak at the Opera House.

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Agreement on Water

JERUSALEM — Israel's national water company, Mekorot, will continue to supply water to the Gaza Strip and Jericho after the Palestinians assume authority there, negotiators meeting in Cairo announced last week.

The Palestinians agreed to pay for Mekorot's services and have also undertaken to cooperate in safeguarding precious water resources in the region.

The water issue was one of the most serious challenges facing the committee negotiating the transfer of civilian authority to Palestinians in the self-rule areas.

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Warsaw to Get Jewish School

WARSAW — For the first time in a generation, Warsaw will have a Jewish elementary school, starting next September.

The non-profit, private school will be established by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and called the Lauder-Morasha School. It will join schools sponsored by the foundation established in Budapest and Vienna.

The school will offer the basic requirements of Polish primary schools, as well as teach Hebrew, English, Jewish tradition and culture. There will also be classes in computers, music, fine arts, theatre arts and sports, as well as numerous after-school activities.

Estimates of the numbers of Jews in Poland today range from 10,000 to three or four times that number.

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JAI Pushes For German Aliyah

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency for Israel has issued a statement encouraging aliyah from Germany.

The Agency estimates that between 4,000 and 5,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union will immigrate to Germany annually for the next few years. Since 1989, some 13,000 "Soviet" Jews have arrived in Germany, swelling the country's Jewish population to over 50,000.

Acting Agency chair Yehiel Leket noted that Germany has experienced "a worrying increase" in the number of violent racial and anti-Semitic attacks.

"The present reality in Germany is cause for concern and demands increased activity by the Jewish Agency to encourage aliyah from that country," Leket stated.

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Queens Cemetery Desecrations

GREAT NECK, N.Y. — Jewish leaders have set up a fund to cover the cost of repairing a Jewish cemetery in Queens that was desecrated twice in 10 days earlier this month.

In cooperation with cemetery owners and volunteers, the Queens Jewish Council also has organized a May 1 cemetery clean-up day.

Sometime between April 1-4, vandals broke into the Bayside Cemetery in Queens and overturned approximately 50 headstones, opened coffins and damaged four mausoleums, said Queens police officials. The vandals left bones strewn throughout the cemetery.

Then, on April 12, vandals scrawled with magic marker anti-Semitic epithets like "kill Jews" and "hate Jews" on three mausoleums and one monument.

There have been no arrests and there are no suspects in the case, police said.

Federation rescues JCC

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for Bloor to undertake its renewal program." Sarner said the Bloor branch has existed under a cloud for years with speculation that it would be sold to help pay the JCC's debts.

With the announcement of the new arrangement, a members' group will be able to launch a fundraising campaign to pay its share of the agency's debt and retain control and management of the property for the downtown Jewish community, he said.

Allan Wexler, chair of the Valley branch's management committee, said "anything that creates some kind of security is beneficial for the branch. Rumors that there is not going to be an agency (JCC) have hurt the Valley branch."

Ghert said "the federation's interest is to protect and preserve the community assets involved largely because there are many Jews involved in the use of these properties, some whose only contact with the Jewish community is through these agencies."

The JCC has been operating under a financial cloud since the late 1980s when several million dollars was spent to upgrade and expand the Bathurst Street branch, as well as construct a woman's health club at Bloor and repair the roof at the downtown location.

When the economy turned sour, the JCC could not collect on pledges and interest rates forced the debt skyward. The JCC now owes about $9.5 million to the Bank of Montreal, which has consented to the proposed arrangement. Last summer the JCC was unable to make the interest payments and it approached the federation for help. In addition to advancing funds that are normally allocated to the JCC for community programs, the federation advanced $400,000 from the community Endowment Fund and loaned the JCC an additional $250,000.

The federation ended those allocations over concerns there was no light at the end of that tunnel. Along with the JCC, it entered into negotiations with the Bank of Montreal, which holds mortgages on JCC property, to restructure the JCC's finances.

Here are other elements of the arrangement:

- the bank debt will be retired by payments of $4.5 million from the Bathurst branch, $3 million from the Bloor branch and $1 million from the Valley branch. Members' groups at the Bloor and Valley branches are planning fundraising campaigns to meet those targets. Sarner said the Bloor branch hopes to raise an additional $1 million to upgrade the facility.
- the remaining $1 million owed to the bank will be paid at a rate of $100,000 per year for five years with a final payment of $500,000.
- the federation is guaranteeing that $500,000 payment but is not responsible for any interest payments. Payment cannot be demanded prior to the five year term. The federation's right to nominate 50 percent plus one of the board of the new JCC (which links the new entities) subsists only so long as the JFGT is responsible for the guarantee.
- the Endowment Fund will lend an additional $1.4 million to help pay the JCC's other debts to suppliers. Of the amount, $400,000 has already been advanced.
- Perlmutter, Sarner and Wexler said it has yet to be determined whether memberships at the reconstituted JCC will overlap as they do now or whether only facility-specific memberships will be available in the future.
- according to Perlmutter, most JCCs in North America operate in buildings owned by the local federation.

Parizeau outlines his party's goals

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was built and is being built by anglophones," he said, receiving scattered applause.

As for the Jewish community, he singled out its contribution to the city's cultural life including music and arts. He thanked Michal Horenstein, a board member of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, who was in the audience.

Quebec, he said is enriched by people of diverse cultural origins and insisted that anyone who "wants to stay in Quebec and be a Quebecois" is a Quebecer.

Nevertheless, he made it clear that the PQ's goal is "gradual integration" into the francophone majority.

He noted that the latest data show 83 per cent of Quebecers' speak French at home, adding that they are not only "pure laine," but also, for example, Sephardi Jews and Haitians. He expressed confidence that more and more anglophones will live essentially in French.

He spoke with pride about two Jews who are seeking the PQ nomination in Outremont, and that Jewish candidates have been chosen for the PQ in Notre-Dame-de-Grace (Warren Saks) and D'Arcy McGee (Armand Essiminy).

"When Quebec is as French as the United States is English, or as Israel is Hebrew," Quebec will be better able to address the "complex" issue of individual rights.

In the meantime, Parizeau reassured the audience that Quebec is a "child of Western democracy" and subscribes to the notion of equality before the law and of rights.

Someone in the audience shouted "Comment?" [How?] after growing impatient with Parizeau's vague pronouncements on job opportunities for young people.

He said jobs in the public service, at both provincial and municipal levels, should be more accessible to minorities, but that he does not support setting numerical objectives.

"I say that more the better and as fast as possible. My commitment is in good faith.

"We must make the youth of the cultural communities believe they have a future in Quebec and that they can work here, whether in the public or private sector."

Parizeau then painted a rosy picture of an independent Quebec's economic possibilities. Increasing globalization has shown that even small countries can prosper in a free market, he said.

He outlined steps the PQ will take immediately toward sovereignty if it wins this autumn's election. A referendum can be expected eight to 10 months after it forms the government.

"The question will be very clear: 'Are you in favor of the Quebec government embarking on making Quebec a sovereign country?' "

At the conclusion of the plenary, Bernard stated that "the vast majority" of Quebec Jews are federalists — a statement for which he received sustained applause. Jews, at the same time, "not only accept the French fact, but support it.

"The Jewish community tends to view the issue in the context of human rights. We hope that Quebec will be an open, tolerant and pluralistic society, whatever the outcome of the election.

"We would like the question of national unity resolved once and for all, and soon."

Later, Bernard said he was encouraged by Parizeau's remarks on Jewish schools.

Bernard said he felt it was important for him to tell Parizeau that Jews are strongly federalist because it shows CJC "understanding and reflects the views of the Jewish community."

Premier backs federal system

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The premier affirmed his commitment to the federalist system despite the fact that would entail sometimes "heated" discussions with Ottawa and the other provinces.

He said manpower training, for example, must remain under provincial jurisdiction.

"I don't think it's in our taxpayers' interest to see incursions into the Quebec field of manpower training because we will only be paying more taxes," he said.

However, Johnson said he has faith in the federalist system since "it is the one that provides the largest number of opportunities to make sure that we're full-fledged, influential members of North American society."

The premier praised the Jewish community for choosing Quebec as a place to live.

He was cagey about when he would call the election, which must be held by the end of November.

But he jokingly promised that it would not take place on a Saturday.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI REUBEN POUPKO

And the son of an Israelite woman whose father was an Egyptian went out among the children of Israel; and this son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp. And the son of the Israelite women blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses. (Leviticus XXIV, Verses 10-11.)

The above verses describe the only biblical account of blasphemy. The sages of the Midrash attempt to discover the roots of this crime. The purpose of the inquiry is not solely directed at determining the meaning of a biblical phrase or narrative, but has as its underlying goal an analysis of the causes of the abandonment of normative Jewish practice generally.

Three rabbis of the Midrash, all focusing on the same word, *Vayetze* "and he went out," come to radically different conclusions as to the origins of this event. Rabbi Hiyya, in answer to the question, "From where did he go out?" answers that he left the courtroom of Moses and blasphemed. Rabbi Hiyya explains that as his father was an Egyptian, he was denied residency rights. Among the tribes, the division of space was based on paternal inheritance. According to this view, the crime was generated by a perception of injustice. As Maimonides tells us, any legal system designed for the common good and for normative occurrences inevitably results in cases of unfairness.

Implicit in Rabbi Hiyya's explanation is a demand for compassion and understanding. Although he most certainly subscribes to the divinely mandated punishment, Rabbi Hiyya's commentary steers us away from a simplistic harsh condemnation. It is not contradictory to accept the imperative of severe justice, while at the same time understanding the painful human frailities that can cause so terrible a crime.

Rabbi Berehiah believes that a perception of injustice was not the cause of this event, but rather a posture of cynicism which led our anonymous blasphemer to his fate. *Vayetze* — he "went out" of the proceeding chapter, i.e. he mocked the ritual described just prior to this narrative. The ritual of the Shewbread demanded that bread be baked but not eaten until more than a week later, which inspired the blasphemer to comment, "Kings eat fresh bread." Rabbi Berehiah believes that major crimes evolve from a build-up of cynicism and disregard for that which is held sacred by a community. That seemingly insignificant ridicule of Jewish practices can lead to a violent rejection of Judaism as a whole.

Our third and concluding view is that of Rabbi Levi, who states simply that he went out of his world. Rabbi Levi understands *Vayetze* as describing his fate, not his origins. Because of his words, the blasphemer is condemned to leave his world. Rabbi Levi may believe that sin can be caused by many factors and forces, yet he rejects the inquiry as ultimately without purpose. Expending energy understanding sin, Rabbi Levi believes, can paralyse a society and strip it of the ability to sanction and punish.

The discussion of the Midrashic Rabbis is left unresolved.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko is the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Beth Aron Congregation in Montreal.

Lag b'Omer food favorites

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

I am by nature a city girl. Camping and backpacking sound like a lot of fun, but I'd rather not go any where my hair dryer and hot rollers are unwelcome.

The one exception to this rule is bonfires. I'll go anywhere for a bonfire. Hot dogs and marshmallows roasted over a barbecue grill or in a fireplace sort of loose their magic. That's why Lag b'Omer is such a great holiday. It's the only official bonfire of the year.

There are lots of historical reasons why we celebrate Lag b'Omer. It's a day to celebrate victory over our ancient enemies, a day to honor the memory of Rabbi Shimon Ben Yohai, the learned scholar who allegedly wrote the Zohar, and it's the day we can finally cut 3-year-old boys' hair!

To honor Rabbi Yohai's memory tens of thousands of Jews travel to Meron, an Israeli village near Safed, where he is said to be buried. Huge communal bonfires are lit, people sing, dance and generally celebrate until daybreak. I'm not such a party animal that I feel the need to stay up all night but I do enjoy a good get together.

Another reason Lag b'Omer is right up there with the rest of my favorite holidays is that making food to go along with a bonfire is simple and fast. Anything that lets me have friends over and doesn't take too much work is great. So grab those matches and let the party begin.

WHITE BEAN AND ARTICHOKE SALAD

3 cups well-drained cooked white beans
1 (8 oz.) can drained, quartered, artichoke hearts
⅔ cup diced sweet red peppers
⅓ cup chopped black olives
¼ cup chopped red onion
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
1 tsp. dried mint
¾ tsp. dried basil
⅓ cup olive oil
¼ cup kosher red wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium bowl, combine everything but the oil, vinegar, and salt and pepper. Combine the oil and vinegar and salt and pepper in a closed container and shake well. Pour dressing over salad and toss the salad. Cover and chill for several hours or overnight. Serve cold or at room temperature.

PECAN CRESCENTS

1 lb. salted butter
½ cup powdered sugar
4 cups chopped pecans
4 cups flour
2 tbsp. vanilla
2 tbsp. iced water

Cream butter. Add the powdered sugar and continue mixing. Gradually mix in the pecans and flour. Add the vanilla and ice water. Mix well. Refrigerate one hour. Roll pieces of dough into crescents and bake on lightly greased cookie sheet for 35 minutes at 350. Sift powdered sugar over cookies while still hot. No change for altitude.

PEACHY PUNCH

10 oz. frozen peach slices, partially thawed
6 oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate partially thawed
⅔ cup light rum
12 ice cubes

In a blender, combine peaches, concentrate and rum. Cover and blend 30 seconds. Add ice cubes one at a time and blend until slushy. Pour into a pitcher and garnish with fresh peaches or lemon slices. Serves 6.

Front Line

Italian neo-fascists disavow anti-Semitism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Italians went to the polls last month and threw out the scoundrels, only to find that under a new electoral system they had elected an unprecedented number of neo-fascists to parliament.

Plainly fed up with the corruption and cronyism of past governments, disaffected Italians turned to the Freedom Alliance, a coalition grouping consisting of Silvi Berlusconi's Forza Italia, Umberto Bossi's Northern League — and Gianfranco Fini's National Alliance.

To the shock and consternation of many Italians, the National Alliance — the heir apparent to Benito Mussolini's Fascist party — won 105 of 366 seats in the lower house of parliament, three times the number it held two years ago.

With nearly 17 percent of the seats in parliament, the National Alliance has thus become a force to be reckoned with on the current Italian political scene.

Although the National Alliance has distanced itself from Mussolini's racist, anti-Semitic rhetoric, it is nevertheless a party of the far right, summoning up intimations of Italy's fascist past.

On the day after last month's election, several hundred neo-Nazi skinheads gathered in front of the National Alliance's headquarters in Rome and, in typical fascist fashion, marked the triumph with stiff-arm salutes.

Then, as if to add salt to the wound, Fini told the Turin daily *La Stampa* that he considered Mussolini "the greatest statesman of the century."

Despite this politically incorrect remark, Fini has gone to great lengths to portray the National Alliance as a responsible right-wing party. Indeed, ever since replacing Pino Rauti as leader three years ago, Fini, 43, has reined in the radicals and clarified the party's position on the Holocaust.

In addition to condemning anti-Semitism, Fini has described the Holocaust as "an error that led to horror." And on the eve of last month's election, he made a pilgrimage to the Ardeatine Caves

Benito Mussolini

near Rome, the site of a 1944 German massacre of more than 300 Italians, almost a quarter of whom were Jews.

With these amends, Fini has clearly polished the National Alliance's image. But lingering doubts remain, fed by its origins and, in the words of the World Jewish Congress, its "ambiguous relationship" with Italy's extremist skinhead movement.

The National Alliance emerged shortly after World War II, following the collapse of Mussolini's authoritarian regime. At the outset, Mussolini's Fascist party was not anti-Semitic, and was supported by a surprisingly large number of Jews.

But under Nazi Germany's influence, the party turned xenophobic, anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic. Race laws were unveiled in 1938, and increasingly harsh amendments were subsequently added. Italian Jews were reduced to pariahs, but were not deported until Germany occupied the country in 1943. Altogether, upwards of 8,000 Italian Jews perished during the Holocaust.

With the passing of the Mussolini era, fascism was banned and rendered illegal in Italy. But that didn't stop a band of nostalgic fascists from forming a successor party, the Italian Social Movement, or, as it was known in Italian, the Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI).

The MSI reinvented itself as a conservative party, backed by elements of the petit and middle bourgeoisie, southern landowners, small shopkeepers and some students. Then, as now, it placed special emphasis on a strong central government, law and order and curbs on immigration.

Throughout its existence, the MSI has been a marginal party. In the 1946 general election, the MSI won 2 percent of the vote, picking up six seats in parliament. It fared better in the 1950s, winning the allegiance of 1.5 million voters and capturing 29 parliamentary seats. In the 1963 election, the MSI, with 1.5 million votes, sent 27 representatives to parliament. In 1968, it lost three of its seats. Four years later, the MSI won 55 seats, but lost ground in the 1976 and 1979 elections. The party won 42 seats in 1983, 35 in 1987 and 34 in 1992.

This year, in an effort to enlarge its appeal, the MSI changed its name to the National Alliance, and ran a slate of young, media-wise candidates. One of the most prominent was Mussolini's granddaughter, Alessandra, a 31-year-old movie actress who won a parliamentary seat in Naples. (Curiously enough, in one of her latest films, shot in Israel, she was cast as an Israeli soldier.)

The National Alliance's recent success at the polls comes against the backdrop of a spate of racist incidents which have raised fears of growing intolerance in Italy.

In the main, the violence has been directed against visible minorities, notably new immigrants and refugees from the Third World. But Italy's 35,000 Jews have not been immune.

Since 1992, a number of Jewish shops, schools, cemeteries, community buildings and synagogues throughout the country have been vandalized. And some football games have been punctuated by anti-Semitic chants from spectators.

Meanwhile, in spite of the Vatican's condemnation of anti-Semitism, a survey taken two years ago found that anti-Jewish attitudes permeate sectors of Italian society.

According to the poll, published in the magazine *L'Espresso*, 10 percent of the respondents believed Jews should leave Italy, while 56 percent thought that Jews have a "special relationship with money."

Observers believe that some of the vandalism perpetrated against the Jewish community can be attributed to skinheads, who appear to have an affinity with the National Alliance. The skinheads, who are numerically insignificant, are violently opposed to immigrants and are anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic, according to a report published by the World Jewish Congress.

The upsurge of racial intolerance in Italy, which is echoed elsewhere in Europe, has met with resistance.

In September 1992, the president of Italy, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, paid a visit to Rome's chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, to demonstrate his solidarity with the Jewish community after a series of anti-Semitic incidents.

Two months later, 50,000 Italians, many shouting "Nazis out of the sewers and into the jails" and calling for the disbanding of what is now the National Alliance, marched through Rome in two separate rallies against anti-Semitism.

It might appear to some that anti-Semitism in Italy is growing. But looked at in perspective, anti-Semitism, Italian style, remains a rather low-grade phenomenon, rejected by the majority of Italians.

The emergence of the National Alliance, to be sure, is a worrisome development. But it should be borne in mind that, whatever its shortcomings and historic antecedents, the National Alliance under its present leadership has definitely jettisoned its anti-Semitic legacy.

Sweden shaken by anti-Jewish scandal

By RABBI ROBERT WOLKOFF

An anti-Semitic scandal of unparalleled intensity has broken out in Sweden. A professor of religion at Uppsala University, Jan Bergman, has been exposed as an academically incompetent anti-Semite. The theological faculty and the administration of Uppsala, which came to his defence, were also criticized in the strongest terms.

The intensity of the reaction in Sweden, which exceeds the reaction to the Farrakhan controversy in the United States, is a reflection of both the importance of the figures involved and the history of the conflict, which has been festering for five years.

The issue does not involve gutter demagogues who could be dismissed as representing insignificant, radical fringe groups. Uppsala University, whose prestige has been severely shaken by the affair, has historically been one of the greatest European institutions of higher learning. Bergman is responsible for teaching Judaica to approximately half of those studying to be priests in the Swedish church (of which 85 per cent of Swedes are members), as well as to a large proportion of teachers of religion (a required subject in Swedish schools) and academic researchers.

National media covered the controversy

It is therefore not surprising that the devastating new report by professor Inge Lonning of Oslo University had the impact of a bombshell. The topic has been covered in lengthy segments on Swedish national television and radio, and the op/ed pages of the major newspapers have been covered with articles signed by the most prominent cultural figures in Sweden. The debate involves a long overdue coming to terms with Swedish anti-Semitism, which is characterized by collusion between left-wing academic anti-Zionists, Arab propagandists, Christian theological anti-Semites, and neo-Nazi hate groups.

In the late 1980s, a local radio station in Stockholm, Radio Islam, began broadcasting the most blatantly anti-Semitic programming in all of Europe. The director of the station, Ahmed Rami, was a refugee from Morocco, where he had reportedly been involved in subversive activities. Economic support for Rami, as well as ghost-writing, were provided by Swedish neo-Nazis. In his radio programs he maintained that there was a Zionist conspiracy dominating the Western news media to further the Zionist goal of world domination. He denied the Holocaust as a Zionist "propaganda bluff" (and would later repeatedly invite the French revisionist Faurisson to Sweden as a "guest speaker"). The Jews were sexually obsessed, degenerate, and cruel, he maintained. According to their Bible, it was a mitzvah — a divine commandment — to kill non-Jews.

In 1989, Rami was indicted for "racial incitement," which is forbidden by Swedish law. Immediately Swedish anti-Zionists (among them the internationally known writer Jan Myrdal; the dominant force in the Swedish Green party, Per Gahrton; and the editor of the Swedish Church newspaper, Ingvar Laxvik) came to Rami's defence, arguing that "the Zionist mafia" was attempting to squelch legitimate criticism of "Zionist aggression."

The case came to trial. Enter Jan Bergman as an expert witness for the defence. To a stunned audience (often consisting of Holocaust survivors sitting beside neo-Nazis), Bergman proclaimed that Jews do indeed consider it a mitzvah to kill non-Jews, a mitzvah which to a "large extent" is being applied in Israel today. He went on to say that he could imagine that there were interpretations (none of which he had seen) according to which it would be an even greater mitzvah to kill a non-Jewish child.

During the trial, Bergman consistently refused to condemn any of Rami's statements about Jews as evidence of "contempt" for the Jewish people (a Swedish legal aspect of "ethnic excitement"), or anti-Semitism. In addition, his testimony revealed a striking ignorance of basic Judaica.

Rami was convicted on 17 counts, more than anyone else in Swedish history, and was sentenced to a prison term. Radio Islam was closed down (it reopened briefly, then closed again after a second trial). But the controversy had now shifted from Rami and Radio Islam to Bergman and Uppsala University.

Bergman's testimony triggered a flurry of protest letters (including several by this writer) calling for him to be removed from his responsibilities for teaching Judaica. The university chose to stonewall, using a characteristically Swedish approach of "burying the topic in paragraphs," that is, using the fine print of administrative regulations to divert attention from the obviously outrageous moral and academic issue.

Devastating report brands Bergman an incompetant

Bergman's colleagues were called upon to defend him, which they did unanimously. Administrators who openly admitted they were incompetent in matters of Judaica declared, nevertheless, that Bergman was in no way an anti-Semite, and "had not committed any error in his teaching," Since the university maintained that it had followed "correct procedures" in the matter, those who continued to attack Bergman were criticized for attempting to "undermine academic freedom."

A "war of reports" then began, involving ever-widening circles of Judaica scholars, including Professor R. J. Z. Werblowsky of Hebrew University, whose criticism of Bergman's competence was scathing. Uppsala responded by arguing that Bergman had been misunderstood, misquoted, subject to character assassination, etc.

The person responsible for choosing this line of defence, prefect Sigbert Axelson, has long been one of the most important anti-Zionist theologians in Sweden, as well as a personal friend of Bergman. Last year, a remarkable memo by Axelson was leaked to the press. In it, he described the Israel-led "Zionist conspiracy" within Sweden. Its purpose, he maintained, was to destroy the Swedish church and other major Swedish institutions. The attacks on professor Bergman were, he wrote, only the opening shot in that campaign.

The fact that Axelson was subject to such conspiratorial fantasies further undermined the position of the university. It was, after all, Axelson who was called on by the university to write an "objective" account of the whole affair.

This scandal led to the latest and most serious one. Battered by the criticism, Stig Strömholm, the rector of Uppsala, turned to the former rector of Oslo Univesrsity, Inge Lonning, for a truly objective, definitive, outside examination of Bergman's testimony, as well as the actions of the university and the opinions of the critics.

To everyone's surprise, Lonning's newly released report was devastating. Bergman was indeed, according to the report, incompetent and anti-Semitic. He had not been misquoted at all. On the contrary, his statements were "even worse when seen in context." Axelson's "sloppiness with words was exceeded only by his sloppiness with the truth." The various reports which issued from the university "did nothing to clarify the matter." And the critics were declared to have been right on every point.

Strömholm's initial reaction was to agree fully with the Lonning report. But this means less than first meets the eye. Strömholm has been subject to renewed criticism for again attempting to "bury the topic in paragraphs," accepting the report without taking any steps to correct the situation. He has in turn gone on the offensive, accusing the university's critics of attempting to "undermine the rule of law."

The position of the university continues to be that, in spite of the Lonning report, Jan Bergman will be allowed to teach Judaica until he retires — which won't occur until the turn of the century. Unless something remarkable happens, new generations of students at Uppsala University will, therefore, continue to learn that Jews consider it a mitzvah to kill non-Jews.

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Israel's fickle labor force

The recent wave of terrorism in Israel, the most serious since the late 1960s, could be an opportunity for the Israeli government to finally wean itself off Palestinian labor from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In the wake of the Afula car-bombing incident, perpetrated by Hamas, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sealed off the territories, preventing Palestinian workers from entering sovereign Israel. He took this drastic step to stem the flow of potential terrorists into Israel and to assure jittery Israelis that their safety is of primary importance. Yet, as it turned out, the closure was merely temporary. Last week, Israel eased its ban.

It is, however, in Israel's long range national interest to end its dependence on Palestinian workers beyond the Green Line. It is a fickle labor force, subject to the vagaries of the political and security situation, and thus potentially harmful to the country. Furthermore, the reliance on cheap Palestinian laborers, principally in construction, agriculture and the service industries, slows down Israel's drive to modernize and restructure its economy for the challenges of the next century. Finally, the existence of a Palestinian underclass, which best describes this labor force, demeans and corrupts Israeli society and contradicts the tenets of classical Zionism.

Of course, Israel cannot achieve this goal in one fell swoop. As the occupying power in the territories, Israel is responsible for the well-being of its Arab residents. But in pursuit of this ultimate objective, Israel should pump job-creating funds into the West Bank and Gaza. Last week, in fact, Israel announced it would spend about $14 million for this very purpose. More funds are obviously needed, and perhaps countries like Canada, the United States, Britain, Germany and Japan can contribute.

Eventually, the Palestinians themselves, aided by their friends in the Arab world and elsewhere, will have to build a self-sustaining economy within the parameters of autonomy and self-determination. In the meantime, Israel should do what it can to lessen its dependence on Palestinian workers.

The Waldheim ignominy

In what must be one of the great ironies of history, the spacecraft Voyager, still hurtling through interstellar regions more than two decades after its launching, carries the voice of Kurt Waldheim as Secretary General of the United Nations conveying a message of peace to the citizens of outer space.

The American Justice Department has recently released a 204-page report about Waldheim which might prompt many to suggest that the satellite bearing his cheery message should be immediately recalled. Alas, that is not possible.

The report indicates that "Waldheim assisted or otherwise participated in persecution because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion." It was on the basis of these charges that Waldheim was refused entry to the United States in 1987.

The American Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation concludes in this report that Austria's former president played a part in the transfer of prisoners to the SS for use as slave labor, mass deportations to concentration and death camps, use of anti-Semitic propaganda, mistreatment and execution of Allied prisoners and execution of hostages and other civilians in reprisal acts.

The report says that during his service in the Balkans, Waldheim co-operated with the intelligence arm of the SS. It also indicates that Waldheim failed to rebut the case against him or otherwise demonstrate that he did not engage in activities he has been acccused of participating in.

The Justice Department in Washington adds that on the basis of the strong evidence against Waldheim, it would have been necessary to begin deportation hearings against him if he had been in the United States.

In the post World War II period, Kurt Waldheim the diplomat has always represented himself as an advocate of human rights. In his other incarnation as a junior intelligence officer in the Balkans, Waldheim, under the pretext of military necessity, co-operated in the destruction of human rights and human beings.

It would be salutary for all concerned if Waldheim finally came clean on his wartime activities. Repentance is good for the soul.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ROCKS IN HEAD

If Julian Morgenstern, late of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, thought Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut was "an unsuitable student," then president Morgenstern had "rocks in his head."

Lucille Allen
Congregant since 1940
Holy Blossom Temple
Toronto

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ARAB ATROCITIES

The leader of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, continues his shenanigans in dealing with the media. After seven teenagers, aged 14 to 16, were killed, and about 50 were injured by a suicide bomber in Afulah, Arafat expressed to the media in his typically deceitful manner, that it was the Israeli government's fault because they have not accelerated the peace process and have been dragging their feet as well.

When Baruch Goldstein killed 30 Palestinians in the Hebron massacre, the whole world, including the Jewish world, condemned him. However, when the tables are turned, no Arab leader apologizes for or condemns these acts.

What is it going to take to get the world to realize that the Israelis are bending over backwards and have almost fallen over themselves to make peace? Meanwhile, the world at large continues to gloss over all the blatant acts of Arab terrorism. One would think that over the last 25 years, incidents from the 1972 Olympics murders to the recent bannings of screening the film *Schindler's List* would show the world the Arab mentality.

It seems that the world continues to wear blinders when it comes to atrocities committed by Arabs.

Steven Perel
Toronto

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OTHERS SAVED JEWS

In the April 7 issue of *The CJN* there was a very informative article from Sheldon Kirshner, titled The Holocaust of Hungary. The article gave well deserved credit to the Swedish rescue efforts. I would like to add some more information on the activities of the neutral countries.

Besides Sweden, other countries were making efforts to save Jewish people. These efforts are reported by Randolph L. Braham in *The Politics of Genocide*; and Asher Cohen in *The Halutz Resistence in Hungary*. On the status, as of Nov. 12, 1944, Cohen's book provides the following data on page 185: "The number of protective passes authorized by the authorities at this time was as follows: Switzerland, 7,800; Sweden, 4,500; the Vatican, 2,500; Portugal, 700; Spain, 100."

Braham, on page 1075 of his book, wrote: "Although the Nunciature was authorized to issue only 2,500 such certificates, it actually issued many more." The books quotes 15,000. Similar "irregularities" are recorded with the Swiss Consulate, which issued a further 7,800 passes. Following that, working out of one of the consulate's buildings ("Uveghaz"), thousands more were issued by the Halutz resistance. The Swiss Consulate never protested. On the contrary, they extended help to everybody possessing any of the certificates. I am a witness to it.

With the help of "unauthorized" certificates, my mother came back three times, and my sister four times from the Brickyard and from an already assembled transport.

The Swiss Consulate under the leadership of consul Charles Lutz made extensive efforts, with the passes and other methods, to save Jewish life. These and other activities, are recorded in the books mentioned above.

While Raoul Wallenberg's work and heroism cannot be belittled, the efforts of others must also be acknowledged. Indeed one may wonder what would have been the direction of the rescue missions without Wallenberg.

George Salamon
Brampton

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WE'RE BLUSHING

It has been over 44 years since I left Canada and last read a Canadian Jewish newspaper — I then read the English page in the *Toronto Hebrew Journal* which I bought daily — and now I have two copies of your weekly newspaper! My reactions were so strong that I feel obligated to relate them to you.

Please accept my congratulations on achieving what is so apparently your intention — that it be a "family" newspaper, and the family to which I refer is that of the entire Canadian Jewish community. By your complete open-mindedness, you have succeeded in bringing together, within these several pages, all aspects and opinions that are to be found within the community: religious and non-religious; pro-Zionist and those who are indifferent to Zionism; the socially active and those who have isolated themselves from the community; the various and numerous expressions of what is generally termed as being "cultural"; and the inclusion of whatever news from wherever it may come that touches upon our lives and feelings as Jews. I sincerely believe that your newspaper plays a great role in binding the Jewish community together.

(Your modesty must not prevent you from printing the above!)

Here in Israel we dedicate the day preceding our Day of Independence as a Day of Remembrance (Yom Zikaron), for those who gave their lives before and after the recreation of our existence as an independent entity — this year 2nd of Iyar (April 13).

Two of those who will be remembered came from Toronto. They were members of Hashomer Hatzair, the Chalutz youth movement. Lilik Krongold died defending the Canadian-American kibbutz, Ein Hashofet, in 1937. Sydney "Shaya" Rubinoff, who was a close personal friend of mine, died while attacking the police-fortress of Latrun, held by the Jordanian Arab Legion — against mortars and machine-guns, with only rifles in their hands, in the unsuccessful attempt to relieve the besieged city of Jerusalem, in 1948.

Ezra Halevi
Moshav-Shitufi "Habonim"
Israel

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A GOOD EDITORIAL, BUT . . .

Re: Editorial, Precious Causes (*CJN*, April 14).

Congratulations on finally having a Canadian content editorial.

However, your writer, who obviously used the press release on the National Jewish education conference while praising Winnipeg and mentioning the federations' concerns, neglected to mention that the sponsors for this seventh national conference are the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

I guess in the enthusiasm of finally being Canadian this obvious omission is understandable.

David Satok
Toronto

Dry Bones

ISRAEL IS IMPORTING FOREIGN WORKERS INSTEAD OF GAZANS!!
BUT IF GAZA IS PALESTINE ..THEN GAZANS ARE ALSO FOREIGN WORKERS.
SO?
SO YOU CAN'T SAY WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
WATCH ME!
ISRAEL IS IMPORTING FOREIGN WORKERS INSTEAD OF GAZANS!!

Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate

About people who say: 'Let's be fair to the Nazis'

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I read that Universal Studios will not screen *Schindler's List* in a number of Muslim countries, such as Syria, Iraq and Pakistan. Therefore, I was not overly surprised when I heard on the radio that Malaysia (which is largely Muslim) had banned the showing of the film. Since then, the government has changed course, but it is not clear how and in what form the movie might be shown after all.

What intrigued me was the reason which the Malaysian government originally gave that: "the film was pure Jewish propaganda, and very one-sided."

Obviously, this was a political move which had nothing to do with film-making and everything with how that particular nation sees the Jews and understands history.

Understandably Malaysia feels a strong affinity with other Muslim countries, many of which have largely Arab populations. Now these countries have been the traditional enemies of Israel, and consequently anything that shows the Jewish state (and by extension, Jews in general) in a favorable light is by definition objectionable to them. Their people must not be exposed to a view which runs counter to what they have been fed all these decades, and not only is Israel an enemy of humanity but so are the Jews as a people. *The Elders of Zion* are found in book stores of most of these lands and are avidly consumed; the Jew who in medieval Europe was the devil incarnate has moved to Arab/Muslim countries. If Arabs were not themselves Semites it would be fair to say that anti-Semitism is well and alive in that populous part of the world. Therefore anything that shows Jews in a way that would lead the viewer to sympathize with them is politically incorrect.

Rabbi Plaut

But more, Jews in *Schindler's List* are portrayed as victims of unrelenting, unlimited cruelty. Now, the image of the Jews (and especially Israelis) as victims, runs counter to a perception that these nations want to foster, that Jews (Israel) are victimizers rather than victims. Thinking along these lines has been around for quite some time and is not surprising. In fact, one might have expected it.

What was unexpected however was the added reason the radio announcer transmitted to us about the thinking of the Malaysian government at the time. It was the statement that the film was deemed "too one-sided."

The Malaysian government evidently thought that showing Jews as victims and Nazis as victimizers represented an unfair balance. After all, the picture did not reveal how "brave" the executioners were who gassed the Jews. It did not show how the Nazi guards loved their dogs or explain how careful camp commander Goeth was in his trarget practice when he shot only one Jew at a time. Something along these lines.

Or perhaps we should have been instructed about the ecological concerns of the Nazis who wanted to make sure that the Zyklon-B gas would kill only Jews and not, by mistake, such innocents as frogs or insects. Also, was it fair to show only how successful Oskar Schindler was in deceiving his superiors? Should we not have also seen, how thorough and mechanically perfect they were in dispatching six million? All told therefore, so the obvious reasoning of the original censor was, the film is one-sided. The good side of the Nazi killers was never exposed. I like to think that in the end the Malaysian government itself found this reasoning of dubious worth.

Meanwhile, the Holocaust is being denied altogether in many parts of the world. Since *Schindler's List* indubitably strikes a blow at this lie it is considered to be against the interest of many states. When push comes to shove, truth often lose out to politics — at least in the short haul. But history has its own way of progressing slowly and inexorably, and in the long run people will want to see what their government has banned or has declared unwelcome. It usually works that way.

American foreign aid proposal worries some

By DEBORAH KALB
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The pro-Israel community is keeping a close eye on the Clinton administration's ambitious plan to revamp foreign aid, as the proposal begins to make its way through Congress.

Designed to bring foreign aid out of what the administration considers an obsolete Cold War aid structure, the plan would allow a continuation of Israel's $3 billion annual installment of U.S. foreign aid, at least for now.

But despite this reassurance, some backers of Israel — while supportive of the overall concept of foreign aid reform — are concerned about elements of the reform plan.

For example, the revamped aid plan would switch from the decades-old system of providing aid to specific countries to a new format whereby aid is designated based on broad international objectives.

The administration has called for $21 billion in fiscal year 1995 on spending on international affairs, of which $14 billion would go to foreign aid.

The objectives include building democracy, promoting sustainable development and promoting peace.

Aid for Israel and Egypt, the Camp David countries, is found under the "promoting peace" category, and accounts for the majority of aid that would be disbursed in that category under the administration's plan.

The "promoting peace" category totals $6.4 billion, of which $5.5 billion would go to regional peace and security.

Egypt receives $2.1 billion annually.

"The priority we attach to peace in the Middle East is reflected by the fact that our request this year is $5.2 billion, $5.1 billion of which would go for Israel and Egypt, the same level as last year," Secretary of State Warren Christopher recently told the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

The sense among some pro-Israel activists is that Israel will emerge with its aid intact.

Congress will only be interested in tinkering with parts of the foreign aid system that do not work, and aid to Israel does not fall into that category, these activists argue.

But some in the pro-Israel community continue to worry that if aid to Israel is formally justified solely on the basis of the Middle East peace process, the aid will not necessarily be guaranteed in the long run.

"What if Israel is at peace with some neighbors but not Iran and Iraq, or if the peace process breaks down completely?" one Hill staffer asked. "The language (in the administration proposal) is so narrow."

Others worry that the formulation in the new plan discounts Israel's value to the United States as a democratic ally in the Middle East.

At a recent hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Eric Fingerhut (D-Ohio) touched on these concerns.

Fingerhut asked Christopher whether placing all the aid to Israel and Egypt under the "promoting peace" category might result in "conveying a different message than we wish to convey about the strategic importance of the democracy and the open election processes in the Middle East."

Christopher said that "the first step here has to be to end the conflict which has just monopolized the attention of most of the countries in that area."

He added, however, that "in the longer term we obviously will be promoting democracy there as well."

While most of the pro-Israel community has been supportive of the Clinton administration's approach to Israel and do not think he would act to harm the Jewish state, they worry about how this aid system — which would place more decisions in the hands of the executive branch — would be used in the hands of a less-sympathetic administration.

"We basically trust the Clinton administration to be pro-Israel, but the law could be in effect for 30 years like the last one," said one Capitol Hill staffer. "We are going to want language that is more protective of Israel."

The current foreign aid system was enacted in 1961.

Another concern involves the administration's desire to eliminate "earmarks" — the congressional designations of how specific money is to be spent.

Some pro-Israel activists say this battle is not new. They note that past administrations and Congresses have fought over earmarks and over who has the final say on how U.S. dollars are spent.

They also point out that the fight over earmarks extends beyond aid to Israel and even beyond foreign aid.

But other pro-Israel sources say they are worried about this latest battle to get rid of earmarks, because with fewer earmarks, and in the context of foreign aid reform, pro-Israel members of Congress would have less say over the specifics of Israel's aid package.

The administration, for its part, seems to have concluded that earmarks for aid to Israel and Egypt are inevitable, at least for the time being.

In response to a question from Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) at recent Senate hearings, Christopher acknowledged that "ultimately we did support an earmark for Egypt and Israel. We began the year hoping those could be avoided and that assurances could be given by consultation, but we did ultimately support an earmark for Egypt and Israel."

Christopher added, "We'd like to start out with a no-earmark bill, but I'm realistic enough to know that we'll probably end up where we did last year."

"The Israel earmark is around for a few more years," predicted one Hill aide, at least in part because it is "one of the only main consensus issues left for the Jewish community."

For the still-strong Jewish lobby, the aide said, "the $3 billion earmark is still the rallying cry."

At a recent House hearing, Christopher reiterated the administration's support for Israel and for keeping Israel's aid levels constant in the future, especially as Israel continues with the peace process.

"Israel's security is extremely important to us. It has the highest priority and I think particularly as Israel takes risks for peace, the United States needs to respond in a way to give reassurance by our aid levels," the secretary said.

Jewish leaders have been assured repeatedly by the administration that Israel's aid will remain intact for now.

But some pro-Israel sources on Capitol Hill have expressed concern about what will happen to other longtime practices, such as congressional designations of exactly how and when and under what circumstances aid to Israel is disbursed, in a future with fewer earmarks.

"We want to find out what to substitute for that if there are no earmarks," one Hill aide commented.

And some in the Jewish community are looking to the long term, concerned that competition for foreign aid will increase, and that Israel, the largest recipient of foreign aid, will be the focus of much of this attention.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, for example, is studying the long-term implications of foreign aid reform.

Overall, some pro-Israel sources on the Hill believe that the administration's proposal will be changed as it goes through the relevant committees dealing with foreign aid.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, for example, has a good proportion of pro-Israel members, they note.

Some are watching closely to see if both houses of Congress actually decide to move on the reform plan this year.

And some think foreign aid reform will not pass this year.

"I'm doubtful it's going to happen," said one Hill staffer. "It's an election year, and foreign aid votes are really unpopular, especially in an election year."

The plan is "an exercise in theory," the staffer said. "If the Jewish community doesn't support it, it's not going to pass."

Honeymoon in Jerusalem had a lasting impact

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

We spent our honeymoon in Jerusalem, and found it to be a place of permanence rooted in the scrub-covered hills surrounding the city, in the twisting alley-ways, in the milky beige of the building stones, in the tree-lined residential streets, in the golden light.

Yet, the result of spending time in this city of solidity is the counterpoint to permanence: change, because the place has such tremendous personal impact. Jerusalem made changes in me and in my family, changes that have become almost second nature in the fifteen years since that honeymoon. But the upcoming May 9 celebration of Jerusalem Day, Yom Yerushalayim, provokes me to relive our weeks there.

Conflict and politics have changed Jerusalem since we visited. I don't think I'd shop alone in the shouk today, or walk some of the neighborhoods I strolled in 1979, or when we revisited the city in 1981. But even the passage of so much time has not dimmed the friendships we made or lessened the clarity of our memories.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

We lived for two weeks of our eight-week trip (I can no longer imagine being able to put such a long vacation together; even then with no kids and few responsibilities, it took a year of planning) in a room in a boarding house near the prime minister's residence. The house was in a shade-dappled neighborhood of embassies and grand old homes now carved into apartments or rent-a-rooms like ours. We had hot water two hours a day (and then you had to be first in the shower), we hung our laundry on a clothesline that stretched across the room, and we laughed at the idea of cucumbers and tomatoes for breakfast, even as we demolished every bite the landlady set out on her oil-cloth covered table.

Then we moved into the apartment we had rented, sight unseen, for the rest of our stay. Through correspondence, we leased the one-bedroom flat of a professor who was spending the summer in the United States.

The professor's daughter met us at the door of the apartment on a Thursday afternoon. She gave us the key and took us on a two-minute tour. "Well," she said, "here's the living room, here's the bedroom and the bath, and here's the kitchen. The right side is fleishig; the left side is milchig." And then she left.

One glitch: as of that instant, I had never spent more than five minutes in a kosher kitchen. I had never cooked a kosher meal in my life. I knew nothing about keeping kosher, nothing at all.

I was terrified that I would ruin the man's kitchen. I was scared to touch anything. We ate nothing but eggs and potatoes for three days. I got very brave on Sunday and added eggplant, tomatoes and onions, but that was it until Monday when I started Judaic study classes and prevailed upon a senior classmate to come home with me and tell me what to do.

I changed in Jerusalem: I have kept a kosher kitchen ever since.

The apartment was in a relatively new building, part of a complex circling a hidden courtyard in the Old City. The narrow path around the square garden connected to the Old City's web of paths. We often felt, as we sat on our front step and watched the passing parade, that if we stayed there long enough, every type of person in the world would go by. We saw chic women in designer fashions, black-coated yeshivah students debating as they passed by, small Arab boys leading laden donkeys.

We could walk from the apartment to Jaffa Gate, to the vegetable market, to the Western Wall. The courtyard path led to the rest of the world and to the rest of our marriage. Like so much else, our marriage started in Israel, in Jerusalem, awash in gold light, capable of change, rooted in the promise of permanence.

Features

Mandela praises Jewish community

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Barring an astonishing reversal, Nelson Mandela is likely to become South Africa's next president after its first multiracial general election this week.

It is a pivotal moment in Africa's often turbulent history. After decades of apartheid, in which non-whites were repressed and disenfranchised, a black man will probably assume the presidency.

A prisoner of conscience for many years and currently the president of the African National Congress, Mandela has both comforted and alienated South Africa's influential Jewish community, the largest in Africa.

Within months of being released from prison in February 1990, Mandela told American Jewish leaders in a meeting in Geneva that he sympathized with "the struggles of the Jewish people and their persecution," that he had been "very much influenced by the lack of racialism" among Jews, and that he had resisted pressure from Libya, an ally, to eliminate Jewish participation in the ANC.

Today, four Jews are among the top 50 names on the ANC's slate of electoral candidates — Joe Slovo, Ronnie Kasrils, Raymond Suttner and Gill Marcus.

Mandela has been quoted as saying that he has been inspired by three former Israeli prime ministers — David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Menachem Begin. Ben-Gurion, because of his vision of statehood; Meir, because of her opposition to apartheid while serving as Israel's foreign minister; and Begin, because of his ideas on armed revolt as a means of achieving national independence.

In the past two years, Mandela, who has surrounded himself with Jewish advisors, has singled out Jews for praise and sought to assure South African Jews that they have nothing to fear in the new South Africa.

In an apparently unsolicited Passover message in 1992, Mandela referred to South African Jewry's "particularly outstanding contribution" to his people's "struggle for freedom and social justice."

He added that Jews had made contributions "second to none" to South Africa's development.

Less than a year later, Mandela spoke of the "common interests" of blacks and Jews and of their history of cooperation against apartheid.

Most recently, he said that Jews in disproportionate numbers had been involved in the battle for democracy, and that an ANC government would respect Jewish communal institutions and never indulge in anti-Semitism.

Mandela's remarks with regard to Israel and Zionism have not been as reassuring.

Nelson Mandela

In a speech delivered in Lusaka, Zambia, in 1990, Mandela compared the ANC's struggle with that of the Palestinians, and wished PLO chairman Yasser Arafat success in combating "a unique form of colonialism.".

These statements were not surprising, given the ANC's brotherly ties with the PLO and Israel's close relationship with the white minority South African government.

But shortly afterward, in his meeting with American Jews in Switzerland, Mandela claimed that his comments had been misunderstood. "The ANC accepts unequivocably the existence of... Israel," he was quoted as saying. "We have never hesitated in that. We accept it not only de facto, but also its legal right to exist. We accept that ...Israel, like any other state, must exist within secure borders."

During his first visit to the United States in 1990, Mandela was asked to state his view of the United Nations' 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

He replied: "It depends what is meant by Zionism. If Zionism means the right of Israel to occupy lands of other countries like the Golan Heights, West Bank, the Gaza Strip, then I condemn that. But if Zionism means the desire of the Jewish community to have their own state, then I support it."

In the same year, Mandela described Arafat as a "comrade in arms," and declared that he identified with the PLO because, "just like ourselves, they are fighting for the right of self-determination."

Although Jewish groups were critical of these observations, the Israeli UN representative played down Israel's differences with Mandela and focused on his remarks supporting Israel's right to exist.

On his second trip to the United States in 1991, shortly after the Madrid peace process got under way, Mandela characterized as obsolete the UN resolution linking Zionism with racism. (The resolution was eventually repealed.) Expressing support for direct Arab-Israeli talks, Mandela reiterated his view of Zionism, spoke warmly of the involvement of Jews in the ANC, and thanked the Jewish lawyers who had represented him and other black leaders in bygone South African trials.

Since Mandela's transformation into South Africa's most important black politician, Israel has courted him and the ANC assiduously.

Israel's foreign minister, Shimon Peres, has met with Mandela at the UN. And Israel's ambassador in Pretoria, Alon Liel, has invited Mandela and other black leaders to Israel. Mandela has accepted the invitation in principle, but no date has been set. In January 1993, the first ANC delegation, drawn from its Youth League, arrived in Israel. Last October, the leaders of eight South African political organizations, including the ANC, were in Israel.

Last year, Liel urged the Zionist Federation to enter into dialogue with the ANC. "Do it now," he advised. "Do it before they are too busy to receive you."

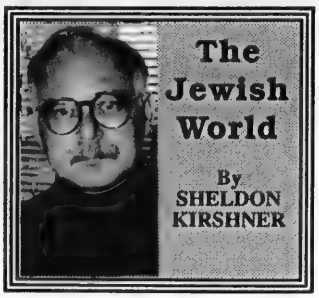
While building bridges to the ANC and the non-white community, Israel has been careful to preserve its good relations with the current South African government, headed by President F.W. de Klerk.

In November 1991, de Klerk paid an official visit to Israel, the first by a South African leader since 1975. Israel paved the way for de Klerk's trip by lifting economic and cultural sanctions it had imposed on South Africa in March 1987 under pressure from the United States.

De Klerk promised that the "new South Africa" would remain a "trustworthy friend," and Israel and South Africa signed a memorandum of understanding for closer economic ties.

Israel's military relationship with South Africa is reportedly intact. Israel has supplied South Africa with missile boats, reconnaissance aircraft and technical information on ballistic missiles and the manufacture of fighter jets.

Israel is said to have cooperated with South Africa in the field of nuclear weapons, but such reports have not been substantiated.



Our parents and grandparents personally remember that era, that depressing time when European Jews were taken to the slaughter and the world more or less looked on indifferently.

We know now that untold numbers of Jews could have been saved during the Holocaust if Western countries, including Canada and the United States, had made greater efforts to provide them with a sanctuary.

Anyone who's read Irving Abella's and Harold Troper's classic, *None Is Too Many*, realizes that Canada displayed a mean-spirited attitude toward Jewish refugees in their hour of duress.

And those who've perused the books of Arthur Morse and David Wyman know all too well that the United States was not much better in this respect.

This point, which is no longer in any real dispute, was magnified recently by a chilling PBS documentary, *America and the Holocaust: Deceit and Indifference*.

The gist of it is that the liberal Roosevelt administration, supposedly a friend of American Jews, did not do enough for endangered Jewish refugees desperate to flee Nazi persecution.

Indeed, the State Department played down the known facts about the Holocaust as a matter of policy and prejudice.

Of course, these are not shocking revelations which have suddenly come to light. The value of *America and the Holocaust* is that it documents the facts in clear, unambiguous language, faithfully mirroring the times.

Context is important. U.S. policy did not emerge in a vacuum. It was basically a function of a widespread anti-Semitic climate which pervaded American society before World War II, a fact of life to which older generations can attest.

U.S. & the Holocaust

To be sure, America was not like Nazi Germany or fascist Italy and Hungary. Official anti-Semitism, promoted and encouraged by the government, simply did not exist. In this sense, American Jews were blessed. On an informal level, however, anti-Semitism bit deeply into the American Jewish psyche.

Jews were subjected to blatant prejudice in the labor market; newspaper job ads blandly indicated a preference for Christians. Resorts and hotels did not welcome Jewish guests. Universities were reluctant to hire Jews. Nativist congressmen spewed anti-Semitic filth, and the Rev. Charles Coughlin's anti-Jewish diatribes on radio reached more than three million listeners. Furthermore, public opinion polls revealed that innumerable gentiles considered American Jews a "menace" who should be "restricted."

American immigration laws reflected this ethnocentrism. In 1939, the United States turned away the St. Louis, a German ship carrying Jewish refugees. President Roosevelt let die a bill which would have admitted 20,000 Jewish children, while Congress passed legislation allowing British children to enter the country.

In essence, Jewish refugees were perceived as a "threat," and no U.S. government agency personified this philosophy more than the conservative State Department and Assistant Secretary of State Breckenbridge Long.

A Roosevelt appointee, Long endorsed this anti-alien bigotry. To be fair, he also feared that German spies would be infiltrated into America disguised as refugees. Long thus instructed U.S. embassies and consulates "to put every obstacle in the way" of refugees applying for visas. As a result, numerous refugees perished, including the parents of Kurt Klein, a German Jew whose heart-rending story is skillfully woven into the fabric of *America and the Holocaust*.

Bowing to pressure exerted by Robert Morgenthau, the secretary of the treasury, the United States established the War Refugee Board in 1944 to assist imperilled Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. It rescued approximately 200,000 Jews, yet its recommendation that Auschwitz be bombed was flatly rejected by the U.S. War Department, despite Allied bombing raids against nearby oil refineries which accidentally killed 85 Auschwitz inmates.

One is numbed and saddened by the callousness which dominated U.S. refugee policy. It's a shameful period we mustn't forget.

Belly dancers not kosher

By CARL ALPERT

The dictionary defines a belly dance as an Oriental solo dance performed by a woman with midriff exposed, emphasizing movements of the pelvis and abdominal muscles. To some Israelis it is a rather vulgar dance with sexual insinuations. To other Israelis, those who come from Middle Eastern countries and constitute more than half the population, it is an esthetic performance, part of the ethnic folk culture of the region, and frequently performed at joyous family celebrations like weddings or even bar mitzvahs. The dance costume is far from daring, and is much more tantalizing than revealing.

But to the judiciary, the legal community and the rabbinate, the belly dance may become the subject of a delicate controversy with far-reaching implications. Governments in Israel have risen and fallen on issues far less significant.

It is estimated that some 60 women earn their livelihood in Israel as exponents of the belly dance, and some have achieved national reputations for their sinuous skill in undulating the flesh. During the past year, however, the girls were alarmed to note a drastic dropping off in orders for their services. An inquiry quickly revealed the reason. Owners of the popular catering halls, where most weddings are held, informed the family celebrants that belly dancers must not appear on their premises because of threats from the rabbinate.

"We have been told in very clear terms that any caterer who permits a belly dancer to perform in his wedding hall will lose his kashrut certificate — and that would be equivalent to putting us out of business," more than one caterer told the girls.

American-born belly dancer Ilana Raskin was not one to acquisece quietly, and she sought the intervention of Israel's High Court of Justice. The judges took their time, but last May they handed down their ruling, saying that a kashrut certificate refers to the religious acceptability of the food served, and the fact that belly dancers may appear on the premises cannot be a consideration in the withholding or cancellation of such certificates.

Business withering away following ruling

The girls were jubilant, but business did not pick up. To the contrary, some contracts already signed were cancelled. Sephardi families, anxious to give their festivities a true Middle Eastern flavor, were equally indignant, but the caterers were adamant. Sure, the rabbis declare that they accept the court order that they desist from their policy; they will not put themselves in the position of showing contempt of court, but they make it very clear to the caterers that any hall where a belly dancer appears will find its kashruth observance given the most severe scrutiny.

A once flourishing business of belly dance entertainment in towns where there is a large North African population, like Ashdod, Kiryat Malachi, Safed, Tiberias and others, is simply withering away. The girls organized a guild, and a delegation of 10 of them (fully clothed) called on the religious council in Ashdod to protest a specific case. The rabbis stood firm, and the girls vowed that next time they would come in their dance costumes, and with an orchestra.

The religious functionaries maintain that the dances are provocative, that men in the audience are free and easy with their hands. The girls charge a relatively modest fee, compared to the tariff demanded by other top entertainers, but their income is augmented considerably by tips of "encouragement" in the form of paper money tucked under their shoulder straps or into their bodices during the performance.

The men are never permitted to become too intimate, and anyone who says otherwise has never seen a truly esthetic performance, the dancers say. Furthermore, Sephardi women and wives are among the most appreciative observers of their act.

The girls demand their rights. The rabbis stand firm, despite the court injunction. And the caterers, in the middle, refuse to endanger their own livelihood by antagonizing those who sign the kashrut papers.

The Israel Civic Rights Association is taking the matter very seriously, especially in view of the court ruling. Belly dancing may yet become a major cause celebre in Israel, but meanwhile, the poor caterers tremble as the rabbis strike at their most vulnerable point — the soft under belly of their business, as it were.

Eisen, Masters named UJA co-chairs

TORONTO — Long-time Jewish activist Wendy Eisen and veteran Toronto lawyer Bob Masters will be leading next year's United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign.

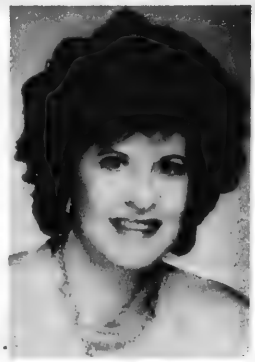
Eisen began her association with UJA 32 years ago in Montreal; Masters has also been involved with UJA throughout his life.

The primary goal for the incoming campaign chairs is to surpass last year's unprecedented total of $40 million. Another priority is to increase UJA's base of 30,000 donors and 2,000 volunteers to better meet community needs.

"Public funds for human services have been reduced," says Eisen. "Yet the number of people who need help has increased. So UJA requires more community involvement to strengthen its commitment and compassion for the needy."

Masters is proud of the way in which UJA has ensured the existence of essential services for Jews in Toronto and around the world.

"The funds we raised have sheltered the homeless and supplied the elderly with quality health care.



Wendy Eisen

Bob Masters

UJA proceeds permit thousands of children to receive a Jewish education. UJA contributions helped to free some of the war ravaged residents of Sarajevo and resettle them successfully in Israel."

Eisen and Masters plan to ask everyone participating in the 1995 campaign to bring in new people, with university students receiving a special pitch.

However, both leaders want to hear other ideas about expanding UJA's corps of contributors and volunteers.

Eisen remembers her first $15 campaign donation to Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal in 1962, when she was a new bride. That was the year she chaired the Appeal's Young Marrieds division.

"I walked up two and three flights of stairs in small apartment buildings to retrieve contributions of one and two dollars."

By the time Eisen moved to Toronto in 1981, she had progressed well beyond her original $15, eventually chairing UJA's Atrarah division for major women's campaign contributors.

Masters recalls being challenged by former campaign co-chair Paul Morton "to give something back to the Jewish community." That's exactly what he's prepared to do — "devote all the time that's required to the task."

Above all, Eisen and Masters recognize that today's UJA must move in different directions to attract new contributors.

They succeed 1994 campaign chairs Lawrence Bloomberg and Lawrence Fein.

Baycrest fundraiser planned

TORONTO — The Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is holding it annual fundraising event, Night of Nights, May 3.

The black-tie party takes place in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre, and features a silent auction, a casino and two dozen models wearing clothes selected by fashion mogul Milli Gould.

For 23 years, Gould has turned a one-room shop in Hamilton, Ont., into an international fashion oasis. Shops across North America carry her house label, while she imports top European lines at home.

Proceeds from this year's Night of Nights will be used for special care programs for elderly patients and residents at Baycrest Centre.

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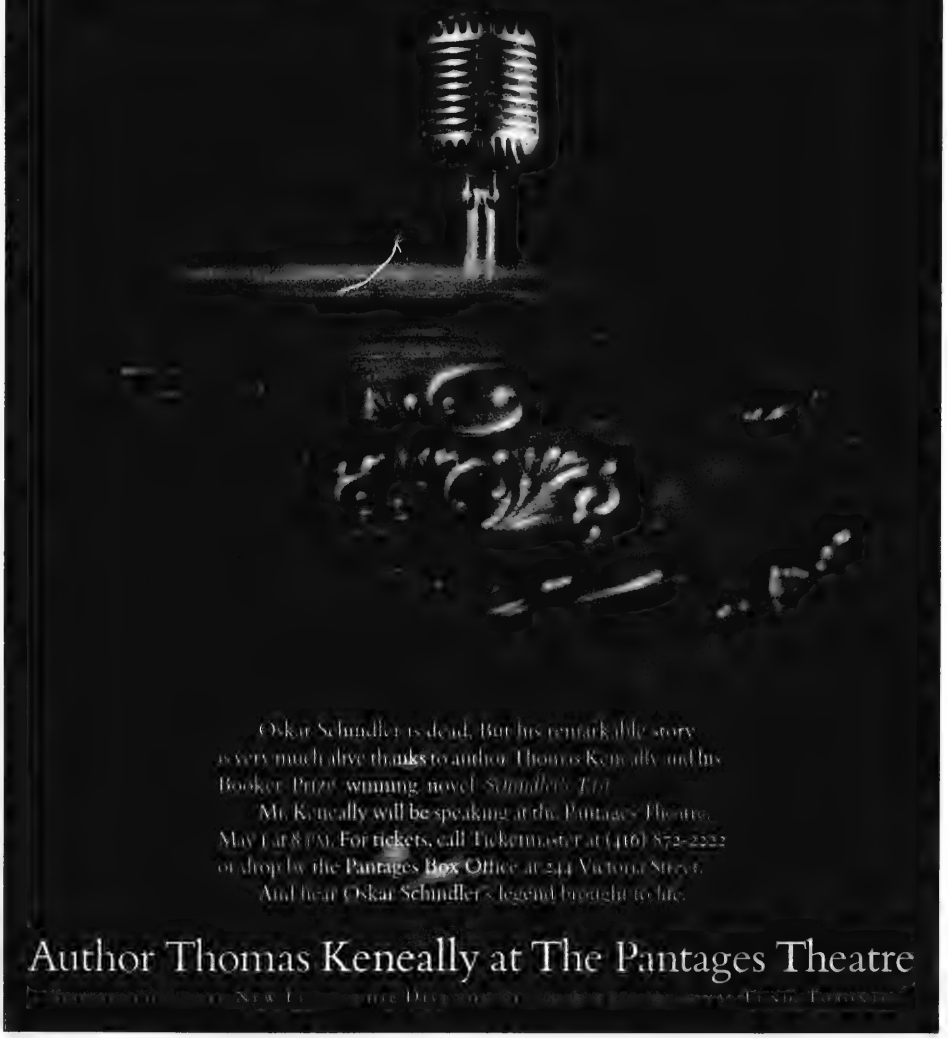

Oskar Schindler is dead. But his remarkable story is very much alive thanks to author Thomas Keneally and his Booker Prize winning novel *Schindler's List*.
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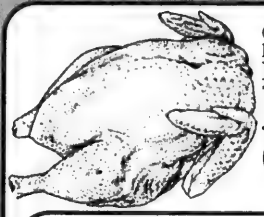

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Keneally's tale brought Schindler back to life

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The serendipity with which writer Thomas Keneally discovered the story of Oskar Schindler is fast approaching the stuff of urban legend.

En route to his native Australia from Italy one day in the early 1980s, Keneally stopped over in Los Angeles. Needing a new piece of baggage, he made his way to a posh Beverly Hills luggage shop, whose owner, Leopold Page, (ne Poldek Pfefferberg) was a *Schindlerjude* — one of the 1,100 Jews who cheated death by working in Schindler's enamelware and armaments factories.

Page had been hawking the remarkable story of the wartime profiteer and unlikely savior of Jews since the 1950s. At one point in the '60s, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer expressed serious interest in a film and even commissioned a screenplay. But nothing panned out.

Hearing that Keneally was an accomplished writer with some two dozen books to his name, Page dug into his own briefcase and pulled out Schindler's story.

Keneally, a macho-type writer whose ouevre included historically-based fictionalized accounts of war, adventure and mystery, was attracted to the project for two reasons: the ambiguousness of the main character and an innocent wonderment over why anyone would consider it essential to the future of Western civilization that Poldek Pfefferberg be murdered.

In 1982, *Schindler Ark* appeared in the U.K. and won that year's most prestigious British literary award, the Booker Prize for Fiction.

The following year, the American title, *Schindler's List*, won the 1983 Los Angeles Times Prize for Fiction.

Thomas Keneally

Quite a splash by an Aussie, who by his own admission "did not intend to ever write anything about the Holocaust because I thought, probably quite correctly, that it had nothing to do with me."

It's the kind of tale, touched by fate and luck, that Keneally loves to recount. No doubt he'll mention the origins of his most famous book this Sunday (May 1) at the Pantages Theatre, where he's scheduled to address an evening sponsored by the new leadership division of Jewish National Fund.

Not that the film version of *Schindler's List* needs any more hype. Steven Spielberg's epic scooped up seven Academy Awards, countless other accolades around the world and is being nearly revered as one of the most powerful Holocaust teaching tools ever.

Keneally doesn't mind that his book, now selling briskly, is riding on the coat-tails of the movie's popularity. (His other books, he chuckles, are selling too "by the pull of their big sister, Miss List.") While many authors scoff at and even disavow Hollywood treatments of their work, Keneally calls it "a very fine film, possibly a classic.

"My first impulse was to compare it with *Lawrence of Arabia*," he told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, responding politely to the same query for probably the umpteenth time. "But unlike Lawrence, the issues in the film are very much alive and close to the nerve endings of all of the populace, whether they be neo-Nazis, gentiles of goodwill or Jews.

"I couldn't believe the narrative authority that operated in the film. I was very impressed. It's a massive piece of work."

But how close is it to his book and the main character, who, on the page, was a much more three-dimensional character, warts and all?

"A film is not a video representation of a book. A film has such a different focus that it's almost inevitable a lot about it will be a drastic departure from the book.

"But within those obvious limits, I thought it was a magnificent film."

On the other hand, Keneally is quick to add that he would have changed "a few scenes," among them, the one in which Schindler breaks down in tears, wishing he had saved more of "his" Jews.

"The survivors say it wasn't in his character to break down," the author notes. "He already had a bulging factory. He was just about at his limit.

"But you can't be as subtle in a movie as in a book. I recognize there were certain dramatic imperatives behind that scene and I don't think it adds or subtracts from the film's authority."

And what of Oskar Schindler himself? He's depicted in the film as a womanizer and bon vivant but also as a cunning war profiteer who joined the Nazi party mainly to make a buck.

"Oh, he was a sincerely venal man," says Keneally, matter-of-factly, "but he was not a cruel man. From the start, he was not interested in having atrocities occur on his factory floor.

> *Invoked some literary license*

"He was not a linear human being. You couldn't add him up or resolve his motivation, even though it was obvious that pure altruism entered at a number of points. This made him very human."

Even more human, it seems, than the film shows. The "historical" Schindler made money from his Nazi connections, but at the same time betrayed SS secrets in Axis capitals like Vienna and Budapest and supplied information to various Resistance movements about the death camps. He also spent his money on food for his charges.

That was as he was boozing and cavorting with his Nazi buddies.

Keneally concedes having invoked some literary license for his book. Because he made up so much of the dialogue, he calls it, paradoxically, a "non-fiction novel."

There is even a story behind the two titles.

Keneally prefered *Schindler's Ark*, and the British publisher agreed.

But in the United States, the author recounts he was told the word ark could offend, as it implied that Jews went passively to the deaths, as animals being loaded onto an ark.

"I meant the word ark as in Ark of the Covenant — the covenent between Schindler and his Jews. But they [the American publisher] weren't having that."

Keneally also has his theories on why the film has been banned in several Muslim countries.

"Their perception is that by acknowledging the Holocaust, you're offering right-wing extremists in Israel a sanction for doing whatever they wish to Palestinians. [To them], mentioning the Holocaust is a Zionist act.

"I just don't subscribe to that philosophy, but it's powerful."

And it turns out *Schindler's List* is not the first book by Keneally to be made into a movie. A few years back, film buffs may remember an Australian rendition of his book, *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*.

Now, the producers of the Irish film *The Commitments* are interested in making a film version of Keneally's *Flying Hero Class*, while the British duo of Merchant and Ivory, best known for *Howard's End* and *Remains of the Day* have teamed with Australia's Peter Weir to base a film on Keneally's *Playmaker*.

But it was the story of Oskar Schindler — as only a writer could put it — "that came raveling out at me from the undergrowth, and grabbed me."

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Organizations and People

Racism poses a threat to B.C. society: MLA

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Racism, prejudice and discrimination are threatening the very fabric of British Columbia society; it is incumbent on legislators "to destroy this cancer," Vancouver MLA Bernie Simpson told the B.C. legislature recently.

The only Jewish MLA in the house, Simpson said hate literature and racism "are rearing their ugly heads" in nearly every B.C. riding. Literature denying that the Holocaust happened has been distributed at the University of British Columbia. The Aryan Resistance Movement, based in Mission, has white power as its stated political aim, and they "intend to achieve it irregardless of what it might take to do so," Simpson reported.

The *Phoenix Journal*, which operates in the Parksville area (north of Victoria), promotes the idea that the Holocaust is a trillion-dollar lie and says that hidden historical evidence proves the Holocaust did not exist, the MLA continued.

He referred to other hate organizations which, he said, attack not only Jews but blacks, Sikhs, Pakistanis, Chinese and other minorities.

Simpson called on all B.C. political parties to work together "to create a society free from racial discrimination. We must promote understanding between cultures and create a harmonious and tolerant environment in B.C. Our social and economic well-being depend on it."

Allan Warnke, Liberal MLA from Richmond, a Vancouver suburb, supported Simpson's views (Simpson is NDP) and said Canada is a multicultural society. "We believe that this is a basic tenet of Canadian society and our culture. On the other hand, it is necessary for each generation to relearn what it means to be a multicultural society. It is not enough just to say it is, and pay lip service to it. Quite the contrary: each generation has to learn where we have come from."

Warnke said "we should all be disturbed about the rise in anti-Semitism. It's always difficult to deal with. But by the same token that is what presents us with a challenge. We and every generation must respond to that challenge." He was optimistic that B.C. can deal with the problems of racism and hate and called on all the political leaders to cooperate in an effort to combat the situation.

Jewish values, traditions seen as key to continuity

'We no longer live in shtetl'

By LORI DENNIS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As parents, we worry about our children's education, about their bar or bat mitzvah and about their wedding day. But do we worry enough about giving them a strong Jewish identity? asks a Toronto Jewish community leader.

"We are no longer living in the shtetl where we could once be Jewish by sheer osmosis. Today, we live in an open, uncloistered world, which makes it much tougher to be Jewish and retain a strong identity," says Susan Jackson, Director of Community Services and Youth Activities for the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Addressing a crowd of about 300 at Adath Israel Congregation recently, in a Rosalynd Smith Memorial Fund Lecture called Back to The Future: Recapturing Judaism for the Next Generation, Jackson touched on the reasons why Jews today are struggling with how to be Jewish and how to pass Jewish values on to their children and grandchildren.

So just what does it mean to be a Jew today? "It used to be so easy," says Jackson. "Being Jewish used to be everywhere. In the people we associated with, in the food we ate, in the books we studied, in the language we spoke. But today, that's all changed. Now we have choices, so many choices, and being Jewish is not nearly as accessible."

Today we have what Jackson affectionately refers to as the bagel Jews — those of us who hang out at Jewish-style restaurants and view this as our mitzvah. Then there are those of us who join a shul and give to the building fund because we think this makes us Jewish. Then there are the three-day-a-year Jews who attend shul only on the High Holidays. "While these groups make up a large sector of our Jewish population, these are not the Jews that worry me. At least, in some way they are saying, 'I may not know who I am but I haven't forgotten who I am supposed to try to be,' " she says.

"It's the Jews who have forgotten their past, their ties to their families and their commitment to the future that worry me...My generation has the lowest affinity toward Israel of any other generation before it," says Jackson.

Referring to the past, Jackson said that we tend to glorify it, but the truth is that our grandparents worked hard in the shtetls and sought out America only to give their children what they did not have. In this land paved with gold, they wanted to raise little Americans. So their kids became doctors, lawyers, dentists and social workers. And these little Americans became so Americanized that they often grew up feeling embarrassed by their own parents, she says.

In the 1950s, the kids moved out to the suburbs and had kids of their own. But before long they felt that something was missing. Then "little shuls" began to pop up and we began our search for what our parents and grandparents left behind in the old country — a sense of community, of a shared past — the values that Jackson believes parents need to instill in their children to ensure the continuity of Judaism.

"If we evaluate what sticks with our children, we'll realize that it's not whether we send them to parochial school versus public school that will determine how Jewish they will be. While a good formal Jewish education is important, schools can't be held responsible for our children's upbringing. It's the example that we, as parents, set for our kids that they will carry for a lifetime. It's the informal education at home that really matters," she says.

"It's important to tell stories about their past and their heritage. We must give them a sense of belonging and positive Jewish memories.

"Jewish identity and continuity is about shared family meals, the traditions we observe together, the stories, and the rituals. I call them 'soft fuzzies.' These are the things that make an impact, the things that children remember and won't let go of.

"And we need to communicate — always. We have to spend time together as a family. Judaism has this great way of allowing us to get to know our kids — it's called Shabbat. It's the Friday night thing where we can sit down with our kids and say 'Hello, how are you after a long hectic week?' And don't forget the grandparents. They are an integral part of our children's lives."

As Jews, we adapt, change and survive. If not, we wouldn't be here today. We must remember that it's all out there for the taking. We just have to reach out and grab it."

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Government leaders laud Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three levels of government brought greetings at a reception in celebration of Israel's 46th Independence Day hosted by Consul General Dror Zeigerman and his wife Asia, at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

More than 500 guests were welcomed for Yom Ha'atzmaut by those in the reception line which included the Zeigermans, Vice-Consul Haim Waxman and his wife Amalia, Consul for Tourism Ruth Ben-Tsur and her husband Eddie, and Consul for Economic Affairs Benjamin Noy and his wife Edith.

Diplomats, politicians, Jewish and Christian clergy, and representatives of Jewish organizations toasted the State of Israel with Israeli wine. Israeli and Canadian flags acted as a backdrop.

In a brief ceremony, Elaine Ziemba, Ontario's minister of citizenship, brought greetings from Premier Bob Rae and the government of Ontario. She said that this was a "very significant" day for Ontario.

Mayor June Rowlands, who recently returned from her third trip to Israel where she participated in the 14th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors said, "I am struck over and over again with the absolute beauty of Jerusalem, the place that is totally unique anywhere in the world ... It is an inconceivable thought to me that Jerusalem should ever again be divided."

Rowlands, who is the first Canadian mayor to participate in the international Conference of Mayors, thanked the Jewish community in Toronto for the tremendous support they have given to Israel over the years "sometimes, when it wasn't very easy to do."

Speaking of the accomplishments of the State of Israel, Mike Harris, the leader of the Progressive Conservative party of Ontario, said he, his wife and 9-year-old son had returned from Israel the week before and they were impressed with "what has been accomplished out of desert — out of seemingly nothing." Speaking to representatives of the Israeli government, the opposition party, and the citizens of Israel, he said that they are "excited — and hopeful — and wanting peace."

He noted that all 130 representatives of the three parties in the Ontario Legislature, in a non-partisan way, celebrated Israel's 46th anniversary and offered their very best wishes for peace.

Speaking on behalf of Lyn McLeod, official leader of the Opposition, Monte Kwinter (Liberal — Wilson Heights), spoke of the Holocaust and the movie, *Schindler's List*. He cited the scene when Schindler's children were told there was nowhere for them to go because they were hated in the east and the west. Then dramatically, the film, which was shot in black and white, turns to color and the survivors are shown coming over the horizon to the State of Israel. "That, my friends," said Kwinter, "is an idiom of what has happened in Israel."

He added that many people say that Israel was created as the result of the Holocaust. "I just want to make sure you remember that if there was an Israel, there would not have been a Holocaust."

In her emotional greetings from the Ontario region, Canadian Jewish Congress chair Gerda Frieberg also referred to Speilberg, saying that the message of the film is that the 350,000 survivors of the Shoah should speak about the Holocaust and the rest of the population should listen.

"We must instil a pride in our children. We must tell them how it was when there was no Israel so they can appreciate what we have today." She emphasized that "our goal is to support Israel."

At the Yom Ha'atzmaut reception are (from left) Mira Koschitzky, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and Michael Harris. [Graphic Artists photo]

Zeigerman spoke of the challenge of building a home for every Jew who wishes to live in Israel. The consul general stressed that a united Jerusalem will forever be the capital of Israel, that we must strengthen the struggle for peace and the readiness for compromise in achieving peace, and the importance of secure borders for the State of Israel.

He concluded with the hope and a prayer that "next year, on this day, the government representatives of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and other Arab states will be among us."

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Organizations and People

School violence tops Jewish student concerns

Inter-religious dating a non-issue

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Violence in the schools proved to be more worrisome than inter-religious dating to about 100 students and seniors who took part in an intergenerational forum at Bernard Betel Centre recently.

When one student said an Ottawa survey showed 21 per cent of students were taking weapons into their schools, cries of "that's too low," came from many others.

"Inter-religious dating was a non-issue with the students at the workshop," said Judith Egelnick, one of the organizers.

In schools with a multicultural population, inter-religious and inter-racial dating is becoming more common, Jessica Silverberg of Thornhill Secondary School told a workshop with 20 students and 12 seniors, with many of the students from Nelson A. Boylen C.I.

Uri Grinwald of Thornhill Secondary School said the Young Offenders Act is too lenient and needs to be revised. The policy of "zero tolerance" raises problems for affected students who are kicked out of school, he said, noting that even adult criminals behind bars are allowed to continue their education.

"Some students felt parents should be responsible for preventing their children from taking weapons to school, while some seniors thought the students had to exercise responsibility for their actions," said Reta Duenisch-Turner, workshop monitor and chair of the conference.

"When a few students said shoplifting and stealing cars was fun, a couple of seniors asked where was the sense of pride in such students," organizer Sheila Zane said.

Seniors showed great concern when one Thornhill student, Joseph Castro, said he had to work more than 20 hours a week because he was on his own and it was interfering with his studies.

A teacher from Thornhill High, Sue Hannah, said four out of 10 students are employed, and there is a higher drop-out rate among students who have to work more than 20 hours a week.

Some students said many of their peers were afraid to report violence against them and this is one of the reasons violence is increasing in the schools.

At the intergenerational panel were seniors (from left) Morris Farshin, Miriam Meiri, Reta Duenisch-Turner, Rose Cherry and Thornhill Secondary School students Jessica Silverberg, Uri Grinwald, Dana Holmes, teacher Sue Hannah and Joseph Castro.

Bringing the students and seniors together was a great success and students have asked for further meetings of this kind, said Duenisch-Turner. The conference attracted far more applications to attend from students than could be accommodated, she said.

In addition to the schools named above, students from Thornlea High School, Sheridan College, Centennial College and Humber College attended.

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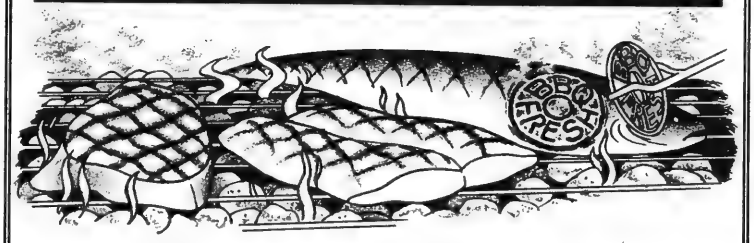

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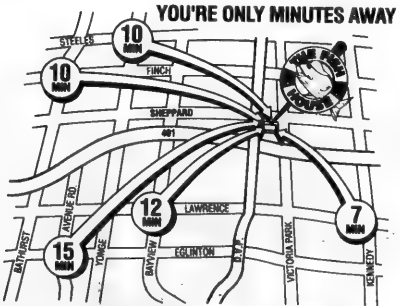

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Scarborough board says no to change in school year

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The academic year is scheduled to begin Sept. 6. Rosh Hashanah will fall on Sept. 6 and 7, and Jewish organizations have been asking school boards to delay the first day of classes until Sept. 8 to accommodate Jewish students and staff.

Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, urged the board to respect the beliefs of Jewish students and the roughly 300 Jewish teachers and other staff in Scarborough.

Starting the year on Sept. 6 would force Jews to choose between their faith and school, while Jewish students would be placed at an unfair disadvantage if they missed the key first two days of classes, Mock argued.

So far, four of six Metro school boards have decided to open school Sept. 8. Late last month, the York Region Board also voted to start on the 8th, after pleas from B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Start delayed

Several school boards in urban areas across Canada have also voted to delay the start of school to Sept. 8. Boards have been told that the coincidence of Rosh Hashanah and the first days of school is virtually a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Mock said she was disappointed by the decision. She told *The CJN* the board probably feared "caving in" to Jewish concerns.

"I was hoping they would see the broader picture," she said.

Scarborough board chair David Horrox said the conflict with Rosh Hashanah had been considered but that "people in Scarborough have come to expect school will start on the first day after Labor Day [Sept. 6]. We did not feel we should tamper with that."

He said the board will make efforts to accommodate Jewish pupils and staff.

Congress and B'nai Brith are expected to make submissions to the Etobicoke Board of Education this week on the same matter.

Goodman concert set

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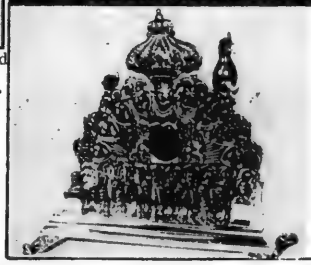

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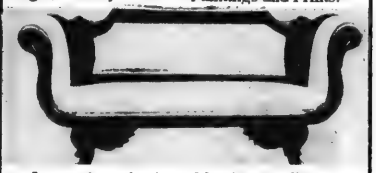

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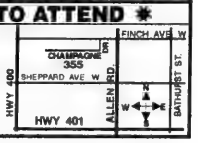

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Pnina Zilberman, left, confers with Thomas Rahe, director of Bergen-Belsen, during her recent trip.

Holocaust educator Zilberman fascinated by trip to Germany

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A recent trip to Germany left Pnina Zilberman with very positive feelings, she told *The CJN*.

Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, recalls that on her one prior two-day visit to Munich and Dachau, she "could hardly wait to leave."

This time Zilberman spent two weeks in the country as a guest of the German government, staying five days in Berlin for an international scholars' conference on the Holocaust (Remembering for the Future) and visiting Jewish sites of interest around the country.

"I wanted to attend [the conference] *because* it took place in Germany," said Zilberman in her office adjacent to the Holocaust museum in the Lipa Green Building. She wanted to show her support for Germans who are working on Holocaust education and commemoration, she added.

Holocaust education is not compulsory in Germany, Zilberman said. "The bottom line," she said, "is the same as here. If the teacher is comfortable with it, it is taught. It seems that now they are much more open with it. The attitude is, 'We have to talk about the issue of the Holocaust and deal with it'."

In fact, she noted, German teachers have the opportunity to participate in government-sponsored trips to Israel where they visit Yad Vashem, meet with children of Holocaust survivors and "get a feeling of what Israel is all about." Eight such groups will visit Israel this year, Zilberman reports.

Zilberman finds it interesting that although Germany has a Jewish population of 42,000, Jewish museums and concentration camps are state-owned and run in most cases by non-Jews.

She looks forward to collaborating with the staff of the former Ravensbruck concentration camp, who are seeking survivors of the camp to provide further historical information about the camp.

Ravensbruck, located in the former East Germany, served as a Russian army base following the war. Many of the original structures, such as the homes of SS officers, the jail and the crematorium, are still intact, Zilberman said. Restoration of the camp is being funded by the local government. Target date for completion is April 30, 1995, to mark the 50th anniversary of Ravensbruck's liberation.

Next April is also the expected publication date for a Bergen-Belsen memorial book which will list survivors as well as those who died at the camp. It will also list the names of those born at Bergen-Belsen after it became a DP camp following the war.

Zilberman was struck by the number of small "satellite" concentration or labor camps she heard of while in Germany. Ravensbruck alone had 34 such camps, she noted.

"Everywhere you go [in Germany], you hear, 'Yes, out of town there was a little labor camp.' We know only of the major camps," she said.

Zilberman was heartened by German solidarity rallies for the Jewish community following the bombing of the synagogue in Lubeck shortly after she returned. Although the incident itself distressed her, she reminds herself, "Fifty years ago, nobody rallied for the Jews."

Anyone who would like to provide names for the Bergen-Belsen memorial book or information about Ravensbruck can do so by contacting Zilberman at (416) 635-2883.

Zilberman has also offered to serve as a liaison for former residents of Frankfurt who would like to be invited for a 50th anniversary get-together next year and for Berlin's Jewish Secondary School to facilitate contact with schools here.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Spouses in debt: can they take your house? *(second of two parts)*

In my last column I examined the Family Law Act as it relates to debtor-creditor laws, and the circumstances under which creditors could seize (and could not seize) the home of an indebted spouse. Briefly, houses that are jointly registered in the names of both spouses are fair game for creditors seeking repayment, while houses registered solely in the name of the non-debtor spouse are not. (See *The Canadian Jewish News*, April 14/94 p. 32 for full details). There are a few significant exceptions, however.

The first exception deals with "fraudulent conveyances" under Ontario's Fraudulent Conveyances Act. If the creditors can prove that the debtor spouse transferred his interest in the home to his spouse with the intent to defeat, hinder, delay, or defraud a creditor of monies owing to them, then the creditors can reverse the transfer. They can then sell the property and seize the debtor spouse's equity that the Court had previously declared was really his or hers, notwithstanding how the property is registered. In other words, effective ownership supersedes registered ownership.

Intent to defraud creditors is difficult to prove, however, particularly if the debts were incurred after the transfer. If the house was originally purchased in the wife's name alone, then proving the "intent" is usually very difficult.

Furthermore, under Canada's Bankruptcy Act, any transfer of the matrimonial home in the five years preceding the bankruptcy could be overturned if the debtor spouse was unable to pay all of his or her debts without the aid of interest in the home that he or she transferred at the time.

Any transfer in the year preceding the bankruptcy is regarded as particularly suspicious, unless the transfer was made "in consideration of marriage" (i.e. before or at the time of marriage). "Collusive" arrangements designed to defeat creditors will not work, however. The courts are leery of "creative transfers". Like seasoned veteran defencemen, they know all the moves of the "forwards" who try to go around them.

On that note, we wish the Maple Leafs well in their quest for the Stanley Cup, and may no one lose their home (or their shirt!) in this or any other process.

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Seen at the Barbara Coloroso lecture are (from left) Bonnie Goldstein, event co-chair; Barbara Bank, chair of UJA Women's Campaign; Glennie Lindenberg, president, Jewish Women's Federation; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education; Coloroso; Lorraine Sandler, veteran educator who introduced the guest; and Shaindy Nathanson, program co-chair.

Educator says children must first be taught how to think

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Teaching children *how* to think — not *what* to think — can serve as a buffer against sexual promiscuity, drug abuse and suicide when they reach their teens, says parenting expert Barbara Coloroso.

The Colorado-based educator and mother of three teenagers spoke recently on Winning at Parenting at Adath Israel Congregation. Her talk was sponsored by UJA Women's Campaign, the Business & Professional Women's Network, Jewish Women's Federation and the Board of Jewish Education.

"I firmly believe that if you let kids make mistakes when they're cheap [when children are younger and the consequences are less serious], they'll rarely make the expensive ones later," Coloroso told a capacity crowd of over 1,300 people.

Coloroso emphasized the importance of allowing children to experience the consequences of their choices, as long as they are not life threatening, morally threatening or unhealthy.

A compliant child will be vulnerable to peer pressure as a teenager, Coloroso warned. Children need to learn to solve their own problems, she stressed. She recommended teaching children that "there is no problem so great it can't be solved." She distinguishes "problems" from "realities," the latter of which cannot be changed.

"We can't make anyone do anything they choose not to do," Coloroso said, "[but] we can make it more comfortable for them to behave more responsibly."

One of Coloroso's tenets is not to treat a child in a way in which an adult would not want to be treated. "If it works and leaves both parties' dignity intact, do it," she advises. "But not just if it works."

Leaving a child's dignity intact is one advantage of discipline over punishment, she noted. "I believe punishment teaches kids to cover their butt," she said.

"I can hit any of you and you can file charges," she continued, "yet we can hit someone three times smaller than we are. Think about it."

Discipline shows children what they have done wrong and gives them ways to solve the problems they have created, Coloroso explained. "If it's not reasonable, simple, valuable and practical (RSVP), then it's probably a punishment."

Telling kids what needs to be done is "far better" than giving them an indirect message, she noted. Instead of saying, "Your sister got straight A's," Coloroso suggests saying, "I know you can try. Let's see what we can do to get your grades up next time."

She advises parents to "celebrate that the term is over" before even looking at a child's report card. "Then you may have to say, 'What are you going to do next term?' "

She noted that people communicate with their bodies, faces, eyes and tone of voice as well as with their actual words. She cautioned against giving conflicting messages, and mentioned that only 20 per cent of meaning is derived from spoken words.

"Kids need a strong backbone," Coloroso noted, adding that a family with a "backbone structure" provides limits as well as flexibility. She categorizes other family types as "brick wall" (dictatorships) or "jellyfish" (anything goes).

A backbone family lets kids know it's okay to make mistakes, said Coloroso. "What you need [when you have a problem] is a good plan, not an excuse," she said.

A "brick wall" response, such as calling a child "klutzy," implies that "when you *have* a problem, you *are* a problem," said Coloroso. A "jellyfish" response teaches the child that "when you have a problem, it's someone else's fault."

Kids need six "critical life messages" every day, Coloroso said: I believe in you, I trust in you, I know you can handle it, you are listened to, you are cared for, and you are very important to me.

Coloroso is the author of the recently published *Kids Are Worth It! Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline.*

Child abuse on the agenda

TORONTO — The subject of child abuse will be addressed during a public lecture by Dr. Avraham S. Abraham, medical director of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem, to be held May 3.

The lecture, titled The Medical and Halachic Aspects of Child Abuse: The Role of Parent, is co-sponsored by Chanoch Lanaar Institute, Jewish Family & Child Services and the Va'ad HaRabbonim of Toronto. It starts at 8:45 p.m. at the Agudath Israel Congregation of Toronto, 129 McGillivray Ave.

Abraham is the author of a number of books including the *Comprehensive Guide to Medical Halacha*, and lectures at the International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics held annually in New York City.

While in Toronto, Abraham will meet with the JF&CS professional staff, teachers, principals and rabbis to discuss collaborative efforts in dealing with child abuse.

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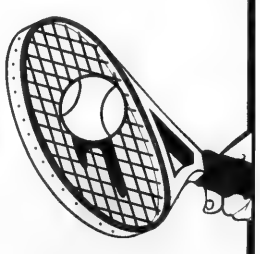

Organizations and People

Holocaust remembrance service unites Moncton's Jews, non-Jews

By JOAN SICHEL
Special to The CJN

MONCTON — A discussion about Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* was the hook that drew a record crowd of 200 people to Moncton's ninth annual Holocaust memorial service.

Instead of a traditional Holocaust memorial program, students and educators from local high schools, universities and colleges were invited to make presentations to an interfaith audience in the Tiferes Israel Synagogue hall.

The underlying goal of the event, beyond public Holocaust remembrance, is education, and it succeeded by bringing together Jews and non-Jews.

Mark Fraser, a graduating science student at Mount Allison University in Sackville, shook his head sadly from the platform and said, describing his reaction to *Schindler's List*, "I can't believe the human race is capable of this."

Fraser, who has taken a number of courses in religion, described how talking about and studying the Holocaust was almost a taboo at school.

"It was a failure of our education system not to have taught me about it," he said.

In fact, Holocaust education is a part of the Modern History program in New Brunswick, but this course is not compulsory.

Dawn Hammermeister and Monica Doiron, both high school seniors, described their trip with their class to Washington, D.C., where they saw the new National Holocaust Museum. The Museum and the film both overwhelmed them. "We became attached to so many characters in the film, then we lost them all," said Doiron.

What most struck Dawn Hammermeister about the film, was the arrival at Auschwitz. "It looked like they were arriving in a snowstorm, but it was ashes from the chimneys filling the air."

"What is the value of one human being, one individual person?" asked Scott R. Mealey, a 24-year-old professional actor. He marvelled at Spielberg's cinematographic techniques.

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"Even in the worst of life, there are good people; there's always hope," commented 17-year-old Kelly Redmond of Moncton High School. Schindler's moral ambivalence made her think. He was a German, a Nazi, and could have been killed for what he did. Yet in the end, he still felt he hadn't done enough, that he could have saved more. Yet he was in many ways not a moral man.

In the Encyclopedia of the Holocaust, Schindler is defined as a "saver of Jews." Lynn Robar of the Atlantic Baptist College asked if was he a hero. He began as an entrepreneur, an opportunist, self-centred and out to better himself. Soon he demonstrated he was also an alcoholic, a black marketeer and womanizer and con artist. He used his natural charm to better himself and soon was caught up in the madness of the time.

"But could he have done what he did if he hadn't been the kind of man he was?" asked John Sichel, a member of the congregation of Tiferes Israel. A German more honest or moral in his business dealings would not have survived to do what Schindler did. Could a more upright citizen successfully have connived and bribed and manoeuvered with Amon Goeth for "his" Jews?

Many of the speakers drew parallels between the lesson of the film and the racism and "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnia, Somalia, South Africa, and the Middle East today.

The memorial service based on *Schindler's List* left participants feeling, maybe it's time for ME to do something. Discussion continued informally even after the singing of K'El Maleh Rachamim and the recitation of Kaddish by Jack Brodie.

And many in the crowd joined Rabbi David Ellis for a tour of the synagogue.

Memorial recalls ghetto uprising

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jews in 22 smaller ghettos fought just as hard against their Nazi oppressors as did the heroic Jews of Warsaw, a meeting marking the 51st anniversary of the uprising was told.

The uprising enabled many Jews to escape the ghetto, and the house-to-house fighting was so fierce that there were still pockets of resistance in the ghetto as late as five months after the uprising started, Jason Berman said. "Nothing could be further from the truth that the Jews did not resist," he said. "The Warsaw Ghetto uprising was unsurpassed in human history."

The memorial was sponsored by the Workmen's Circle and the Jewish Labor Bund at the Workmen's Circle Centre.

Berman, a computer consultant, who a few years ago visited the death camps in Poland with his grandfather, Chaim Kuper, said he was disturbed on a recent visit to Washington's Holocaust Memorial to see grafitti against blacks and Jews and swastikas on phone booths and newspaper boxes in downtown Washington.

"There are a great many people working to create a climate of hatred toward Jews by reviving the work of Adolf Hitler," he said.

Twenty per cent of the American people still believe that the Holocaust is a hoax, said Louis Lenkinski, an officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Candles were lit by survivors to honor the six million Holocaust martyrs, and a program of recitations and songs in Yiddish was presented. Artists taking part were Ethel Sum Cooper, Jenny Eisenstein and Michael Khinkis. The chair was Mark Rosenberg.

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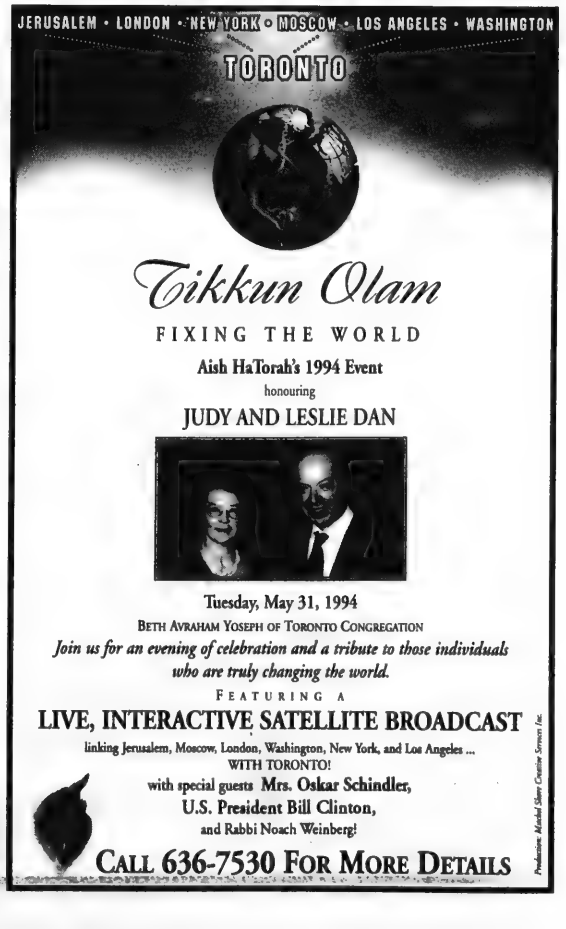
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Rabbi Hartman to Jews: Don't worry — be happy

Content over continuity, says philosopher

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi David Hartman

TORONTO — Jews should stop worrying about whether their children and grandchildren will be Jewish and concentrate instead on making themselves better Jews, Rabbi David Hartman told a packed audience here last week.

The surest way to turn young people off Judaism, Rabbi Hartman warned, is to constantly fret about the latest buzzword in Jewish officialdom — continuity.

"Judaism is too important to have commissions on continuity. The issue is not continuity, but content. Continuity without content is meaningless. The content of the Jewish experience should be joyous and meaningful.

"But if the only thing you hear is — *nebech* — 'Will we survive?' that's the best way to keep people out. No one wants to join a sinking ship," Rabbi Hartman said in an emotion-laden address to over 1,000 people at Adath Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Hartman is co-founder and head of the Shalom Hartman Institute, a Jerusalem-based facility named for his late father, which combines Torah and advanced Judaic studies with a philosophy that advances religious pluralism and tolerance.

Time magazine has described him as "perhaps Israel's paramount religious philosopher."

But he good-naturedly shook off that cloak in his talk.

"I'm not a philosopher," he insisted. "I'm a yeshivah bocher."

Whatever his avocation, Rabbi Hartman issued some stiff advice: stop the hand-wringing over Jewish continuity and start injecting some real Yiddishkeit into life, now.

"Start living as Jews. Stop worrying about your children and grandchildren; that's the worst thing you can do. Worry about who you are. Be happy with what's available now.

"We will destroy Jewish continuity by every day we don't enjoy Judaism."

The problem extends even to Israel, but in a different way, he added.

"The trauma here is 'Will we survive?' Our trauma in Jerusalem is, 'How will we survive, who will we be and what type of Jews are we producing — old and classical or a new generation of Israelis?' "

That new generation, as well as the current one, was "ashamed" of the actions of Baruch Goldstein, the militant Jewish settler who gunned down at least 30 Palestinians at the Hebron mosque in February.

Goldstein "lived in a world of us versus them," and killed Arabs who were "praying to the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Following the massacre, many Jews entered a period of intense soul-searching, he said. The current government commission of inquiry is a result of "something deep within our people — the collective responsibility of one for the other, to show the world the prophetic dream of justice."

The task at hand, Rabbi Hartman said, is to prevent Goldstein's thoughts and motivations from gaining public acceptance.

Asked about trading land for peace, Rabbi Hartman said, "The most important thing is not how much land we have, but how much soul and Torah we have. As much as I love the land, I love peace more. So I'm willing to try to build a way for Arabs and Jews to live together."

Rabbi Hartman, once spiritual leader of Montreal's Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue, delivered the inaugural Sol Lederman memorial lecture, sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute and United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada.

Lederman, who died last November, was the other founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute, as well as a former president of UIA Canada and of the Canadian Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Most teen dieting unnecessary

TORONTO — Too many teenagers are dieting unnecessarily according to a prominent Toronto specialist in adolescent medicine.

Dr. Diane Sacks says two-thirds of the Jewish adolescent population and 50 per cent of Jewish pre-teens — mostly girls — are subjecting themselves to needless dieting.

Dr. Sacks, who will be one of the speakers May 5 at a Jewish Women's Federation Forum at Beth Tzedec Congregation, blames parental role models for a teenager's obsession with forsaking food.

"The mothers are often doing the same thing," she points out.

She advises teens, pre-teens and their parents to avoid slick, glossy, fashion-oriented magazines that consider slimness sacred. "Don't buy them," she counsels bluntly. "The people inside are air-brushed and unreal."

From her practice, Dr. Sacks knows only too well the symptoms and dangers of obsessive dieting. She constantly sees young women who eat no breakfast and throw away their lunch.

"It's a very important growth time, and their eating behavior may restrict that growth. They could be lacking in zinc, magnesium and iron, which, when lost, are hard to get back."

Eating disorders are common among Jewish females, she says, partly because of the difficulty kids face in meeting their parents' expectations.

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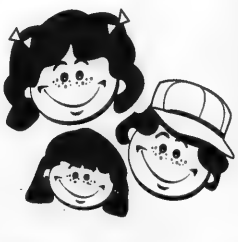

Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, April 28, is deadline for May 12 issue and Thursday, May 5, is deadline for May 19 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive calls and sort my mail. Phone number 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, April 28

BOUTIQUE SALE

Just in time for Mother's Day gift buying! Alpha Omega Auxiliary is having a boutique sale, 6 p.m., Dublin Heights Elementary and Middle School, 100 Bainbridge Ave. Loads of great vendors. All proceeds to charity. Admission free.

Saturday, April 30

CANTORIAL EXCHANGE

Services at Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be chanted by **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** together with the Beth Tzedec Synagogue Choir under the direction of **Gordon Kushner** and services at Beth Tzedec will be chanted by **Cantor Efraim Sapir** together with the Beth Tikvah Synagogue Choir under the direction of **Srul Irving Glick**.

Sunday, May 1

MUSIC AND LAUGHTER

Beth Rodom Congregation's An Evening of Music and Laughter, 7:30 p.m., stars **Cantor Hesh Mayersdorf** and **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, accompanied by **Bill Berle** and orchestra and a guest soloist. Also appearing is humorist/lecturer **Allan Gould**. Tickets $10 and $18 at synagogue, 636-3451 or Negev Book Store 781-9356.

SPRING INTO FASHSION

Spring into fashion at Netivot HaTorah Parents' Association spring tea and fashion show 2-4 p.m. at a private home when the Netivot HaTorah children model latest spring and summer fashions plus a special performance by Senior Girls Choir. For information, **Greta** (905) 881-4115 or **Rosalie** (905) 731-6336.

BATTLE FOR THE JEWISH SOUL

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present **Julius Ciss**, director, Jews for Judaism, speaking on The Battle for the Jewish Soul, 8 p.m. All ages welcome. Separate tables for singles 27-39. Members free, guests $2. Coordinators **Jerry and Sandra Genesove**.

SPRING INTO SPRING

B'nai Brith Women's 44th annual spring bazaar, with entertainment, restaurants, door prizes, raffles, new and gently used clothing, auctions, and lots more, runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m., St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. E. $2 adults, children free.

FROM OSLO TO HEBRON

At Temple Sinai's adult education seminar, 10 a.m., **Shira Herzog**, national vice-chair, Canada-Israel Committee, discusses From Oslo to Hebron: The Middle East Process. No charge.

ORT DISPLAY BOOTH

May is annual ORT Month and it starts off with a Toronto ORT Community display booth, noon-5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall (Bayview-Sheppard). For information, 787-0297.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM CELEBRATION

Beit Halochim celebrates Yom Yerushalayim at Paradise Banquet Hall, 7601 Jane St., 7 p.m. with light dinner and performance by singer/dancer **Haim Moshe**. For tickets, 229-1443 or the office 488-7649.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling Arts monthly gathering for adults who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Glencairn-Bathurst). For information, 699-8914.

Monday, May 2

REVIEW OF SCHINDLER'S LIST

Club Dayan Na'amat Canada's annual Sharon Cole Memorial Lecture is a review of the Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List* by fiction and cinema lecturer **Heather Kassel**, 8 p.m., Temple Sinai. Admission free.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) Jewish Diabetes chapter features a talk on Diabetes — Managing Medication Safely: Understanding Your Treatment Diet, Pills, Insulin by **Helen Jones**, diabetes lecturer, Mount Sinai Hospital, 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. CDA members $1; non-members $2. For information, **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

AISH HATORAH INSIGHTS

Insights at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 8 p.m., Suite 303, The Promenade, Cross Training: A Workout for The Body and The Soul with **Dr. Jack Hakoun**, director, Toronto Centre for Sports Medicine and Preventative Health, and **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**. $5/class. 636-7530.

Insights at Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m., Friday Night and Beyond: Shabbat Step-by-Step with **Lori Palatnick**. $5/class. 636-7530.

CULTURAL REFLECTIONS

At the recent Beth Tzedec Synagogue program Cultural Reflections on the Holocaust: A Memorial in Music, Poetry and Art are: (from left) Michael Kerzner, Dr. Joel Dimitry, Marylyn Light, Miriam Gelbloom and Cantor Paul Kowarsky. Program was held under the auspices of Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee and Canadian Society of Yad Vashem.

ISRAEL: POSITIONED FOR PEACE

Shaar Shalom Synagogue adult education program, Ideological Conflict in Israel — Then and Now with **Morton Manilla** deals with Israel: Positioned for Peace, 8 p.m.

SPRING STUDY PROGRAM

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Congregations joint spring study program, Three Prayers: Three Issues in Jewish Life, continues with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** discussing Asher Bahar Banu: Chosenness, 8 p.m. Beth David.

Tuesday, May 3

MEMORIAL LECTURE

Congregation B'nai Torah and the Va'ad Harabonim of Toronto are sponsoring the first memorial lecture for Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, scholar, mentor, friend, with **Rabbi Norman Berlat** speaking on Jews in Need: Addressing Their Unique Spiritual Concerns, 8 p.m. at B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. All welcome. Lecture preceded by Mincha followed by Ma'ariv.

SPRING FASHIONS

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood presents spring fashions by Laura, Laura Petites, Melanie Lyne and Harry Rosen, modelled by Beth Tikvah members, 8 p.m. at the synagogue (doors open 7:30). Patrons $25 ($10 tax receipt), general admission $15. Tickets at door or synagogue office, 221-3433.

JEWISH CONTINUITY

Association for Jewish Continuity discusses Jewish Continuity: Whose Responsibility Is It?, noon, Price Waterhouse boardroom, 2nd floor, 20 Queen St. W., with **Steven Granovsky**, former national chair, Jewish Students' Network; **Robert Eli Rubinstein**, co-chair, Task Force on Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity, 1986-89, CJC Ontario region; and moderator **Nancy Friedberg**, professional volunteer. RSVP by April 29, 789-4148.

CRIME PREVENTION

Alert Citizens — Making a Difference, a free crime prevention seminar, is at 7:30-8:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. RSVP **Stephen Wood**, 609-2246.

TANACH STUDY GROUP

Abe Richman leads the Tanach Study Group, Book of Kings II, Chapter II, 8:15 p.m. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, May 4

THE SHABBAT SEDER

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education series, The Art of Jewish Living, continues with the Shabbat Seder, a step-by-step guide to celebrating a Shabbat seder (dinner) with **Rabbi Barry Schneider**, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 5

WOMEN'S IMAGE

Women's Image: Beyond the Looking Glass, presented by Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation, deals with Facing the Tyranny of Image (**Carla Rice**, consultant/researcher); Confronting Image Anxiety in Our Daughters (**Diane Sacks**, pediatrician); Claiming a Positive Image for Jewish Women (**Paula Caplan**, psychologist). Cover $5, students $2. For information, **Lianne**, 631-5736.

NOSTALGIC MEMORIES

Nostalgic Memories of Musical Films of the '30s-'50s, with **Aldo Maggiorotti**, 1:30 p.m. Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. Free.

And What Else Is New...

CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE

Toronto branch, Association for the Soldiers of Israel, on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Cultural Association, is holding a dinner dance in celebration of its 25th anniversary and to pay tribute to the soldiers of Israel, Sunday, May 8, Regal Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Rd., Rexdale. Special guests, officers of the Israel Defense Forces. Dinner chair **Malka Rosenbaum**. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner/dance 7 p.m. Tickets $200. Call 787-9130 or 783-3053.

RACE AND THE CITY

The second annual public lecture series co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, and Holy Blossom Temple, entitled Race and the City, begins with Dark Ontologies by **Charles W. Mills**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Monday, May 2, 8 p.m., George Ignatieff Theatre, U of T campus, 15 Devonshire Place. Second lecture, The Chosen People by **David Novak**, University of Virginia, is Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Call 978-7253.

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Musica Beth Tikvah presents a concert dedicated to the memory of **Hyman Goodman** by Trio Lyrica: (**Suzanne Shulman**, flute; **Mark Childs**, viola, **Erica Goodman**, harp), Sunday, May 8, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Program includes works by **Ben Steinberg, Milton Barnes, Srul Irving Glick, Harry Freedman, Paul Ben Haim**. Composers will discuss their music and also topics, Music by Jewish Composers and Jewish Music, 7-7:45 p.m. Tickets $15, students and seniors $12. Call 221-3433.

NCSY CONVENTION

NCSY Senior Regional Convention, May 20-23, Olympia Village Sports Facilities in Muskoka, promises all the fun you can possibly handle — indoor and outdoor sports, swimming, boating and more! Open to students Grades 9-13. For information, NCSY 782-4426.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

Courses starting at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch — Yiddish Theatre, **Faye Kellerstein** and **Nathan Garnick**, 7:30 p.m., May 2; But Mom and Dad — Everybody Else Does It, **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**, 8 p.m., May 3; One Maimonides, **David Bakan**, 7:30 p.m., May 4; Israel-Diaspora Relations: Can We Bridge the Gap?, 8 p.m. May 5. For information, registration, brochure, 631-5660.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabbalah Centre programs:

Special seminar, Marriage According to Kabbalah, Thursday, May 5, 8:30 p.m., Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. Fee $15.

Kabbalistic Meditation, 10-week course, Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centre.

The Power of Kabbalah, Sundays, 7:30 p.m., Kabbalah Centre. Register, 631-9395.

Garage sale fundraiser, Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 702 Sheppard Ave. W.

SPRING CONFERENCE

This year, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario branch is holding its first spring conference (after amalgamating with Eastern branch) May 11 and 12 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Conference theme is Together We Are One. Speakers include **Rhonda Katz**, CFRB talk show host; **Rabbi Morton Leifman**, dean, Cantors Institute, Seminary College of Jewish Music; and national trainer and conference consultant **Myra Shapiro**. Full conference, early bird registration $60 before April 29. After this date, $65. Register before May 6. For tickets and further information, **Jean Bernholtz** 787-9039 or **Deenie Reiken** 781-1898.

Myra Shapiro

RIKUDIYAH '94

Israeli Dance Festival for Children celebrates Yom Yerushalayim, Monday, May 9, 7 p.m., Tait McKenzie Gym, York University.

Rikudiyah, co-sponsored by Jewish Community Centre and Board of Jewish Education, features 20 dance groups comprising 300 children, Me'irim Dance Company directed by **Shula Saltzman** from Koffler Centre School of Dance. Tickets $5 adults, $1 children 12 and under, at North Y and Bloor Y branches, or at door if available. For information, **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Shabbat evening services are held 7:15 p.m., the second and fourth Friday of each month and Shabbat morning services, 10 a.m., the first and third Saturday of the month, OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Check notice board for room location. Next services, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m., and Friday, May 13, 7:15 p.m.

TORONTO MARATHON

Shoppers Drug Mart Toronto Marathon, Sunday, May 15, features six separate events, increased prize money, new bonuses and prominent atheletes. A portion of each runner's entrance fee will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation. Entry forms at all Shoppers Drug Mart stores, some Country Style Donut locations, Ontario Track and Field Association, 1220 Sheppard Ave. E., or call 495-4311.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Jewish Family & Child Service offers Marriage Preparation, a six-week program for engaged couples to discuss changing roles, communication, in-laws, family relationships, a Jewish home and more, beginning May 24. For registra-

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tion/information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

42ND STREET

The Yorkminstrels presents the award-winning Broadway musical *42nd Street*, May 5 (preview), 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 8 p.m. and May 8, 2 p.m., Cardinal Carter Academy, 36 Greenfield Ave. (Yonge-Sheppard). For tickets, (905) 822-7291.

JEWISH WOMEN & JEWISH LAW

Beth Tzedec Congregation adult education committee Wednesday series, Jewish Women and Jewish Law with **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** continues May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8 p.m. Admission free.

SEPHARDIC EDDUCATION CENTRE

The Sephardic Education Centre annual convention for ages 18 to 36 is set for May 27-30. For information, **Debbie**, (905) 738-7907.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Looking Ahead (anger, loneliness, other realities, separate from the past, look to the future, begins May 18); Positive Parenting (for teens, pre-schoolers, school-age, pre-teens, begins in May); Taking Care of Aging Parents (aging, changing, realistic expectations, begins April 28). Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SPRING CONCERT

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is presenting a spring concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 15, Rosedale Heights Secondary School, 711 Bloor St. E. Program highlights include works by Jewish-Canadian composers **Srul Irving Glick, Ben Steinberg, John Weinzweig**, the Yiddish folk operetta, *A Bunt mit a Statchke* (A Revolt and a Strike). Guest artists are Canadian flautist **Suzanne Shulman** and Israeli-born clarinetist **Sigal Hechtlinger.** Conductor is **Esther Ghan Firestone** and accompanist is **Lina Zemelman.** Tickets, $12 adults, $10 seniors, $6 youths, available at door or in advance. Call 489-7681 or 756-7865 for information.

Esther Ghan Firestone

at the JCC

Learn how to better protect yourself, your family and home at a free crime prevention seminar presented by Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Room 206. RSVP **Stephen Wood**, 609-2246.

There's an arts and crafts show Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Bloor Y branch. Admission free. For information, 924-6211.

Israeli dancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon** for beginners and intermediate level is held every Monday, 8 p.m. at the Bloor Y branch. $5 per evening. For information, **Luni**, 924-6211.

Register now for 1994/95 Pintsize, Nursery, Junior Kindergarten for ages 18 months to 4 years at the JCC Valley branch. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, (905) 889-0813.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club is taking reservations for *The Mind with the Naughty Man* starring **Mickey Rooney** at Stage West, Wednesday, June 22, matinee (phone **Libby**, 782-2059). Register now for the Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel July 20-26. Cultural Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m., and Ladies Line Dancing, Tuesdays 1 p.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre. Next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Group for Widows meets Friday, April 29, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Board Room. For information, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club's Lag b'Omer picnic Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m., Earl Bales Park. Call 661-4689 or **Avner** (905) 771-0250.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Mother's Day dinner dance, Sunday, May 1, 7-11 p.m., Community Centre ($20 members, $23 non-members); Port Dalhousie trip, Tuesday, May 24 ($23 members, $25 non-members); Father's Day dinner dance, Sunday, June 12 ($20 members, $23 non-members); day trip Tuesday, June 14, to be announced. For information, 395-7881.

Dorothy Klein Senior Apartment Building, 668 Roselawn Ave., announces Toronto Board of Education seniors program offering jewelry and painting class in mixed media, every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone welcome. Seniors free. Call 781-8855.

Young at Heart Seniors' trip to Pines Hotel in the Catskills in August for nine or 10 days, buses leaving August 3 and 5. Price depends on exchange of Canadian dollar and includes medical comprehensive, air-conditioned bus and more. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Western Canada trip June 5-15. Reserve for *Evita*, July 19; *Me and My Girl*, August 9; *Twelfth Night*, Sept. 29. Day cruises are being planned. For information, **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Funtime Seniors invites you to join the seven-day trip to Cape Cod leaving May 15. Day away trips include Stage West, Wednesday, May 11; Buffalo, Thursday, May 19; Elmira and St. Jacobs, Thursday, May 26; *Lady Be Good*, Wednesday, June 1; *Music Man* and cruise, July 19. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, (905) 886-2625.

Heartsaver Plus, a two-day program on heart attacks, strokes, prevention and lifestyle changes, May 9 and 10, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., George Brown College, St. James campus, 200 King St. E., Room 596F. For details, 956-7310.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Public Affairs forum, Is the Present Immigration Policy Good for Canada?, 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, features panelists **Philip Pirie**, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration; **Perry Romberg**, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services; **Prof. William Angus**, Osgoode Hall Law School; fourth panelist to be announced. Open to the community. No charge. For information, **Helen Issenberg**, 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Politics from a Sociological Perspective with **Harvey Rich**, University of Calgary, Tuesday, May 2, 10 a.m. Call **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

Working Together for Change, a group for women over 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt. Learn how to understand your situation better, keep yourself safe and get your needs met, Tuesdays 3:15-5 p.m., May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19. Program is offered by La' Briyut Wehnoss Centre, Awareness Project for Abuse of the Elderly, and Jewish Family & Child Service. Call, in confidence, **Sheila Zane** or **Sharon Zeller**, 225-2112.

Successful Slimming, a six-week program with nutritionist/dietician **Sharon Zeller**, Mondays noon-1 p.m., May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4. Admission free. Register with **Sandra Haberman** at Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.

Summer tour to Pines Hotel in the Catskills, July 31-August 4, $495 Canadian double, $555 single. Call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Friendship Circle dance for singles 55 plus Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m. with entertainment by **Peter May** and **Michael Khinkis.** Tickets $3 members, $4 non-members at Information Desk. For information, **Anna**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

FEDERATION APPOINTMENT

Morris Zbar has been appointed director of Community Planning and Allocations and associate director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. He comes to the Federation from the senior position of director of organizational planning in the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. He previously served with the former Ministry of Correctional Services, and as a volunteer as chair of the North York Library board.

ASTHMA SOCIETY MEDIA AWARD

A new media award, announced recently by the Asthma Society of Canada, has been established to honor the contribution of the Society's founders **Sheldon and Judy Godfrey**. The $500 award will be given annually for the best communication increasing public awareness and the understanding of asthma among the Canadian public.

SHAARE ZEDEK MEETINGS

Canadian representatives at recent meetings of the international board of governors meeting of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, held in Washington are pictured during dinner at the Israeli Embassy, with Jonathan Halevy, director general of Shaare Zedek. From left Nathan Starr, Toby Starr, Michael Kerzner, Charley Coffey, Sheila Dropkin, Dr. Halevy, Bill Winston, Sheila Springer. Mrs. Springer is a Montrealer; the other Canadians are from Toronto.

CHAT BOARD MEMBERS

The newest members of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) board of directors join president Dr. Joseph Berger at the recent board orientation evening. Back row (from left) Dr. Joseph Berger, Dr. Harriet Morris, Sheldon Goodman, Igor Korenzvit. Front row (from left) Marla Rosenfeld, Eric Goldberg, Lynda Latner, Terry Weintraub, Alan Burger.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

After three capacity performances, the Grade 8 students of Associated Hebrew Schools recently visited Bloorview Children's Hospital to perform excerpts from The Wizard of Oz. Seen with one of the children are (from left) Ruth Blankstein, Bryna Perel, Jackie Rosenbaum, Nathaniel Lipkus, Gillian Spergel, Leslie Gorman.

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Financial abuse of elderly documented as real problem

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Women tenants who made long distance calls at their landlord's expense were guilty of financial abuse of an elderly man, a panel at the Wagman Centre on elder abuse was told recently.

The landlord, born and raised in a prison camp and with a below-average IQ, was left some property by his father but had so much difficulty collecting the rents he was in danger of losing the building.

"Unfortunately, he couldn't resist the women," said Dr. Michel Silberfeld, competency clinic co-ordinator at Baycrest Centre.

He recalled a case in which an elderly man became friendly with a young woman who asked to take control of the man's finances. "We felt unquestionably there was undue influence," Silberfeld said. "So we conferred with the public trustee and the man was declared financially incompetent."

In another case, a son refused to give up his power of attorney for his elderly mother, even though the mother asked him to. "At our request the public trustee's office is pursuing the son," said Silberfeld, who is a psychiatry professor at the University of Toronto.

In interviewing an elderly man who wanted to make a subsantial gift to a Jewish foundation, he said it was determined the man was not competent to manage his affairs bcause he didn't understand documents in his brief case and he was unable to account for large sums of money and sale of property.

In turn this led to the discovery that a real estate developer had purchased the man's property for a fraction of its worth. "The public trustee is now involved and is taking action to recover the assets," Silberfeld said.

He deplored the practice of some charitable organizations to get donations from people when they are not competent to manage their affairs.

There is a lack of "real hard data" on financial abuse of the elderly, he said, but noted that in his own study of 300 cases over a six-year period ending in 1994, only five per cent involved financial abuse.

In those cases where there was financial abuse, it was relatives or friends who were involved 90 per cent of the time.

Silberfeld suggested that "a new theory of famly justice or intergenerational justice" is needed in the criminal code. "What does one generation owe another generation, especially when a very wealthy person says, 'I didn't inherit this money, I earned it all and I'm going to spend it all.' "

The case of a niece who appeared out of nowhere and defrauded her elderly aunt of $100,000 in six months was related by Police Const. William Steed of the Community Relations Division.

"This niece acted closer than a son or daughter and the situation was brought to our attention by the nursing superintendent," Steed said. "We checked her bank account and found money being transferred back and forth. She was lucky she didn't lose it all."

But when the case against the niece and her husband (they bought a cottage up north with part of the money) came to preliminary trial, it was dismissed because the judge said the aunt was not coherent enough to be a proper witness.

"The more money there is, the more likelihood of problems with financial abuse of the elderly," said Dr. Carol Cohen, staff psychiatrist at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.

Four of 100 elderly persons in Ontario are subject to abuse, said Prof. Elizabeth Podnieks, faculty of nursing, Ryerson University. She said there is a "high correlation" between spousal abuse and elder abuse.

"There is a glaring lack of research on the relationship of ethnic and cultural traditions to abuse of the elderly," she said.

Baycrest Centre psychiatrist Dr. Susan Lieff was panel chair.

Baptist teacher helps Moncton preschool thrive

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The children learn the kosher rules, make kiddush, drink grape juice, and eat challah on Fridays, and sing songs. They take part in Purim spiels and Chanukah plays. The parents and grandparents attend their concerts in the social hall. These families can feel only positive about the Jewish people, culture and religion after bringing their kids to the shul daily.

The Jewish preschool has never turned away any child for financial reasons, and has been a welcome place for those physically or mentally handicapped.

If we didn't run things this way, our kids would have no chance at all for a Jewish preschool experience. That's how we make it work in our small community, hundreds of miles from the nearest large centre. And through all of this, teacher Richardson has been the constant. She has worked through struggles with four rabbis with different ideologies, and zero population growth.

90th birthday marked

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — Rose Freedman, an active member of the Saint John community, will be honored at the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue here on April 16, on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Sometimes referred to as an unpaid social worker, Freedman has extended a helping hand to many people and organizations since she arrived in the city in 1923. Born in Hillsboro, N.B. in 1904, she moved to Saint John as a new bride at the age of nineteen.

Rose Freedman

Her community involvement has been extraordinary: She is a past president and founding member of Kiwanis Ladies, as well as a founding member of the cerebral palsy school and Big Sisters, and co-ordinator of canvassing for the Heart Fund. She has been vice-president of the Red Cross and a driver for Meals on Wheels. She organized shelter for immigrant families arriving at the West Saint John immigration sheds after World War II.

Freedman has been a long-time member of Hadassah, involved in many projects for Hadassah-WIZO. She is the founder and first president of the Shomer Club, the first Jewish seniors club in the Atlantic provinces. She has also been chair of the Ladies Division Israel Bonds many times and was instrumental in affiliating with the Eastern Canada branch of the Women's League of United Synagogue.

Her husband of 40 years was the late Jack Freedman, also a leader in the Saint John Jewish Community. She is the mother of four, grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 20.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

*****SINGLES SINGLES SINGLES!!!*****
****A Dance Saturday April 30th****
New Image 50+ Singles at EARL BALES COMMUNITY CENTRE 8:00 p.m. DJ Phil Allenbick. Refreshments, prizes. Members $5 guests $6. Come and enjoy! Catskill trip to the Granit, July 29-Aug. 7 (10 days). Book early and get a good seat on the bus. Call H. PEARSON 633-0397. **Membership dinner(paid up members)Sunday June 5th,$10.**

Hadassah-WIZO newest chapter, re'ut presents Spring Fever at STILIFE Nightclub 217 Richmond St. W (entrance on Duncan St.) Thursday May 5th. Doors open at 8 p.m. $10 advance $12 door.All proceeds to youth aliyah.

Mark and Ari invite you to...The Beach Bash! **Saturday May 14,1994** at The Opera House 735 Queen Street East (at Broadview) Beach volleyball competition! Door prizes and surprises. Great D.J. disco dance music, pool tables and more. Tickets $12 (advance/door). To avoid waiting in line, order an advance ticket from Ticketmaster today at 416-870-8000. Ari Huber, Mark Brodkin Hotline 416-733-1419.

Singles Dance April 30, 8 to 1 (Coup Welcome) Sandwiches and coffee at 11p.m. $10 (2 for 1 before 8:00) DJ and live band. Cassino Place 72 Steeles Ave. W. at Yonge 886-2810.

The Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Committee -35+ (Bathurst and Wilson) presents: **Baseball Game:** Toronto Blue Jays vs Cleveland Indians. **Date:** Holiday Monday May 23rd, 1994. **Time:** 1:35 p.m. **30 tickets** available (cost $6 per ticket).Call Synagogue office to reserve--**Early.** Reservation required. Rabbi Sheldon Korn (416) 635-5340. VISA accepted.

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada Lev Zahav Chapter is having a Silent Auction & Mystery Bingo to raise funds for Youth Aliyah Sunday May 1,1994 at 7:30 p.m at the Sheraton Centre Dominion Ballroom 123 Queen St. W. Toronto. Admission $10 advance, $15 at the door includes coffee & dessert. For more info 789-4373

Toronto's Orthodox Singles presents 2 holiday weekends. Shavuos at the Concord Resort Hotel (Catskills) separate Glatt Kosher kitchen & dining room May 15 to 17/18 or May 13-18 and Memorial Day Weekend in Washington D.C. (& Holocaust Musuem) May 27-29/30. Call Sharon Ganz 785-0761

Viewpoints will meet Thursday, May 5th. Beth Tzedec. Speaker Janet Sulloway, Travel Agent. Topic: "Hot Travel Spots for Singles." Also Janet will match people in the room with common travel interests. $5. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m. 781-9245

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would like to extend their deepest thanks
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Your tremendous outpouring of friendship,
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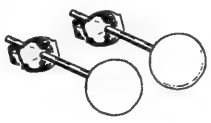

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Through a wearying recession that has claimed almost every major jewellery chain, this world-class, one-store operation (21 years in business, 10 in Bayview Village) continues to satisfy their loyal following with wedding bands and engagement rings, earrings, watches, and accessories. And they're doing it in a fabulously renovated store of rosewood and marble that might intimidate you if you hadn't actually shopped there.

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Precious stones (diamonds, emeralds, sapphires and rubies) and semi-precious (amethyst, blue topaz and aquamarine) are available in a number of unusual settings that will ensure the uniqueness of your purchase. Wedding bands and engagement rings are a mainstay, and Ricci claims to have married "thousands of couples – with no divorces." (We'll take your word for it, Nathan).

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He backs up this statement with a service that includes free cleaning on any jewellery purchased, free estimates on watch and jewellery repairs, and free battery testing. Skilled gemologists and repairmen are on the premises at all times to attend to your appraisal and repair needs. And of course there's Nathan's sense of humour, which may be worth all of the above on any given day.

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A Natural Approach

This springs fashion is devoted to ease and comfort. This trend is exemplified in pajama-like combinations of tunics, big shirts, long or short vests and long coats or dusters over skinny or wide-legged pants or versatile leggings. These items can be integrated in any number of combinations to create either a relaxed, casual look or dressed up a bit for a little summery elegance. Even business attire is relaxing to a new generation of suits with softer tailoring, fluid fabrics and shorter skirts or delicately shaped pants. Gone are the power suits of the past.

The warmer days and nights of spring bring with it the desire for crisp whites and bright, cheerful colours. The simplicity of all-white can be as dramatic as all-black or can be made to look soft, sweet and pure. And the new lush colour palettes of spring include purples, reds, and yellows. These colours can easily be mixed and matched with your already existing earth toned wardrobe. This new, natural approach to fashion is fun and best of all easy.

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What we are recommending is for you to order from someone you can trust, like Nutcracker Sweet.

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Thousands of Toronto residents have been awed by the spectacle of receiving a Nutcracker Sweet gift. Thousands more have graciously received thanks for sending one.

If you're looking for a Mother's Day gift that's going to wow them, here's something to consider. Nutcracker Sweet has designed gifts specially for this event.

"This year our gifts are tastefully feminine," says Elaine Akler, owner of Nutcracker Sweet. "We've used delicate colors and wisps of decoration. And the treats are to die for!"

Akler adds, "If you want us to custom design a gift with your Mom in mind, we'd be happy to help out."

No wonder women like Barbara Bader of Willowdale are hoping they receive a Nutcracker Sweet Mother's Day gift. "Last year my son Larry sent me a Nutcracker Sweet basket," recalls Bader. "If I told you it took my breath away, I wouldn't be exaggerating."

It's also why people like Ryan Tannenbaum of Thornhill are sending them. "Mom, if you read this before Mother's Day there goes the surprise," jokes Tannenbaum. "But get ready for some great stuff. And don't forget to save some for me."

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Food Festival is a feast for the senses

It'll be hands-on and how to. The perfect occasion to sip, sample, savor and shop. There will be plenty of food and fun at this year's Good Food Festival and, best of all, it's for the whole family!

Two hundred plus companies, home cooking, culinary and eating well experts are participating. There'll be hundreds of foods to taste and bushels of new and interesting products to buy.

There are 20 plus feature areas, each focusing on a different theme, five stages — and more than 100 free demonstrations and seminars! Here's a small sample of some of the activities you can enjoy:

The Showcase Kitchen is the Festival's main demonstration stage where well-known cooking personalities such as Anne Lindsay, *Canadian Living's* Elizabeth Baird, *Chatelaine's* Monda Rosenberg and *Toronto Star* food editor Marion Kane, will be serving up their culinary advice.

At **Making Homemade Pasta** sponsored by Cuisinart you'll find ongoing demonstrations on how to make pasta from scratch — from mixing and kneading the dough to making your favorite shapes.

At **Great Grilling** presented by Weber-Stephen, budding barbecue chefs can learn different techniques from roasting poultry to grilling vegetables, plus pick up some cleaning and maintenance tips.

Kids in the Kitchen is the spot for kids to enjoy learning the ABCs of food fun, the four food groups and Canada's Food Guide.

The Ontario Egg Producer's Marketing Board has sponsored the stage called **Nutrition: Advice from the experts**. Here professional dietitians will present seminars on a wide-range of nutrition topics such as Cholesterol: Fact & Fiction; Go For the Grains; Take the Fear Out of Food Labels; The French Paradox; and Let Food Be Thy Medicine.

At **Taste of the Town** you'll be able to see trend-setting restaurant chefs in action and taste their specialties, as well as sample some of the newest beer and wine offerings.

And that's just a taste! There is lots more to see, do and buy. The Festival will definitely be a food lover's delight.

It takes place at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, Friday, May 6 (noon-9 p.m.), Saturday, May 7 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Sunday, May 8 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 plus taxes per person and children under 12 are free. For more information, please call 778-6483.

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Unique and unusual

In their tiny shop at 365 Eglinton Ave. W., Perkins and Cohen have a display of the unique and unusual combined with the traditional, which is a mere sampling of the vast array of goods they carry. Most of the furniture they offer is displayed in the catalogues of the many manufacturers' lines that they represent. Floor samples give the customer concrete examples of the quality produced by each manufacturer so that selection from the catalogues can be done with confidence.

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HealthWinds believes that overall good health is attained by integrating four basic approaches, referred to as "the winds of wellness" — body care, skin care, nutrition care and exercise and stress relief.

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"The skin acts to protect the body and should be treated with the utmost respect," states Kline. "HealthWinds has devised four restorative **Skin Care** treatments to enhance the quality of your skin. Together with our aesthetician, you will determine the best treatment for your skin and choose either the Foundation Facial, Beauty Flash Facial, Non-Surgical Facelift or Lymph Drainage Facial."

Your outer beauty can be a reflection of the foods you choose to eat. Which is why HealthWinds dietitian Marsha Rosen will help you design a **Nutrition Care** program to enhance your individual needs. Combined with recipes and meals from HealthWinds Cafe and Head Chef, Mark Mogensen, you'll be offered workable and flavorful solutions.

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About the Chef – Mark Mogensen, has enjoyed a successful career at Winston's and Bistro 990, as well as in the renowned kitchens of King Ranch Health Spa & Fitness Resort and Manitouwaning Lodge. Mark is committed to the art of elegant, easy-to-prepare, low fat cuisine.

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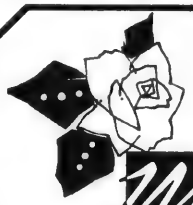

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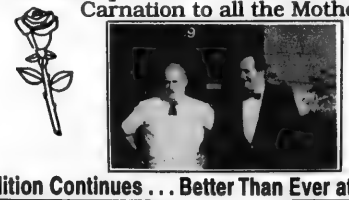

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Organizations and People

Religious Zionists urged to defend political beliefs

'We're not fanatics,' says rabbi

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Religious Zionists must speak out and defend their beliefs to the wider Jewish community and the world, or risk being dismissed as a lunatic fringe, the rabbi of Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue told a Toronto audience recently.

Addressing a gathering of parents at Netivot HaTorah Day School in Thornhill, Rabbi Simcha Weinberg spoke energetically about the need for religious Zionists to articulate publicly their positions on political issues facing Israel.

Rabbi Weinberg's lecture was titled The Agony and the Ecstacy: Facing the Practical Challenges of Building the Holy Land. It was co-sponsored by Netivot HaTorah and the Mizrachi Organization of Canada.

"Now [in the aftermath of the Hebron massacre] we're being defined as fanatics. What we have to do is define where we stand politically, and convince the world that there is a middle ground between Kach and those who have settled on the West Bank merely because the cost of housing is cheap."

According to Rabbi Weinberg, Hebron has changed the political landscape in a major way. "Everything changed on Purim day," he said. "Things changed in terms of what is being put on the bargaining table. We're torn in a way that we were not torn eight months ago, before the handshake [between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat in Washington D.C. on Sept. 13]."

Rabbi Weinberg called the present time a "moment of definition for the religious Zionist community," but added, "We have a mission that extends far beyond what's happening now — far beyond Rabin or Hebron ... Our original obligation is to build the land and sanctify it. We can't allow our broader goals of Medinat Israel to be swept away."

Rabbi Weinberg urged parents not to speak of Israel with uncertainty in front of their children. "Remember the pride and joy of the 1967 War and Entebbe," he said. "Now everyone's depressed and walking around with a pekele (burden) on their backs. We don't know what's going on, and that's the message we're giving our children."

One week after Hebron, articles in the *New York Times* quoted Jewish Americans as saying, "Maybe we're not one nation anymore," Rabbi Weinberg noted. "There are images surfacing of a coming civil war, and the battle lines are being drawn," he said. "At a time that demands unity and harmony between Jews, we're divided."

He said that he was walking with his children in Jerusalem several months ago and came upon the sight of Israeli policemen hitting religious Jews. "My kids were shocked, they were shaken to the core." One of the most frightening photographs he has ever seen, he said, showed Israeli police barring a chassidic man from praying at the Western Wall.

Although it might be tempting to avoid taking a public stand in the increasingly vocal debate about Israel's future, Rabbi Weinberg said it was more important that religious Zionists stand up and be heard, even if they are "adding fuel to the fire.

"You have to do it anyways," he said. "Because what's happening is that we're allowing others to define ourselves for us. We could risk our very identity if we allow the television cameramen and journalists to define who we are by the kipot on our heads or the synagogues we attend.

"If we don't define ourselves, then we'll be blamed for everything that happens. Because you know who's being blamed for Baruch Goldstein, and you know that our religious schools are being called 'hotbeds' of extremism where future Kach members are being trained."

Religious Zionists who do not voice opinions because they are "frightened by extremes" may have chosen religious Zionism for convenience only, Weinberg said. "If it was chosen out of conviction, we could say where we stand," he said. "If our religion doesn't give us the means to define ourselves, then our religion is inconsequential."

80-year-old to join Baycrest walk

TORONTO — One of the highlights of the 1994 Baycrest Challenge will be the participation of an indomitable 80-year-old who has faced many challenges of her own.

Although her spine has become bent from fractures due to osteoporosis, Eleanor Mills can walk up to 13 kilometres daily with the help of walker chair.

Last year Mills began a cross-Canada trek to increase awareness about the bone disease that affects more than one million Canadians and to raise funds for research. Mills and her team (known as the Boney Express) started off in Victoria, B.C. and ended the first leg of the journey last fall in Toronto.

On May 8, Mills will officially begin the second half of her osteoporosis awareness campaign at the Baycrest Challenge, an annual run and walk event organized by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The Boney Express will continue its journey through communities from Toronto to their final destination, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Because the Challenge takes place on Mother's Day, everyone who pre-registers with their mothers for the 5-K walk before April 22 will receive a gift of flowers — mums for your Mom — plus a special gift at the finish line.

"We're all very excited and honored that Eleanor Mills will be starting her walk at this year's Challenge," says Enid Markson, who is co-chairing the event organized by the Men's Service Group of Baycrest Centre.

For more information or to register please call the Challenge Hotline — 256-2RUN (256-2786).

MS no barrier to UJA walker

TORONTO — Next month, when thousands of foot soldiers join the UJA Community March for Israel, one woman will be marching towards her own medical milestone.

Perla Arditti, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, will abandon her battery-powered scooter and walk the last lap. She's training four times a week to strengthen her leg muscles before the May 29 march.

Arditti, now 34, learned she had MS, a progressive nerve disease, when she was 22.

"When I was first diagnosed, I was able to walk without any assistance. As the disease progressed, I was paralyzed for eight months. Through a lot of therapy and determination, I managed to get past that," she said.

Therapy and determination fortify her, but an experimental drug developed in Israel, called COP-1, allows her to function independently.

Before Arditti began the daily injections, she experienced tingling and numbness in her feet and hands, and dizziness. "My head would spin like there was no return," she said.

Now Arditti lives alone in her own apartment and works with fellow MS sufferers at Jewish Family & Child Services.

Arditti hopes to collect $1,000 in contributions for the UJA march. She also hopes others with MS — even non-Jews — will join the march as well.

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Jewish films on the agenda...

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Poland, the home of a magnificent Jewish community on the eve of World War II, is represented at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival by several films.

•On May 1 at 4:15 p.m., *Just Beyond The Forest* will be screened. It's about a Polish woman who takes a Jewish girl into hiding during the Holocaust.

On May 2 at 7:30 p.m., *Birthplace* traces the jolting journey of a Polish-born American Jew to the village of his youth.

•On May 3 at 9:30 p.m. *1968 — Happy New Year* recreates the anti-Semitic purge which gutted the remnant of Poland's postwar Jewish community.

Just Beyond The Forest, directed by Jan Lomnicki, is set in 1942, a year before the Nazi liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Kuglac, a mercenary Polish washerwoman, agrees to spirit Rutka — a Jewish girl — out of the ghetto. She does it for money, fine clothes and jewels — certainly not out of philanthropy. But as their journey unfolds, her feelings change.

Just Beyond The Forest is an affecting, well-acted film which explores the multifaceted relationship between Poles and Jews during the Holocaust.

Birthplace, by the young Polish filmmaker Pawel Lozinski, uses a series of events which took place nearly 50 years ago to explore the reactions of ordinary Poles to Jewish suffering.

After an absence of decades, Henryk Grynberg, now an American citizen, returns to his village in attempt to unravel the mysterious deaths of his father and younger brother. While they perished, he and his mother somehow survived.

Grynberg knocks on villagers' doors and identifies himself. With varying degrees of emotion, they remember the past.

The Poles in *Birthplace* are a mixed lot, ranging from the indifferent to the caring, and their views encapsulate the attitudes of Poles toward Jews during the war.

1968 — Happy New Year, by director Jacek Bromski, is loosely based on events which led to the exodus of some 30,000 Jews from Poland.

After the 1967 Six Day War, the Polish Communist party leader, Gomulka, implied that Jews had shown disloyalty to Poland by backing Israel. This, in tandem with a student revolt in Warsaw, paved the way for a campaign of state anti-Semitism thinly disguised as anti-Zionism.

1968 — Happy New Year turns on a group of university students who've barricaded themselves in one of the campus buildings. The central figures are Agnieszka Bergman (Jolanta Jackowska), the daughter of a high-ranking Jewish government official, and Piotr (Henryk Kowalczyk), one of the student leaders who, it transpires, is also Jewish.

Wanted by the authorities, Piotr goes into hiding. Agnieskaza, his girlfriend, joins him. In short order, Jerzy, Agnieskaza's father (Krzysztof Kolberger) is removed from office. When he's summarily ousted, charges are levelled that "Jewish nationalists" are working against Poland's interests.

In exchange for agreeing to emigrate to Israel, Piotr is freed from captivity. Agnieskza, pregnant, decides to emigrate with him.

1968 — Happy New Year skillfully recalls an era that blackened Poland's name and effectively spelled finis to what had been a viable Jewish community.

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David Rozenberg's portrait of a murderous French neo-Nazi, *Deficiency*, is chilling.

Scheduled to be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 2 at 9 p.m., it's based on a true story.

The protagonist, Roland Resse (Christophe Garcia), is a 25-year-old horticulturist. He is distant and awkward, something of a loner.

At his new job at a nursery, Resse meets a kindred spirit — a young, budding fascist with a penchant for tasteless, racist-based jokes, who claims that Jews "hide behind" French surnames.

With his encouragement, Resse joins an extreme right-wing political party, and immerses himself in neo-Nazi culture, incessantly posturing in front of a mirror.

Resse's kindly landlady, Mrs. Martin (Isabelle Sadoyan), is Jewish. When Resse makes this discovery, after overhearing her speak in Yiddish on the phone, he flies into an anti-Semitic rage, and ominously intones, "You are a Jew, even if you are nice."

What happens next is shocking, though not entirely surprising.

Deficiency makes its point all too clearly — neo-Nazism is a phenomenon that can only be ignored at one's peril.

BILL GLADSTONE'S

EYE ON ARTS

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition (TOAE): May 2 is the application deadline for artists and full-time art students to participate in the 33rd TOAE, which occurs July 8 to 10. This, Canada's largest outdoor art event, has attracted more than 100,000 visitors to Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square in recent years. More than 500 artists are expected to pay $180 ($75 for students) to take part. Cash prizes for artists total $15,000.

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Celebrate May Day Concert: Renee Bouthot, a soprano who has performed numerous times at the Holy Blossom Temple, is performing a May Day recital with mezzo Kristine Anderson, Sunday May 1 in Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto, 8 p.m. The first half of the program includes works by Purcell, Bach, Brahms, Rossini and Mozart. The second half features 20th-century fare, including traditional Canadian folk songs and selections from the musical theatre.

Tickets are $15 ($10 for seniors and students), available by phoning (416) 588-4236. Bouthot recently formed a Jewish women's choir which is scheduled to perform at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in June.

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Television taping: Moriah Multimedia and Magder Entertainment Corporation of Toronto are currently in production on a series of television shows entitled *Issues and Answers*, that will be broadcast nationally in Canada.

Being held on May 1, the taping will explore many topical issues such as free will, pleasure and love. Irwin Katsoff, executive director of Aish HaTorah, Los Angeles, will act as host and facilitate the program, as the audience delves into the significant role these issues play in our lives today.

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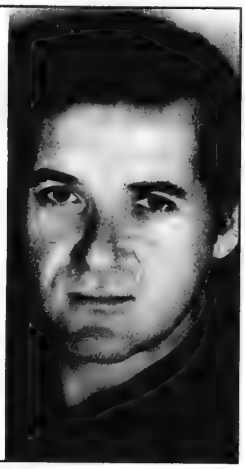

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... Even more films at festival

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A mime forced to perform for the Nazis learns they are trying to dupe the world into believing Jews are treated royally in the Terezin camp.

Though this plot was unmasked long ago, it has taken nearly 50 years for a fictional film, *The Last Butterfly*, to provide real insight into the situation.

The 110-minute film will be screened May 3 during the Jewish Film Festival, 7:15 p.m. at the Bloor Cinema.

The 1990 Czech-English production stars British mime Tom Courtney and is based on a novel by Toronto's Michael Jacot. It has a strong supporting performances by Linda Jablonska, playing one of the Terezin children, and by English actors playing Jewish musicians pressed into service by the Nazis.

The Last Butterfly does not have the upbeat ending of *Schindler's List*. On the other hand, it is more effective in showing the day-to-day struggle of the Terezin Jews and their use of humor to overcome adversity.

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Angst, the story of three comedians and second generation Holocaust survivors, is a most innovative and entertaining film despite its sombre background.

The 56-minute Australian film, in its Canadian premiere, is at the Festival on its closing night, May 5, at 8:15 p.m.

The three comedians are Deb Filler of New Zealand, who had a one-woman show in Toronto earlier this year; Austen Tayshus aka Alexander Gutman of Australia; and Moshe Aldoks of the United States. Directed by Australian Judy Menczel, it was shot on location in New Zealand, Australia, Boston, New York and Los Angeles.

It's unlikely you will ever see a film with a more original premise than *Angst*.

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A more conventional treatment of the Holocaust is *Jonah Who Lived in the Whale*, a terrifying view from a 4-year-old boy who survives Bergen Belsen. It is based on Dutch physicist Jona Oberski's autobiographical best seller *Childhood*. Its Festival appearance May 1 at 6.30 p.m. is the English-language Canadian premiere, running 94 minutes.

This Italian-French production, directed by Roberto Faenza, traces the journey of an Amsterdam family to Bergen Belsen.

Jonah experiences the terror and dehumanization of his parents and fellow travellers but miraculously survives. His resilience and faith in the future affirm the central message of the film.

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"Housework is the worst enemy of an artist. I don't care for it."

With these words, Reva Shwayder sets the tone for *Young at Heart*, one of three short films opening the Jewish Film Festival April 28 at 8 p.m.

Shwayder is an independent-minded woman in her 80s who at first says marriage is for young people, but then relents and marries another artist, Louis Gothelf, 85, after living with him for two years.

Shwayder doesn't arrive at the altar without paying her dues. The death of her "wonderful husband" was followed by the loss of two sons, both young, one to cancer and one during a scuba accident in Costa Rica.

"But I lived through it," she says. "Why mourn? Nobody wants to listen to your troubles."

Gothelf, who likes to paint portraits, lost his wife in 1983 "after she had Alzheimer's disease for 10 torturous years."

Shwayder says they met, sitting side by side, on a 747 flying across the Atlantic, and talked all through the flight about art. In England they were booked at the same hotel. "Louis had a wonderful room overlooking the ocean and I had a closet. I moved in with him and we became friendly."

Art, as we know, can impart powerful impulses. This is clearly evident in two documentaries to be screened May 2 at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Art and Remembrance: The Legacy of Felix Nussbaum and *Unknown Secrets: Art and the Rosenberg Era* grapple with completely different topics, but both convey raw and startling emotions.

Nussbaum was a German Jew, a native of Osnabruck, who produced a major body of paintings on the plight of Jews during the Holocaust.

A widely-praised artist in Weimar Germany, he fled to Brussels after the rise of Hitler. As filmmaker Barbara Pfeffer points out, going into hiding did not stop him from painting.

In the summer of 1944, Nussbaum and his wife, Felka, were arrested, and dispatched to Auschwitz. Nussbaum was only 39 when he died.

Thanks to a Belgian doctor to whom he had given his paintings for safekeeping, they survived. Years later, Nussbaum's cousin, Gustel Moses, brought them to Osnabruck for an exhibition.

The paintings, which portray the effects of exile, anxiety and fear, were restored by the townspeople.

A riveting documentary, *Art and Remembrance* ends in Berlin with high school students discussing Nussbaum's paintings, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

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In June 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed in the United States, having been found guilty of passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

To this day, their case remains a cause celebre.

Unknown Secrets, which is directed by Daniel Keller, Charles Light and Rob Okun, is based on a 1988 touring art exhibit on the relationship between art and politics.

Unknown Secrets doesn't divulge any. But it is a useful primer of a bygone era which a lot of people would rather conveniently forget.

Sheldon Kirshner

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Gossip: The Power of the Word by Stephen M. Wylen KTAV Publishing $19.95 (US)

The Talmud reminds us that the person who slanders hurts three people: the person slandered, the person to whom the slander is uttered and himself. The Talmud also asserts, "Slander is worse than weapons, for weapons hurt from near, slander from afar." And an old saw has it that whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.

Jewish law defines two categories of forbidden speech: lashon hora (malicious speech) and rekhilut (talebearing). The former refers to things forbidden to say, the latter to repeating these things to others.

The author, a rabbi in Scranton, Pa., has written a wise and helpful book about the multiple dangers of gossip. In cautioning us how to guard the words of our lips he derives wisdom from the wellsprings of Jewish tradition. He makes clear that even in ordinary discourse there are the pitfalls of false judgement, half truths and malice.

Making effective use of examples from common experience, Rabbi Wylen extends the notion of proper speech to include such matters as offering words of consolation, responding to hatred or unwarranted rebuke and reacting verbally to prejudice.

In a final chapter, he suggests over 50 rules about gossip and slander. Typical among them, "you are under no obligation to reveal the unknown misdeeds of others," and "decline to give an opinion when you cannot be objective on account of a personal grudge or bad experience."

It would take a saint-like personality to live up to all the author's strictures, but his book is a splendid expansion of the Midrashic story of Rabbi Gamaliel who told his servant to buy the best meat in the market The slave brought home a tongue. The next day the rabbi asked him to buy the worst thing in the market and again the servant brought home a tongue, wisely saying, "There is nothing better than a good tongue, and nothing worse than an evil one."

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Tax Revenues Jump

ISRAEL — Tax revenues jumped 10 per cent in the first quarter of the year, reflecting vigorous economic activity, although the pace slackened somewhat last month due to seasonal factors, State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai reported.

Last month, tax revenues totaled NIS 5.8 billion, representing a 4 per cent real increase compared to March last year.

During the first quarter, revenues reached NIS 17.6b. When the figures are adjusted for the NIS 260 million in lost revenues due to legislative changes, they reflect a 12 per cent increase from the first quarter of 1993.

During the first quarter, income tax revenues rose 16 per cent.

Value Added Tax (VAT) and customs receipts fell 5 per cent last month to NIS 2.5b. In the first quarter, VAT and customs receipts totaled NIS 8b., a 3 per cent rise compared to the same period last year. Excluding legislative changes and adjusting for seasonal factors, receipts actually increased 8 per cent, reflecting economic expansion.

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Japanese Investors

TEL AVIV — The Tokyo Stock Exchange is considering making the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange an approved exchange for Japanese investors, says the Israel-Japan Chamber of Commerce.

Tokyo's approval of the TASE is necessary for allowing Japanese institutional investors the right to hold Israeli shares in their portfolios.

The Israel-Japan Chamber of Commerce initiated the process last November, when a capital market delegation it sponsored met with the leaders of the Tokyo Exchange.

Japanese investment banks are showing great interest in the local stock market, as well as in the shares of Israeli companies traded in New York.

According to the chamber, the Japanese interest stems both from economic considerations - such as the economy's high growth rates - and from the perceived economic benefits of peace in the region.

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No Global Competitive Edge

ISRAEL — Israel still not competitive in world markets: The country's ability to compete in world markets has not improved in the past year, according to the annual report of the Israel Institute of Productivity.

The report notes the country's trade deficit is growing, with imports increasing at the rate of one percent a month (not including diamonds). Exports during the second half last year stood at the same level as during the first half. This bodes ill for the prospects of economic growth, the report says.

Institute director-general Yosef Duriel said the "investment balance" also continues to be negative, as more dollars are leaving the country for investment abroad than are being invested here by foreigners.

The following briefs were supplied by Israel's Economic Mission, (416) 961-1242 in Toronto.

Premier Business Conference

TORONTO — Ontario Premier Bob Rae highlights a high-powered conference on business opportunities in Israel, scheduled for next month.

Program co-ordinator Meir Klein describes it as "larger than any previous event of this kind in Canada." A joint venture of the Israel Economic Mission, the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, it is designed to encourage Canadian participation in Israeli business life.

Other scheduled speakers include executives from Canadian based Claridge-Israel, which owns a majority interest in Teva Pharmaceuticals; and Newbridge, which recently concluded a multi-million dollar deal with the Israeli electronics giant, Tadiran. Israel's economic minister for North America, Giora Meyuhas, will also be making a presentation.

The conference begins with a trade show and cocktail reception at 5 p.m. on May 11. Information on sponsorship or exhibitor opportunites is available from Meir Klein at (416) 631-5739.

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Phone Fury

ISRAEL — The monopoly over telecommunications in Israel, held by Bezeq, appears to be over and the company's workers are furious. They recently disrupted phone service to protest a new licence granted by the government, which opens Bezeq to competition in just about every field.

Customers will no longer be forced to buy their phones from Bezeq, nor will they be compelled to pay the company's monthly insurance fees for telephones. Long distance calling will become competitive as well.

The government is giving Bezeq until the end of next year to adjust to its new operating licence and won't take any action until May 20.

Bezeq has responded by appealing to Israel's Supreme Court.

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Israel Develops a Fine China Relationship

ISRAEL — Israeli entrepreneurs are increasingly looking to the Far East for business and coming back with their hands full. Virtually every week Israel and China are announcing new joint ventures.

Israeli architect Beni Shadmi is building a $20 million, four-million-square-foot complex in Shenyang. It will house a shopping mall, a sports facility, a cultural centre and a three star hotel. Other proposals from Israeli firms for projects in the Shenyang region are on the way.

On the opposite side, a group of Chinese business people, in partnership with an Israeli consortium, is reportedly interested in building a Chinese folk-style village on the Dead Sea. It would be the world's first, with Chinese citizens living and working there.

An Israeli company, Mennen Medical, will be supplying 40 Chinese hospitals with equipment in a $5.5 million deal, and two Chinese scientists recently visited the Weizmann Institute for advanced solar technology advice.

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New Country Research Service

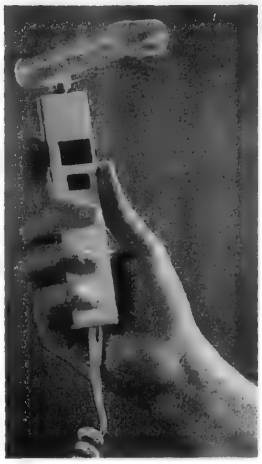
ISRAEL — Israel is developing trade ties with different countries so quickly, the business world can't keep up with information about them. So Goldnet, an Israeli communications partnership, is offering customized reports for clients who need to know about business in any nation.

Goldnet can provide data on such subjects as business benefits and risks, opportunities and general economic conditions.

Some of the countries researched by Goldnet do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Anticipate asthma attacks

By SIMON GRIVER
Special to The CJN



Israeli device permits diagnosis by telephone for asthma sufferers.

TEL AVIV — A new device developed in Israel enables asthma sufferers to anticipate an acute attack by regularly monitoring their breathing over the telephone.

The patient need only breathe into a specially designed tube once a day as prescribed. The tube is connected to a telephone, which automatically dials through to a hospital computer that analyzes the health of the asthma sufferer.

"If the computer reading determines that the patient's health shows cause for concern," explains Dr. Marcel Topilsky of the Department of Internal Medicine at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, who helped develop the device, "then the asthma sufferer can be immediately summoned to the medical centre or warned to rest."

Known as the P-100, the innovative instrument was developed by Shahal Medical Services and the Israeli electronics conglomerate Tadiran, in collaboration with an American partner, Servable Technology Inc., of Washington, D.C.

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Business & Finance

Tips From Pros

TORONTO — While changing laws and regulations are addressing some corporate accountability issues, companies shouldn't forget the need to make further improvements in how they communicate with their stakeholders, says Ernst & Young in its annual report on financial reporting issues.

"Corporate governance responsibilities are not static," says Robert Lord, vice-chair of the firm. "They evolve over time in response to shareholder demands. We are in an age where information and communication are highly prized possessions. And a company that can improve its communication with its stakeholders — lenders, investors, suppliers, customers and employees — will enhance important relationships, prevent costly misunderstandings and encourage responsible corporate conduct.

The report maintains that structural change may be needed but that it is also crucial for all participants in the process to be completely knowledgeable as to their specific responsibilities. "Each of the key players — management, boards of directors, independent auditors and, in some cases, regulators — needs to understand their responsibilities within the overall framework of corporate governments and each needs to communicate its requirements and findings openly with other participants," says the report.

Financial reporting is only one aspect of corporate governance. But the external auditor and, in some cases, the regulator, has a key role to play by communicating appropriate information to boards and their audit committees on a timely basis, says Lord. "Everyone is affected by weak corporate governance — shareholders, board directors and auditors — we all can benefit from a stronger infrastructure, a clearer definition of expectations and better communication."

Ernst & Young has been active in helping clients understand and react to corporate governance issues. A client bulletin on executive compensation disclosure requirements in Ontario was released recently to note changes which affect members of the board's compensation committee.

The firm also produces a booklet, *Anticipating Subjects of Interest to Shareholders*. It was prepared to help boards of directors prepare for annual meetings by anticipating shareholder queries. Some sample questions include:

- Has the company developed a succession plan for key management positions, including the CEO?
- Does the company's code of conduct to guide officers and employees also cover outside directors? How is compliance monitored?
- Do all directors review and personally sign the Annual Information Form? Do all directors review the proxy statement?
- Why aren't more women and minorities on the Board or in top-level management positions?

Full accountability, up to boards of directors and through boards to stakeholders and regulars, is essential for all organizations, says Lord. "It's hard to foresee everything that might happen in the future but what is crystal clear is that there will be further changes in response to rising stakeholder expectations."

The report also mentions that NAFTA negotiations are prompting a joint study by the three national accounting institutes to analyze accounting and reporting standards. The aim is to achieve greater comparability in financial reporting as cross-border activity increases.

Unprecedented economic boom before proposed peace process

By SIMON GRIVER
Special to The CJN

ISRAEL — Even before the peace process began, the Israeli economy enjoyed a period of sustained growth. Now there are predictions of an unprecedented boom with the new climate of peace boosting trade and tourism, and providing an atmosphere of confidence for foreign investment in Israel.

Bank of Israel governor Dr. Yaakov Frankel stresses that the Israeli economy performed impressively before the peace agreement. "Massive immigration has fueled growth," he explains, "and boosted the economic recovery that was begun in the mid-1980s." Indeed, since the beginning of 1990, Israel's population has grown by more than 10 per cent; many of the newcomers are academics and professionals from the former Soviet Union.

Israel recorded more than 6 per cent growth in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and several per cent per capita increase in income over each of the past two years. Almost all the economic indicators have been impressive for 1992 and 1993. In 1992, inflation dipped below 10 per cent to 9.4 per cent for the first time in many years. Inflation climbed again to 11.2 per cent in 1993 due to the steep rise in property prices, which soared by 24 per cent over the last year. Excluding property, inflation was only 7.4 per cent.

Israel's currency, the shekel, has remained stable over the past few years even though it was a turbulent period for exchange rates, especially in Western Europe. In part, this was thanks to an impressive array of fiscal innovations implemented by the Bank of Israel. For example, the shekel is linked to a basket of the world's major currencies that reflects the composition of Israel's principal trading partners.

Exports rose by 10 per cent during 1992 to nearly $13 billion, and by a further 13 per cent in 1993 to more than $14 billion. Imports also grew over this period with the balance of trade deficit (goods) remaining steady at $5 billion. Israel's foreign debt fell by $1.1 billion to $23.4 billion.

Lucrative

Part of Israel's balance of trade shortfall was covered in 1993 by a record year for tourism in which 1.97 million visitors spent more than $2 billion. The forecast is that this record will be broken again in 1994 with nearly 2.5 million tourists expected, as the peace process is certain to encourage increased tourism to the region.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange began 1993 with significant falls as investors sold shares and took profits. But the market surged ahead again with the signing of the peace accord and by the end of the year, the average share had risen by more than 20 per cent.

According to Israel's Finance Minister Avraham Shochat, it is in attracting foreign investment that the peace dividend will prove its most lucrative benefit to the Israeli economy.

"If there is peace," insists Shochat, "then the economic potential is almost unlimited. There is a change in atmosphere in the region that is conductive to the business sector coming in and doing something."

Shochat observes that only a few of the world's major conglomerates have made significant investments in Israel. "The big foreign firms that have already come to Israel," he adds, "like Motorola and IBM, have told me they have made good profits and are going to bring in more money to invest."

Economists echo the politicians' sentiments. Professor Dan Galai of the Hebrew University's School of Business Administration also offers an upbeat assessment of Israel's economic future.

"With the peace process," he says, "it is possible the country will make it as an emerging market and attract institutional investors."

Israel is also confident it can attract significant Japanese investors. Japan, a natural partner for Israel's largely high-tech economy, along with countless countries and corporations worldwide, adhered to the Arab boycott because of its dependence on Arab oil.

All this investment will, it is hoped, reduce Israel's level of unemployment, which rose from 9 per cent in 1989 to 11 per cent in 1992, but dropped back to 10.6 per cent last year.

Israel is also hoping to attract some of the business for implementing the desperately-needed basic infrastructure for the areas that will be under Palestinian autonomy. At the same time, Israel is forging ahead with its own major infrastructure projects, which include a trans-Israel highway, a six-kilometre tunnel under Mount Carmel in Haifa, and a new airport terminal to double the capacity of Ben-Gurion International Airport.

Advertiser's corner

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By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

TORONTO — You won't find a microwave or a can opener in Alfie Torres' kitchen — they're not used.

As Torres, manager of **Restaurant 212** explains, "we get what's freshest and only cook with the season." He adds that ingredients are not pre-prepared.

Restaurant 212, and its sister restaurant **Bistro 990**, specialize in market fresh cuisine that is elegantly prepared and presented.

Their menus reflect the current trends towards healthier eating with less fat and an increased interest in vegetarianism. Torres point out that Spring Valley water is used exclusively in their cooking.

The corporation behind these restaurants is Chrysalis Restaurant Enterprises Inc. Its roster includes such local establishments as Bemelmans, Edgewater, Maccheroni, Cafe Belair Rhodes and Toby's Good Eats.

When Restaurant 212 was established across the street from Roy Thompson Hall, it moved into a location formerly occupied by Telfer's Restaurant. With other upscale restaurants like Fenton's and Three Small Rooms gone from the Toronto scene, there was a need for such a dining establishment. The challenge for Restaurant 212 was to keep some of Telfer's customers coming back and win new clients with an injected '90s attitude which reflected healthy, enjoyable eating. They seem to have succeeded.

The restaurant, housed in a historical building, offers patrons elegant dining served in an art deco setting. The look is completed by classic palladium windows, brass chandeliers and six metre high ceilings. Dinner and dancing are provided on weekends with live entertainment.

The more intimate Bistro 990 is situated on Bay Street just north of Wellesley. It opened five years ago in anticipation of the opera house than slated to open across the street. The opera house never opened but Bistro 990 has remained and flourished ever since.

It has carved out a niche for itself as "the place to see and be seen."

Celebrity watchers might catch a glimpse of any number of actors, authors or athletes there. Diners include Margaret Atwood, Robert De Niro, Joan Collins, Gordon Thompson, Pierre Trudeau and Robert Fulford. Bistro 990 often pops up in local society columns and was mentioned in a Philadelphia paper's sport section last fall in a story about the Toronto Blue Jays. It has beome the unofficial headquarters of The Festival of Festivals and has even been used as a backdrop for films.

Alfred Caron, general manager of Bistro 990, explains that the cocooning trend of the late '80s is ending. He feels that people now have the attitude that "as Canadians, we're taxed and that's the way of life, so let's spend it. I see people spending more money now than they used to."

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Jewish film festival set for Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
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WINNIPEG — A Winnipeg businesswoman has decided to organize a Jewish film festival in this city after hearing her partner's mother describe how she survived the Holocaust.

Over the Christmas holidays, Lorrie Warwick and her partner, Dr. Edward Baral, were vacationing in Hawaii with his mother and stepfather, Helena Baral Penner and Martin Penner of Melbourne, Australia. They were talking about *Schindler's List* and Martin Penner mentioned that he and other members of his family were among the Jews that Schindler had saved. Baral Penner's story of survival was equally dramatic.

Baral Penner and her first husband were both physicians in Poland before the war. They managed to escape from a concentration camp and were in hiding for almost two years. A couple of weeks before the war ended, he took a chance and went out of hiding to get supplies. He was recognized by a former patient, betrayed to the Nazis and murdered. Edward Baral was born a month later.

Following the war, Baral Penner and her young son spent some time in refugee camps and then returned to Poland where she pursued further medical studies.

Thirty years later, she married long-time friend Penner and they settled in Melbourne where he was living.

(Edward Baral also went into medicine in Poland but went to Sweden in 1968 after the anti-Semitic agitation in Poland in 1967 and 68. He earned his degree in Sweden and came to Winnipeg eight years ago.)

"I decided I wanted to do something to recognize Ed's mother and her experiences," says Warwick. "*Schindler's List* seemed to set the stage for dealing with the Holocaust in the mainstream. We decided to create a charitable foundation in Helena's name. The film festival is our first event."

Warwick says she received a lot of help from the Toronto Jewish Film Festival's Debra Plotkin and Helen Zuckerman in putting together the selection of films — which deal with a full range of Jewish history and culture — and in bringing to Winnipeg some of the producers, directors and actors associated with the films and some of the people profiled in them.

Among those who have confirmed they are coming is Allan Starski, the Academy Award winning art director for *Schindler's List*, whom Baral recognized as an old childhood friend from Poland.

The Helena Baral Penner Foundation, she says, will be undertaking other cultural and charitable functions as well. Proceeds from this festival are being donated to the YMHA Jewish Community Centre and Citizens Against Impaired Driving.

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TORONTO — Non-profit social service agencies and charities will receive much-needed free legal services and advice from the new Volunteer Lawyers Service.

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